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**The big fix** Last week, San Diego County sheriff **Bill Kolender** announced he was running for his fourth four-year term. The 70-year-old candidate



Bill Kolender

boasts the full support of the local Republican establishment, including all five members of the board of supervisors, district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis**, San Diego mayor-elect **Jerry Sanders**, and, of course, the *Union-Tribune*, where Kolender was employed years ago to keep an eye on hard-partying U-T scion **David Copley**. "If it is the public's will, I will do my best to serve another four years," the one-time San Diego police chief told a handpicked crowd of backers in front of the County Administration Building.

But is he telling the truth? Insiders, including a high-ranking county official, say it's an open secret that Kolender, once a fixture at the Mission Valley watering hole Bully's East and famous for his appetite for fine food and drink, won't serve out his term. Instead, the scenario goes, he will secure the seat, then step down for a successor whom GOP stalwarts pick. The idea is to make sure outsiders, including Democratic and Hispanic candidates perceived as too liberal or independent, don't have a chance to make their case for departmental reform. Last summer, in separate incidents, deputies shot to death three Hispanics in the space of five days. After the incidents, the Mexican consulate asked for an independent review, as did the county's Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board.

The man most mentioned as likely to be appointed by the county board of supervisors to succeed Kolender if he retires midterm is assistant sheriff **Bill Gore**. An ex-FBI assistant director who later worked for Dumanis as chief of investigators, Gore signed on with the sheriff in February of last year. That move caused speculation that Kolender would retire soon to be succeeded by Gore, but a sheriff's spokesman dismissed rumors that Kolender would



Bill Gore

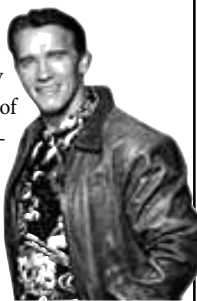
step down before the end of his third term, while declining to say whether he would run for a fourth.

As of the latest six-month reporting period ending June 30, Kolender had amassed a campaign war chest of \$105,721, \$46,152 of which he spent on fund-raising, netting \$63,025. The biggest group of donors is closely linked to Padres owner and real estate mogul **John Moores** and his JMI Realty. In addition to Moores himself and wife **Rebecca**, others who gave the maximum of \$500 included ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace**, listed on the disclosure as an executive with JMI, Inc.; Peace's wife **Cheryl**, an appointee to the state's Integrated Waste Management Board; and Peace's ex-aide and business associate, political consultant **Art Castanares**, as well as his wife **Desiree**.

**Pumped up** Now that San Diego's Semptra stands accused by state Attorney General **Bill Lockyer** of rigging electricity prices, the utility giant is probably going to need friends more than

ever, and in Sacramento the quickest way to make new friends is by handing out freebies to state employees. Take the case of nine staffers for Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, including communications director **Rob Stutzman**, PR man **Darrel Ng**, and advance man **Jonathan Coors**. Back in August, all were treated to a seat at a Padres game; price: \$34 each. They weren't quite as lucky as **Allen Solomon**, district director for San Gabriel Valley assemblyman **Ed Chavez**, and **Nora Gutierrez**, a Chavez field rep, who went to a Dodgers game in September courtesy of Semptra; each ran up a tab of \$120.76. Then there was **Bob Giroux**, legislative analyst to Assembly Speaker **Fabian Nuñez**, who took in a September 21 concert at Humphrey's by the Bay valued at \$60. Cheapest eats paid for by Semptra during the three months ending in September were consumed by state Board of Equalization member **Claude Parrish** and two staffers, for whom Semptra paid a total of \$28 for a July 7 meal at Filippi's Pizza Grotto.

Semptra also handed out some schwag in the form of what it said was an \$85 Tony Nowak Original jacket given to California Public Utilities Commission president **Michael Peevey**, who has been accused by the San Diego-based Utility Consumers' Action Network of having a "penchant for back-room deals." Millionaire Schwarzenegger was also given a Nowak Original. Santa Monica-based **Tony Nowak**, an old friend of the governor's, specializes in custom-made jackets for movie stars and other rich folk. "Each jacket is specifically designed for the bodybuilder's physique and is made out of hand selected, top quality woolsens, cottons and leathers from around the world," according to the company's website.



Schwarzenegger in a Nowak jacket

**Inzunza's hideaways** It turns out that National City mayor **Nick Inzunza**, recently the subject of a *Union-Tribune* exposé about his plans to take an extended holiday vacation from his mayoral duties, owns a getaway in the San Bernardino Mountains. According to property tax records, in January 2001 Inzunza and wife **Olga** purchased a one-bedroom cabin with fireplace in Sugarloaf, near Big Bear Lake, for about \$20,000. Inzunza, brother of ex-San Diego city councilman **Ralph Inzunza**, convicted in the Cheetahs case, also has extensive real estate holdings in Barrio Logan. In addition, tax records show that in 1998 he bought a parcel in National City with **Angel Hueso**, the brother of **Ben Hueso**, currently a San Diego City Council candidate. A year later, the records show, Hueso transferred his interest to Inzunza.



Nick Inzunza

— Matt Potter

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## New Centre City Chief Plays Ball

By Don Bauder

"I'm not going to get into a pissing contest with Nancy Graham," barks Joel Daves, who followed her as mayor of West Palm

Beach, Florida. Good advice. Graham, who was the first chief executive after the city went to the "strong mayor" concept, proved to be a bulldog — sometimes perhaps a pit bull — in her 1991–1999 incumbency, spearheading aggressive downtown redevelopment.

Then "she raised eyebrows when she left office by taking a job leading the Palm Beach County division" of a major real estate developer, according to George Bennett of the *Palm Beach Post*. Later, she formed a development-consulting firm with her husband. During the same period, she headed the Downtown Development Authority.

In October of this year, the current mayor, Lois Frankel, charged that Graham was too cozy with the Related Group, a developer, and had a "conflict or an appearance of conflict." Graham and Frankel split as political allies, and before long Graham was named president of San Diego's Centre City Development Corporation, the downtown redevel-

opment organization. She takes over December 1.

On the surface, it appears Graham belongs in San Diego: she understands the strong-mayor concept; she is a vision-



Nancy Graham

ary who pushes hard to get what she wants; she thinks her snug relationship with developers is an asset; she used the power of eminent domain forcibly in West Palm Beach; she believes in subsidizing businesses to relocate downtown; and she rammed through a measure to tear down an auditorium that was

used extensively by lower-income people.

In short, she should fit comfortably into San Diego's old-boy network. The redevelopment corporation expects her to push ahead with more projects, such as Ballpark Village and the Navy Broadway Complex.

There is one problem: money. The city doesn't have any. The Centre City Development Corporation owes \$100 million to the city. Councilmember Donna Frye wants that money to be paid back.

It's true that Frye lost the mayoralty to Jerry Sanders, who is in the pockets of the real-estate-development industry, which poured money into his campaign. But even Sanders seems to understand the city's penury. Graham says she has been told that San Diego may have to go bankrupt.

Nonetheless, she talks as if the downtown library is a done deal. It depends what's meant by the word "done." There are many people who think it is insane to place a library in the ballpark district just to fatten the pocketbook of Padres majority owner John Moores. He has already reneged on promises to build hotels that would throw off sufficient transient

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## A Gritty Dilemma

By Ernie Grimm

**A**round 9:30 p.m., on Friday the 19th of August, 22-year-old David Silverman of Jacumba and two female friends were cruising south on Buckman Springs Road toward Campo when they found themselves stuck behind an 18-wheel truck. Silverman grew impatient with the slow-moving truck and attempted to pass it, crossing the double yellow line on a curve. His Ford Escort immediately ran head-on into a Ford Ranger pickup driven by 20-year-old Campo resident David Craig. Silverman and his passengers were killed.



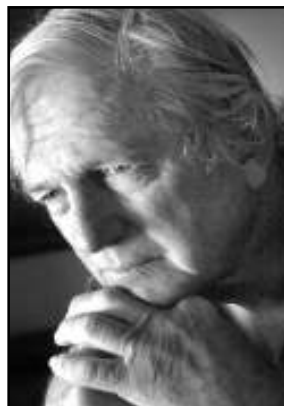
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Craig was badly injured.

The 18-wheeler was on its way to pick up a load of sand at the rail depot on state Route 94, a couple of miles east of the intersection of Buckman

Springs Road and 94. Though the truck was involved only indirectly in the collision, the incident brought to a head the growing frustration among Campo and Lake Morena residents with the increasing presence of sand trucks on Buckman Springs Road.

Crossing ten miles of oak-studded country between Route 94 and Interstate 8, the two-lane, shoulderless road is the most direct route to the



Bob Shea

interstate for Campo and Lake Morena drivers. The nearest alternative, La Posta Road to the east, is longer, curvier, and narrower. The relative convenience of Buckman Springs

is the reason trucks selected it to haul sand from the train depot to I-8, which is a safer route west than 94.

The trucks began to appear in the area about four years ago. The sand they hauled was mined in Mexico, near Tecate, and carried to the Campo depot on the transcontinental railroad that ends in San Diego. Built early in the 20th Century, the railroad bypasses San Diego's mountainous backcountry by running south from San Ysidro into Mexico. Near Campo, the tracks cross the border into the United States, run east to Jacumba, then pass north through the Carrizo Gorge. Although the Mexican government stopped its sand operation more than two years ago, the sand from Mexico was quickly replaced by sand from this side of the border.

"What occurred," says Byron Wear, former San Diego city councilman, now public relations representative for the Carrizo Gorge Railroad, "is Carrizo Gorge struck an operating agreement to operate the railroad, and they needed to go in and open up all the tunnels and repair all of the track." The section of the railroad that runs through East County was abandoned in 1983 after fires damaged two bridges and a tunnel collapsed.

"So using six million private investment dollars, we have reopened the railroad. One of our concerns in reopen-



Sand at Campo rail depot

ing the track was there were two places where sand in the public right-of-way was a major impediment to the railroad. One was an area known as Silica, and it is basically a huge sand dune where, when the wind blows, the sand would cover the track. So what we did is, we cleared out the sand on both sides of the track at that particular location. However, you can't stop a sand dune, so we still have an ongoing maintenance problem, and so we've got to dispose of that sand. The other issue is down in a place where about 20 years ago a rainstorm actually washed out about 1500 feet of track. We are pulling out the sand and creating a proper drainage there. We sell the

sand on the sand market, and those dollars by law must go back into restoring the railroad."

Wear says the operation clearing sand from the tracks is "winding down," but that doesn't mean that sand trucks will stop traveling on Buckman Springs Road. That's because "there is also a third sand operation down in Imperial County, in an area called Imperial Lakes, about two miles east of Plaster City. There is a large sand-pit out there, and we are beginning to haul material out of that particular location up the railroad, and we sell that on the sand market as well."

As it stands now, the sand that's hauled by rail to Campo is dumped at the depot and trucked some 50 miles west

for use in making concrete. Asked why it isn't hauled all the way to San Diego on the newly reopened railroad, Wear answers, "Well, to begin with, there is a large freight yard there at Campo, and there is space to unload it. We are working on sand going all the way to San Diego — because we do operate the railroad in Mexico — but the problem is, as we get across the border from San Ysidro north to downtown, that railroad is operated by RailAmerica, and [we] have to add that rate structure to the cost of the haulage. Plus the trolley operates on the same track. So the only time that the freight can move on that line is between about 2:30 in the morning and 5:30. If you have been in the Gaslamp Quarter and downtown late at night and heard the trains, that is why they are operating in the middle of the night, it is because the trolleys are operating on the same track. So until such time that we get a third rail from San Ysidro up to the port, we are always going to have this conflict with the trolley."

Even if a third track were built from San Ysidro to the Port of San Diego, finding enough bayfront land to use as a sand depot would be difficult. "Land along the railroad in Chula Vista and National City is too expensive," Wear says.

That all adds up to more trucks rumbling through Campo and up Buckman Springs Road to Interstate 8. Bob Shea, who lives on Buck-



August 19 accident scene on Buckman Springs Road





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## New chief plays ball

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occupancy taxes to service the ballpark bonds. The ballpark is costing the city \$15 million to \$20 million a year;

voters were told it would be revenue neutral because of the hotel taxes. But the city got condos, which gobble up as much in infrastructure and service costs as they throw off in revenue.

Does Graham, the aggres-

sive redeveloper, have the equanimity to handle San Diego's financial strife? San Diegans will find out. She presided over West Palm Beach, the poor cousin of super-upscale Palm Beach, during the boom of the 1990s,

when the city had an obvious need for central development and capital was plentiful. Her self-assertive style meshed with community needs.

"She is very aggressive," says William Fountain, who

was executive director of the Downtown Development Authority while she was mayor and is now a developer in the Florida Keys. "When her mind is made up on wanting to accomplish something, she will do everything in her power

to make it happen."

"She is very, very effective and very, very aggressive, very strong-willed," says Al Zucaro, who was one of the five city commissioners during her reign and is now chairman of the town's world trade center. She is a formidable opponent, he says. He countered her when she wanted to rip down the auditorium used by low-income people. "It was a divisive issue that led to a special election that drew almost as many voters as the previous mayoral election." She won, and now the inner-city folk have no venue for such things as the Ice Capades, which they once enjoyed, says Zucaro.

Her best-known achievement was CityPlace, a large shopping center. "When she became mayor, that part of the city was nothing more than boarded-up and abandoned buildings, crack houses — a general blighted area," says Richard Giorgio, a political consultant in the city of 95,000. In the 1980s, two developers had corralled 77 acres of the scrofulous downtown slum with the idea of developing the area. But they ran into money troubles when the real estate market slumped in the early 1990s.

"We put ourselves into the real-estate-development industry," says Zucaro. The city, using eminent domain, seized the land and found a developer.

"CityPlace has been a tremendous success," says Giorgio. However, Graham had earlier persuaded retailers to locate on the run-down Clematis Street; CityPlace drew them away, and Clematis became a haven for nightclubs, some on the seedy side. She blames her successor, Daves, for permitting the saloons to flourish, although he did try to rein them in. (A consulting firm suggested that closing time be made 2:00 a.m. instead of 4:00 a.m.) Some say that Graham is not to blame; others contend that several mayors are responsible for the boozing problem.

Graham is devoted to the concept of "new urbanism," embracing mixed use and diversity, most things within walking distance, increased density, so-called smart transportation — "little if any setback, buildings close to the roadside, relatively low building heights," says Giorgio.

She traveled Italy on the city's tab to pick up ideas for

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the shopping center — fountains, wide thoroughfares, and the like. But some say CityPlace is just an ordinary shopping mall: “authoritarian Disneyfication,” sniffs Gail Shepherd, former editor of an alternative publication and now food critic for another paper. The shopping center is “a gussied-up mall, teen hangout, nothing original. CityPlace drained business from other places downtown; there was no planning on how to integrate it into the existing organic downtown.”

Some say Graham’s use of eminent domain didn’t displace many people; land was basically taken from lenders. “We did file eminent domain against over 300 parties, but we aggressively pursued negotiations and settled. It became win-win,” she claims. She says it’s up to the Centre City board whether eminent domain will be a major component of future San Diego development.

West Palm Beach residents were told that an office building and hotel would be part of the CityPlace mix. Originally, it didn’t happen, but Graham asserts that both should be under way fairly soon.

She had championed a “librando” — a combination of library and condos. “It never got going in West Palm Beach,” she says.

She does not believe that she had a conflict of interest with the Related Group, which developed CityPlace and is working on other projects. Zucaro agrees it’s unfair to pin the conflict tag on her.

“She and I butted heads on a number of issues, but overall she did wonders for West Palm Beach,” says Giorgio. “She had tremendous vision and took it forward. The downside is that every condo being built starts at \$400,000 and goes up. Housing is becoming rapidly unaffordable for people who live here.”

Says Joe Minicozzi, former urban planner in West Palm Beach, now practicing his craft in Asheville, North Carolina, “She threw out the zoning code; it was phenomenal. But we weren’t allowed to bring up questions. So CityPlace didn’t have affordable housing. It’s a 900-pound gorilla, and the city is stuck with it.”

That’s another reason why she should fit in well in San Diego. ■

## A gritty dilemma

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man Springs, says the neighborhood feeling toward the trucks is “negative, definitely negative. From the spot where

they pick up the sand up to about Oak Street, they’re driving through five miles of prime residential area. And people are getting more and more tired of the trucks. I sat and watched them recently and counted one every five min-

utes.... And it’s not just the sand trucks. NAFTA trucks coming up from Tecate have discovered that taking Buckman up to 8 is a safer route than driving 94 into town.”

“We’re getting really concerned,” says Bev Esry, the

chair of the Campo–Lake Morena Community Planning Group. “It’s just a two-lane highway. We’ve got all those trucks mixing with all of the school buses in the morning and afternoon, because both schools [Campo

Elementary and Mountain Empire High School] are right on Buckman. It is getting to be a serious traffic problem. A lot of people are getting worried because we’ve had a lot of close calls, and again it

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is not necessarily the sand trucks' fault. But there are a lot of them on there, and people get impatient and try to pass. And as the building continues out here and we get more and more people, it is only going to get worse."

Will the situation change? Not anytime soon, says Wear. The trucks can't be legislated off of Buckman Springs Road because federal railroad law stipulates that local and state governments cannot restrict the transportation of goods to and from railroads. As for finding another spot to dump the sand, both sides agree that Jacumba, 25 miles to the east, is a strong candidate. "It's right on Interstate 8," Shea says, "so it would be convenient for the trucks to pick up the sand and get right back on the highway. And Jacumba wants it."

Wear agrees. "It would really be nice if we could have some kind of facility in Jacumba where some of that product could go directly onto Interstate 8, but that is going to take us some time. We don't own the land, but the owners are interested in developing it. And if we were going to do something in Jacumba, we would make it a broad facility that would involve maybe sand and other products besides sand. But there are also some environmentally sensitive areas in Jacumba. We would have to go through all those issues, and by the time we go through all those issues and the planning process and filing the right maps and dealing with the landowners, it would take a lot of time."

Until then, Buckman Springs Road will bear the burden. Wear says he understands that nerves are frayed, and he pledges railroad support to mitigate the impact. In response to the community, he says, "We don't run the trucks from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. And we are looking at putting in some turnouts on Buckman Springs so the trucks can pull over and let people pass. And we also want to make sure that there are flashing lights at the schools. Our position is that even though it is not a requirement of any federal or state agency, we are going to be a good neighbor." ■

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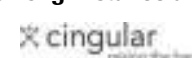
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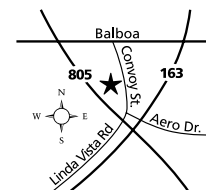


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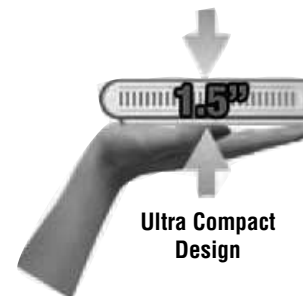
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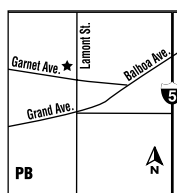
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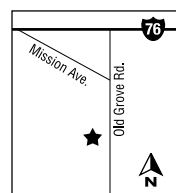
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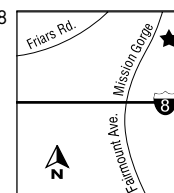
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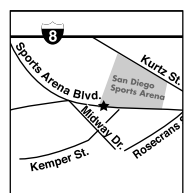
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### Just Peed My Pants

Regarding Ollie's "Remote Control King" article in this week's Reader (November 17). I think I just peed my pants while laughing after having fallen out of my office chair and having everyone in the office sigh because they know today is Reader day. "Ballroom Bootcamp...People wonder why I pray at night for God to blind me." Give this man a raise! I could care less that he doesn't actually write blurbs about what this show or that show is about. His scathing and insightful commentaries are hilarious.

Also, kudos to your "Diary of a Diva" columnist. Her article last week (November 10) regarding her little niece's toilet-seat troubles was great. She's gotten into a fantastic groove with stories I can relate to as well as laugh at.

Ollie and Barbarella are the reasons I pick up a copy of the Reader every week and why I'll continue to read your paper online after I move back East this winter.

Renee Reese  
via e-mail

## Priceless In A Digital World

Thank you for providing this article, "Where Cartoons Aren't for Kids" (November 10). This rare and rewarding work, I think, is so strong, it has been recommended to both my instructor and a talented Asian student in my Art 176 digital drawing by me.

I believe they concur with me in its strength. I also think they consider the work both comprehensive and enlightening as well.

In conclusion, historically, the work brought to light for me a new understanding of anime (rhymes with "I am gay" [smiles]). I think (therefore I am [smiles]) I understand so much more now of this art; and as the result, this article is and continues to be "priceless" in my otherwise digital world.

Thank you for the article,  
Lisa S. Kelly  
Downtown

## Why Not Step Forward?

In reference to the two letters to the editor (November 10) referring to the "Crasher" article dated October 27. One from Name Withheld in Mission Hills and the other from Danielle Palmas.

I know Josh Board personally and have been to at least four of the occasions that he has written about in the last year. Though I did not follow him around the whole entire time at the parties, never once did I read any inaccuracies. The impression I received from the two letters is that someone was embarrassed about the quote and

is attempting to do damage control. If there was not any truth to this issue, why not just dismiss it? Why go on and on about reputations and inquiries into "provocative" natures?

Obviously, at the tender age of 23, she does not understand that even if Mr. Board was curious about her private life, decorum would prevent him from asking such questions and printing the answers.

More than likely, the remark was made in jest, in a joking manner, and not meant to be taken seriously.

To "Mission Hills," calling someone pathetic and lonely is insulting, inconsiderate, and not to mention pathetic on your part when you don't even know the person.

Who in their right mind would make a statement like that if there were reputations and good names to be protected? I am sure Mr. Board would not intentionally slander anyone's reputation.

There was way too much protesting about one small remark, true or not true. Also, why is the one person who supposedly made the remark not stepping forward to defend his honor?

Name Withheld  
La Jolla

## Update Tijuana

I thoroughly enjoy and identify with John Brizzolara's Baja stories. Would it be at all possible to have him do an up-to-date Tijuana visit and throw in Playas de Tijuana?

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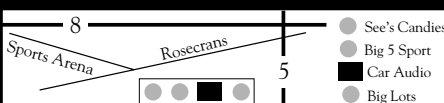


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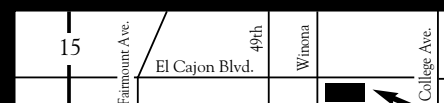
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Dear M.A.:

Getting personal, I have a small blue dot on my butt, and I'm told my mother and brother do as well. My mother has always said it was a "Mongolian birthmark." She says that people of Mongolian descent (I'm half Chinese) are born with such a mark. Is this possibly true, or is she pulling my leg? What is the truth, and why is it there?

— Berry Bottom, San Diego

Well now you've gone and hurt Mom's feelings. Why would she lie to you about something so important? Your butt bears what's variously known as the medical biz as a Mongolian spot, a *nevus fuscocaerulius*, blue spot, sacral spot, Mongolian macula, nevus of Ito, or nevus of Ota. It's a bluish-gray accumulation of cells present at birth on the lower back or buttocks of many Asian, black, or other dark-skinned people. It usually vanishes by the time a child is five years old. As far as I know, the spot is utterly without meaning or purpose, and the fact that yours hasn't disappeared is just the luck of the genetic draw. But I'm sure it makes for a dandy ice-breaker at cocktail parties.

Matt:

Something that I've wondered about for years is why people stick the tips of their tongues out of their mouths when they're concentrating on something. I've seen my kids do it and adults do it. It seems to be universal. But why?

— Puzzled, Oceanside

Believe it or not, science has actually shaken loose research money to answer this question. It's been discussed seriously by Ph.D.s and written up in learned journals. Well, I guess we have to chip away at the mysteries of life one molecule at a time.

Not only do humans have this unconscious habit, so do gorillas, apparently. And no matter what primate's doing it, it always means the same thing: "Keep your distance, buddy, I'm busy." An example of how this was confirmed appears in Jay Ingram's book *The Science of Everyday Life*. Student volunteers were asked to take a test in a booklet from which one page was missing. During the test, the teacher sat at his desk, wearing headphones and studying some papers, apparently deep in concentration. In half the test situations, the teacher also stuck the tip of his tongue out. Researchers measured the time it took students to interrupt the teacher to report the missing page. If the teacher wasn't showing any tongue, students hesitated 7.72 seconds; but they hemmed and hawed a full 19.92 seconds before interrupting if the teacher's tongue was out. Science staggers on.

Heymatt:

My boyfriend is from Canada and he claims that when people move from a cold climate to a warm climate their blood gets thinner. I think he's wrong. Who's right?

— Theresa, North Park

Hmmmm. So if you cut yourself in Alaska your blood sort of globs out like toothpaste, and if you're in the Caribbean, it flows like water? No, I don't think so. But blood is one of the major parts of our thermoregulation system. In cold weather, capillaries near the surface of the skin contract to force blood deeper into the body to keep its core temperature high enough. In hot weather, blood is forced into those capillaries so heat can be radiated from the blood through the skin to keep the core temperature down. A Canada-to-California move requires your vascular system to adjust to continual warm weather. Usually within a few weeks or a few months, your heat-radiating system works very efficiently. But when you go back to Canada for Christmas, you're more sensitive to the cold than you were when you left because your vascular system can't adjust as quickly as it once did to compensate for the cold. Again, it takes weeks or months to reacclimatize.

A change in climate causes temporary changes in your blood pressure, metabolism rate, oxygen requirements, and sweating and can even affect your immunity to illness. There are psychological changes as well. Cold climates with frequent weather fronts are more stressful for people (some call it invigorating). Warm climates seem to induce a more laid-back attitude, partly because strenuous physical activity raises your core body temperature, potentially dangerous.

Your boyfriend is right about his newly developed sensitivity to cold. But his blood's no thinner than it was in Canada, unless he lived on some high mountain. People who live at altitude have more oxygen-carrying red blood cells than those of us closer to sea level to help them compensate for the reduced oxygen in the atmosphere. So, you might say their blood is "thicker," with a higher blood-cell-to-plasma ratio than average. But that wouldn't affect sensitivity to cold, in any event.

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By Patrick Daugherty

# Tea Time Rules

Regulars will want to know that Tea Time, a Cream Point Himalayan-Persian male, is the 2004-2005 Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) "Cat of the Year." Tea Time beat out every other feline on the national circuit, no matter its breed or sex. Donna and Bruce Isenberg of Los Angeles are Tea Time's breeder/owners.

Bruce Isenberg, 68, is, I judge, five foot, eight inches tall, 160 pounds, with short pepper hair and black eyes. Let me put it this way, Bruce looks like a pharmacist. Actually, he is a pharmacist. We're standing next to his bench at the CFA International Cat Show, the largest cat show in North America. There are over 1000 cats here; they've come from all over the U.S., Canada, Asia, Europe, and South America. I ask, "Did you think, in the beginning, 'This might be the year for Tea Time?'"

Bruce says, "Our season runs from May 1st to April 30th. Tea Time was eight months old a year ago, May. You take an eight-month-old cat out as an open [the CFA has three levels: open, champion, and grand champion], and if he gets six winners ribbons he becomes a champion. To become a grand champion, he has to defeat 200 champions. Sounds like a lot, but it's not that bad. We took Tea Time to a show in Ann Arbor. It was a medium-sized show and he took Best All Breed Champion in all six rings. So, he *granded* [qualified to compete in the grand-champion class] in that one show. He defeated his 200."

Mighty warrior. "You weren't expecting this?"

"Oh, gosh no," Bruce says. "We were hoping he'd pick up a few grand points." Silence. "Well, he just swept the show. He wasn't the highest scoring cat in the show, but he was close. So, we thought, 'Maybe we have something here.'"

"There was a big regional show in June and he was the highest scoring cat. Then, there was a show in New Jersey put on by the Garden State Cat Club. They had 160, 170 cats in Grand Championship Class. This is July, and Tea Time was the highest scoring cat. We figured we had something."

"He showed like a million dollars," Bruce makes a sweet smile. "He loved doing it. Everything fit. It's like the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. We took him to a big show in Washington, D.C., in September. He was the highest scoring cat in that show, too. People kept telling us, 'You're going to be Cat of the Year.'"

Earlier, I talked to Barbara Mier, a shorthaired judge from Phoenix, and asked her to describe Tea Time. This is what she said, "He meets the standard to a T. The Persian is a short cobby cat, short tail, very heavy boning, short legs. His top head is very smooth with little ears down at the side of his head. He has brilliant, brilliant blue eyes. He's groomed immaculately. That cat accumulated 11,000 points last year; he was flown all over the country. He went to Germany."

Back on Bench 34, Tea Time is taking a midmorning nap. I ask Bruce, "How many cats compete in these shows?"

"About 300 cats in the big shows," Bruce says. "The average show is maybe 225, 250 cats. There are eight to ten shows on any given weekend. And that's just CFA; there are other cat associations."

Tea Time is so still, I wonder if he's dead. "How do they keep score?"

"The cat needs 100 rings," Bruce says. "Each judging is a ring. Once a cat is judged 100 times, you start throwing away their lowest score and your ring average grows. Tea Time ended up averaging 110 points a ring [judging]."

"CFA adds up his points as you go along and..."

"Whoever has the most points on April 30th is Cat of the Year."

Bruce tells me he's been breeding and showing cats since 1980. I say, "Sound like a rock 'n' roll band. That's a lot of road time."

"It is," Bruce says. "The first ten years, we didn't go on the road. We stayed in Los Angeles and showed average cats. And then we acquired a very good female cat, and she gave us at least one grand champion every litter."

"What's the fun part?" Damn, that cat looks dead.

"Socializing, meeting people. We have friends all over the world now. My wife was afraid to get on an airplane; now she misses it if we don't go."

I swear Tea Time is not breathing. "What would you say to somebody starting out in cat world? What should they do?"

"Visit cat shows. See what kind of cats they like. Talk to reputable breeders and exhibitors and *caveat emptor*. Be very, very, very careful, because people will take advantage of you."

Tea Time flicks his tail. I say, "Easy, big fella."

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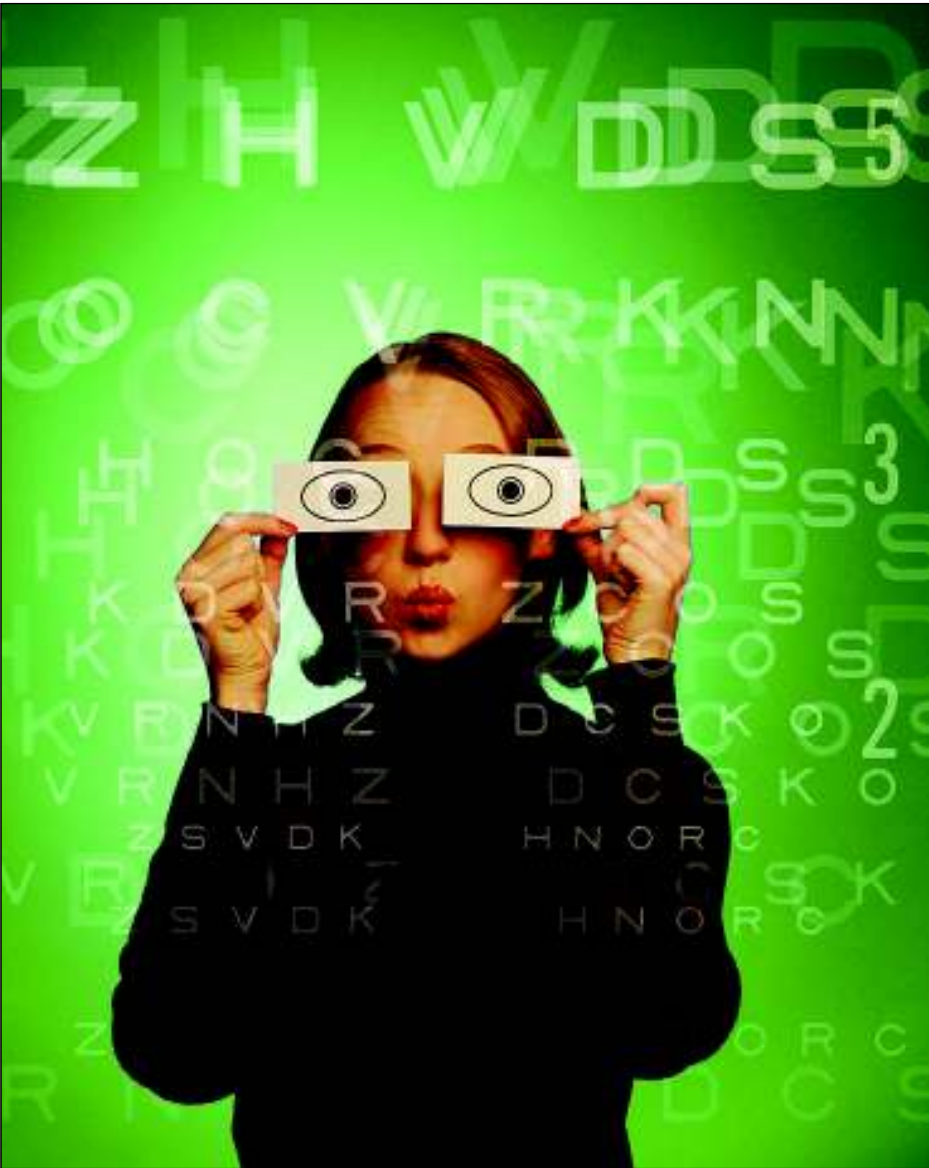
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**Senior pastor:** Brian Tallman  
**Congregation size:** 350  
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**Sunday school enrollment:** 90–100  
**Annual budget:** \$600,000  
**Weekly giving:** \$8,000–12,000  
**Singles program:** no  
**Dress:** business casual to dressy  
**Diversity:** white  
**Sunday worship:** 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
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“Christians can’t fight battles of sin alone. I failed miserably when I tried to deal with sin on my own. I felt alone. I was fearful of sharing my struggles with others,” said Jim Allsop, New Life Church’s treasurer. Allsop said he appreciates New Life because of the community’s involvement in his life and assistance in his fight against sin. “It’s the body of Christ working together.” Jim Allsop has experienced this community since his arrival in 1991. “A friend introduced me to New Life. At the time, I wanted to find a church that was willing to take on the hard questions about the Bible.” Allsop said one of the difficult questions he came across involved limited atonement. Limited atonement is the belief that Christ’s death on the cross was sufficient only for those who are part of the church. “I always thought Christ had died for everyone. But as I studied the scripture, it became clear that God knew who he was going to save before time began.” Allsop said this belief changed his Christian faith. “This really shook me up. It made me rethink my view of God. I now recognize that I’m so desperate for his grace and mercy every day for the sin that remains in my heart. I’m constantly trying to kill the old [sinful] man and put on the new [Christian] man. It is a daily war.”

New Life’s Sunday service began with hymns: “Hallelujah Praise Jehovah,” “Jesus Priceless Treasure,” and “Be Thou My Vision,” led by a worship leader, accompanied by an organist and pianist. Beechwood panels wrap around the windowless sanctuary walls. The room’s only decor is a simple gold cross on the front of a beechwood pulpit. The sanctuary forms a triangle that meets at the front podium and communion table. The congregation sits in eggplant-colored upholstered pews that fan out from the front.

Pastor Brian Tallman preached behind the large pulpit, only his chest and head visible to the congregation. “Today, we are examining 1 John 3:4–10,” began Pastor Tallman. “In this text, the children of God and the children of the devil are made obvious by John.” Tallman observed that unlike in John’s time, it has become difficult in the church today to determine who is a Christian. “Today, in the church, there is no distinction in behavior from those inside and out-

side of the church. According to *The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience*, those proclaiming to be Christian are no different in their racism, divorce rates, sexual immorality, or physical abuse in the home.” Tallman suggested two reasons why the church has demised: the lack of church discipline and preachers who offer cheap grace. “Preachers today tell people that they can live any way they want. That Jesus makes no demands on how you should live,” said Tallman. Tallman concluded that Christians need to believe the right things about the Bible, love their brothers, and that their faith should manifest itself in how they live.”

After service I asked Pastor Tallman about his experiences with church discipline. Tallman has seen church members excommunicated, before he became pastor of New Life four months ago. “It is terrifying to think of someone being turned over to Satan, as the Bible instructs churches to do. This un-repentant person is declared an unbeliever that is hardened by sin.”

Tallman said the person was either brought in front of the congregation or, if they are not present, their name and sin were read to the congregation with scripture that identifies the sinful behavior. “When I have seen this, I felt a sense of seriousness and self-examination looming in the back of my mind. It caused me to consider my life and whether I had hardened myself to sin.” Tallman believes any person who does not repent of sin when confronted should be disciplined by the church. “The Puritans once brought a man before the congregation for church discipline because he wasn’t performing [sexual acts] with his wife.” Pastor Tallman emphasized that church discipline should always be done with the motivation to restore a Christian, not as punishment.

“From my experience, the level of accountability this church offers

is rare,” said Steve Yerbury, a small group leader. Yerbury said a friend of his was brought in front of New Life and disciplined. “From my friend’s experience, he would say it was the best thing that happened to him.” Yerbury’s friend was later restored when he confessed his sin and repented. “People would think we are nuts on the surface, but I think all people have a desire for these type of intimate relationships. I love that people here want to see me on the right path. And I know what we are doing is supposed to be done, based on scripture.”

I asked Pastor Tallman what happens to a person after he dies. “After death we stand before God and He will determine our eternal state based on the righteousness of Jesus Christ,” replied Tallman. “If we have faith in Christ, we will enter into heaven based on Christ’s righteousness. People who don’t place their faith in Jesus will go to hell, where the presence of God will only be felt in judgment and wrath.”

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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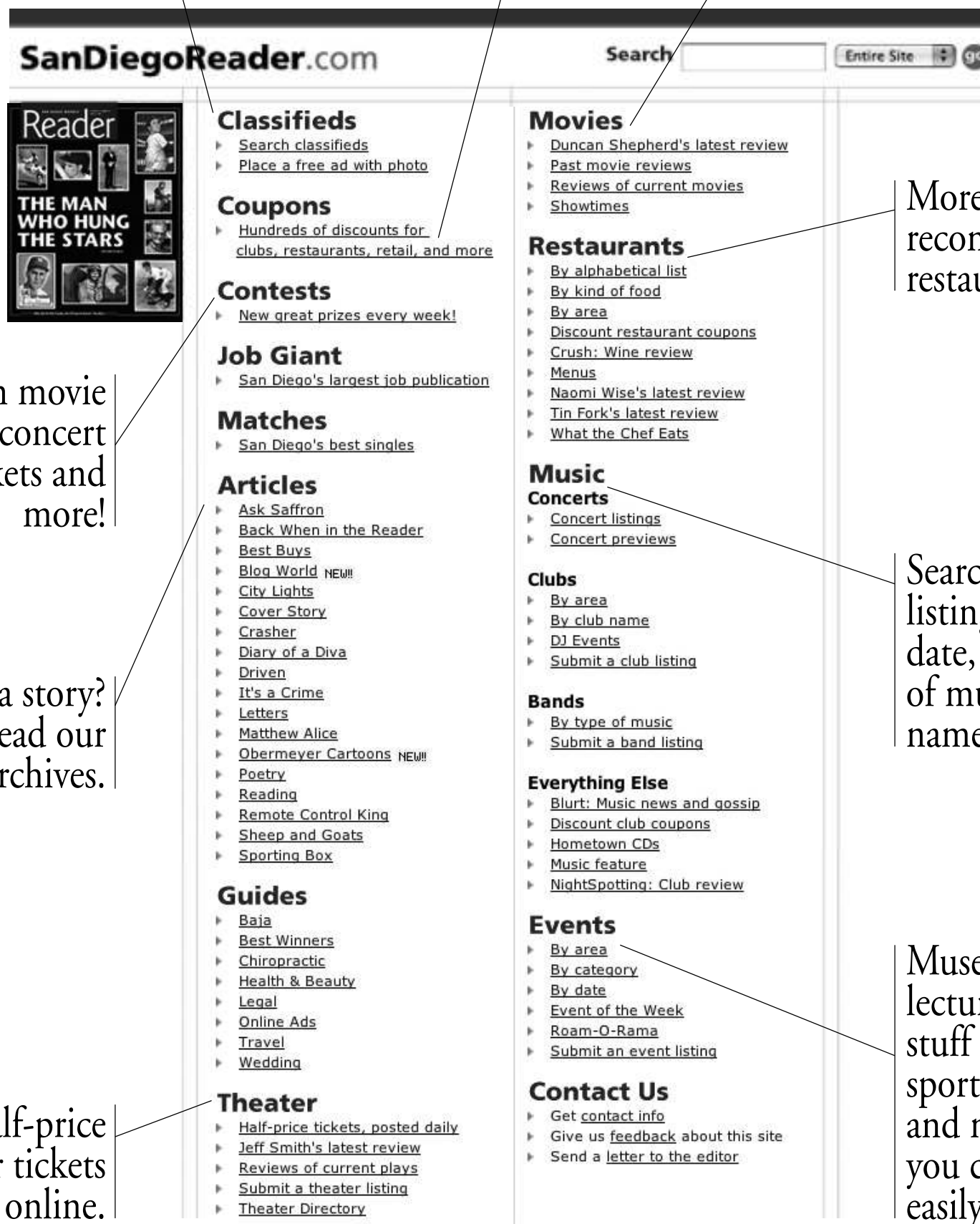
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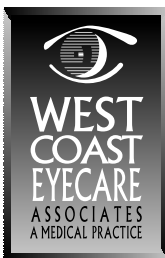
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“No turkey,” said Patrick. “What?”

“No turkey. I’ve never really liked it. And as long as there isn’t going to be any big family shindig this year, why don’t we do our own Thanksgiving feast?”

“What are you suggesting?”

“Lobster,” he replied, eyes twinkling. Or if you’ve got to have turkey on Thanksgiving, how about lobster on Christmas Eve, when my folks come? I bet they’d spring for it.”

I was sold. I’d tried lobster a few times in restaurants, and my toes always tapped in delight as I chewed the sweet white meat. But I’d never purchased it myself — let alone prepared it. I cast my net for advice, starting with Point Loma Seafoods (619-223-1109), home of my favorite clam sandwich. “Right now,” said Luis, “we have the California spiny lobsters, which we buy off the fishermen. When they come into season, we discontinue the Maine lobsters, because the spiny lobsters are a lot more popular. The season runs from the second week in October through March. The rest of the year, we get the Maine lobsters flown in live.”

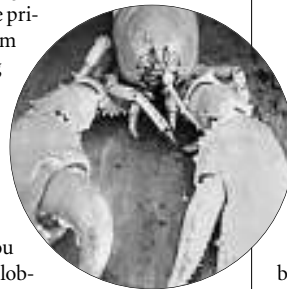
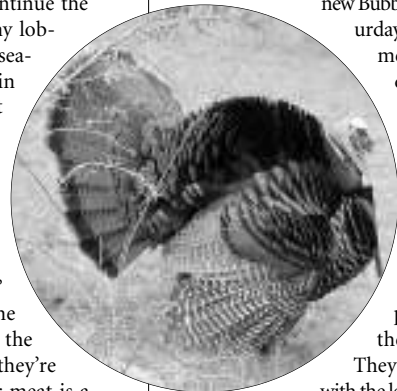
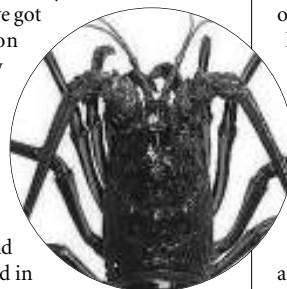
Would Patrick, a transplant, accept these West Coast crustaceans? “People from the East Coast will swear up and down that the Maines are far superior,” said Luis, “but somebody from the West Coast, who grew up eating the California spiny, would say that they’re better. I think the Maine lobster meat is a shade sweeter. But you get a lot more meat out of a spiny, because the tail is a lot larger. However, it does not have claws, and the Maine lobster does have claws.”

Luis recommended against super-sizing, however grand the effect might be. “When you have anything over three pounds, I think the meat gets a little gritty. The flavor is the same, but the texture gets more rubbery. The main reason for that is that it takes longer to cook before the heat penetrates to the center, and the meat toughens up. If you overcook lobster, it gets tough.”

Point Loma Seafoods cooks its lobster “in salted water with vinegar and lemon juice. Salt is the primary thing. We put them in a pot of boiling water, then wait for the water to come back to a boil. After that, a pound to a pound-and-a-quarter lobster will take about nine minutes. You want to make sure the lobster is live when you go to cook it,” noted Luis. “If the lobster dies before cooking, a toxin in its liver starts to break down and run through the whole lobster.”

Live California spiny lobsters at Point Loma run **\$13.95** a pound right now. “We throw them in a bag and hand them to you. They’ll stay alive for 8 to 10 hours in the refrigerator. We also sell them cooked for **\$15.95** a pound. We boil them up in the morning and sell them cold out of the case.”

I wanted ideas for preparation. I cast my



“Our guests want to know who the new Bubba is.”

nets again, and snagged a chef — Brian Malarkey of The Oceanaire Restaurant (619-858-2277) in the Gaslamp. “Right now,” he told me, “we have Australian lobster tail, the local spiny lobsters, and the Maine cold-water lobsters that come from Nova Scotia and Southern Canada. Those particular Maines come with very large claws.”

Malarkey likes to “highlight the fresh taste of the seafood. So most of the time, we just serve lobsters steamed with drawn butter. But we also do a dirty lobster, where we put Cajun spices on it and throw it on the grill. And we do an angry lobster — we par-cook it in a steamer, then sauté it in a big roasting pan and hit it with serranos and orange zest. We make a rouille by taking the innards and blending them with garlic, lemon juice, and Sriracha, which is a spicy chili ketchup. The combination makes a kind of mayonnaise.”

The Oceanaire delights in serving big lobsters, and Malarkey doesn’t agree with the notion that big means tough — it’s just a matter of cooking technique. “Here in the restaurant, we have 10-pound, sometimes 15-pound lobsters. We nicknamed a big lobster Bubba one time, and

now, our guests want to know who the new Bubba is. On a Friday or Saturday night, you’ll often see

me walking around the dining room, carrying a platter with a very large lobster on it.

I’m here to shatter the urban legend that the meat gets firm as a lobster gets older. I sell the big ones all the time, and people love them — there is so much meat.

They’ll ask me what to do with the leftovers, and I tell them,

“Tomorrow morning, make some nice, soft, scrambled eggs. Throw in your lobster meat. You’ll have the best breakfast you’ve ever tasted.”

Bubbas have shells and guts. The Australian lobster tails are mostly meat, and they can run up to 26 ounces. “They come frozen. What we do is take a big pair of kitchen scissors and cut the back down the middle. Then we crack it open and pull out the meat, let it sit on top of the shell. We cook it slower, so the meat doesn’t seize up — around 350 degrees. Make a garlic-lemon-parsley butter and keep brushing it on. To see if it’s done, take a knife and keep slitting the back open a little bit at a time to see if the meat has turned white.”

Malarkey advised using caution when handling live lobsters. “Most of the time, when you buy a Maine lobster, their claws are banded. Still, there are sharp points all over them, and that’s especially so with the spiny lobster. Maine lobsters are very docile, but spiny lobsters are aggressive. They have big tongs on their tails, and you could get your hand cut wide open. Get on your garden gloves, grab their big antennae, get them in the boiling water, and stand back. And you want the water to taste like the ocean. That takes a lot of salt — maybe two cups to six quarts of water.”

Live Maine lobsters are available at 99 Ranch Market (858-974-8899) for **\$10.99** a pound as of this writing. The Fish Market (619-232-3474) sells live Maine lobster for **\$17.20** a pound. Spiny lobsters, killed and gutted, sell for **\$14.60** a pound, and Australian lobster tails run **\$38.99** a pound. Prices subject to change.

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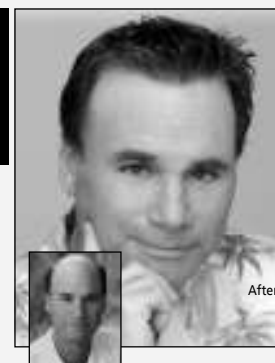
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by Josh Board

**P**imp 'n' Ho parties have been popular for years. Someone asked me if I thought it was because Julia Roberts's character in the movie *Pretty Woman* glamorized prostitution. I think it's because of the hip-hop culture, which seems to embrace this type of thing.

I was surprised when I attended my first Pimp 'n' Ho party and didn't see a bunch of rap wannabes. The crowd was a mix of people from their early 20s to a few in their 40s. Most people were 30-somethings, and everyone was dressed as a pimp or a ho.

I didn't feel like I had the pimp look down. I wore a full-length leather jacket, a few chains around my neck, and a toothpick in my mouth. After parking I met three women and walked in with them. They looked like my "stable of bitches," as I told someone at the door.

This was the third annual party this couple had thrown at their Clairemont home. They had Mexican food catered and two kegs of beer. In the kitchen were bottles of booze. The invitation suggested bringing your own bottle.

I grabbed a Coke and talked with two guys playing pool. One of them told me that



the couple living here spent \$80,000 renovating the house, and that before the renovations the pool table barely fit.

Someone walked by me who looked like Kid Rock and I said, "Cool cane." He said, "A cane is something old people use. Or people that are limping. This is a pimp stick, bro."

A big guy walked by and someone said, "He looks like Jabba the Pimp."

Two other guys were talk-

**"This is a pimp stick, bro."**

ing about how hot all the women were. A woman in her late 30s heard these guys talking and said to me, "What? Those guys are going to try to scam on those sluts that are dancing?" I said, "I don't think you can assume they are sluts. After all, they are supposed to



dress this way for the theme of the party." She thought about it for a second, and then said, "No. I still think they're real ho's."

While talking to her and her husband, a sexy woman

walked by, and she said, "I wanna see her ass after she has three kids." I asked, "Do you have three kids?" She said, "No, only two. But still."

Her husband, who reminded me of Tom Selleck, looked smooth in his suspenders. He was handing out



fake \$100 bills to women. "Isn't it supposed to be the women giving their pimps money?" I asked him.

There was an ice sculpture near the swimming pool that was carved into the shape of a naked woman. Two guys who were dressed more like gangsters than pimps were pouring vodka down it, while others waited their turn to put their mouth at the other end of the woman's icy feet and drink the vodka.

I overheard the owner of the house saying he spent \$2,000 on this party. He had a DJ spinning dance tunes, and

there was a dance floor set up with lights. Having a DJ in your back yard makes it easy to find the party. The second I turned down their street I could hear the music.

There was an interesting variety of costumes. Some looked like pimps from '70s TV shows, with fedoras and colorful suits. One African-American guy with dreads was wearing a bathrobe. The DJ kept calling him Hugh Hefner.

I saw about 20 people with Elvis-style sunglasses. A few people had afro wigs.

Someone told me that the homeowner had been in the military and now owns a car dealership. "So half this crowd is military. The other half is car dealers. And the best part about him renovating his house is that they put a bathroom that you can get to from the back yard. It's really convenient. And I'm not so sure if I had this many people at a party I'd want them walking down my hallway to find the bathroom. Especially after the amount of drinking they do. I've seen a few people at parties that either didn't make it to the bathroom, or they puked while waiting in a line to use one."

I talked to two different



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women about their costumes. One was a heavysset lady with a fan in her hands, which made her look like the madam of a brothel. She told me she had made her outfit herself.

A younger woman had a candy bra. When I commented on it, she said, "My underwear is candy, too." She pulled up her plaid mini-skirt to show me the line of candy going up her backside. I later saw her showing others at the party, and I heard her say it wasn't that comfortable.

A few guys started a poker game indoors. One person asked them, "How can you guys want to play poker when all these hotties are outside? There's a real ho-down going on out there!" None of them even looked up from their cards.

The invitation stated that this party would go "until 'the man' runs us out." That happened at 11:30 p.m. Four cop cars showed up, leading one person to ask, "Don't they have real crime to fight? It should only take one cop to tell us to turn the volume down."

But they didn't tell us to turn the volume down. They told us the party was over. The homeowner grabbed the DJ's microphone and said, "Everyone leave. Take your ho with you, not someone else's."

His wife was talking with the police officers near the front door, while another officer was at the DJ booth watching the guy pack up his equipment.

I saw a woman grabbing chairs to put them away, so I decided to stay and help them put tables and chairs away.

As I was leaving I noticed the guys were still playing poker. I wondered if cops ever shut down poker games. Last I heard, it was illegal to gamble. ■

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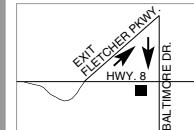
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# Don Squirreleone

*If you have any doubts, go to the emergency room. Don't worry about embarrassment — it's better to be embarrassed than dead.*

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**W**ow, look at all of them! There's so many," I said in awe.

Jenny folded her small green towel in half and set it on the ground. "Let's sit here," she said. I folded my white

towel in the same fashion and sat next to my younger sister in the damp grass beneath a handful of trees, the leaves of which filtered the sunlight to create a warm dappled glow around us.

I opened the can of unsalted cashews and, like kittens reacting to the sound of a can opener, dozens of squirrels began descending from the trees and making their way toward us.

"There are so *many!* And they're coming so close! I feel like...Sleeping Beauty," I said, and began to hum a

tune from the old Disney film.

"I don't like it when they come up behind me," said Jenny, shooing away a squirrel that had been sniffing at her back.

"Look at this one. He looks like the Godfather." Jenny and I snapped pictures of the fat squirrel to the left of my foot. "He's just so cute and pudgy! I love how they hold their food with both of their little hands like that."

"I'm feeling uncomfortable, Barb," Jenny said with a hint of hysteria. There were easily 20 squirrels in front of us.

"I don't know why you're worried, Jen. They're here for the nuts. Besides, aren't they fun to look at? The closer they come, the better our pictures will be. This one's about to take the

nut off my shoe." I paused in conversation to get a shot of the furry Don Corleone collecting the cashew.

"They're coming too close, it's freaky," said Jenny.

"Don't be a scaredy-cat. It's cool. Don't you do this all the time?" This was the first time I accompanied Jenny on her walk to Balboa Park to feed the squirrels — she goes every weekend. "Man, I just can't get over how cute and cuddly this big one looks. I want to touch it."

The Godfather squirrel was fearless; he sat on his haunches and munched on a nut as I snapped pictures less than a foot away. It would be a lie for me to say, "I don't know what came over me next." I know exactly what came over me and, as is sometimes the case, my hands were much faster than my brain. I grabbed a cashew and held it out.

The next few moments were a blur, reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock — the adorable furball took two steps toward my hand and then it must have jumped up and onto me, because suddenly I was on my feet, trying to shake it off. My left middle finger was in its mouth and its claws were clutching tightly to my forearm as I shook, shook, shook, and then it came loose and hit the ground running faster than a squirrel that fat should be able to run. Blood was flowing freely from the tooth-deep slice through the middle of my fingertip and, shaking, I snatched up the white towel and wrapped it around my wound. Throughout the

quick ordeal, I was vaguely aware of Jenny's and my combined screams.

"Holy shit!" I shouted.

"Are you okay?" Jenny was laughing, but it was her nervous laugh. She was just as scared as I was. Being bitten by a wild, potentially disease-ridden rodent didn't worry me until I realized how much of my skin the little beast's teeth had broken into. "Shoo! Shoo!" Jenny stomped around to give us a wider berth, but the squirrels hardly seemed fazed, so we walked quickly away from the area.

My first thought was to call David — if he thought it wasn't serious, I wouldn't worry. But if he did, I would panic. He did. "You should probably get to a hospital," he said.

"Will you come and get me?" I asked in a shaky voice. Before he could answer, I remembered the car keys in my purse, which meant David was without transportation.

I called the number on my insurance card to find out which urgent care I should go to. The man who answered asked, "What is it you need to be treated for?"

"I was bitten by a squirrel. I think I need to get a shot or something," I responded.

"Huh," he said, and then, in an amused tone, "that's never happened to me. Say, what does it feel like, to be bitten by a squirrel?"

"What do you think? I've been bitten, I'm *bleeding*, it fucking hurts!" Exasperated, I ended the call. A minute later, I got a hold of Nathan, my hero, who arrived within minutes to collect us and drop us off at the emergency

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As the sharp pain in my finger dulled to an uncomfortable throbbing sensation, I began to relax. Jenny, who hadn't stopped laughing since we got into Nathan's truck, kept me in good spirits as I waited for my name to be called.

"I told you," she said. "There was something off about that one. He was crazy in the eyes. They don't just sit there like that, that close to you, unless there's something wrong with them. You know, he could have taken your whole fingertip off."

"This isn't helping, Jen." "Sorry. Can I see your phone? I feel like I need to tell people. It's just so funny." I handed it over and listened as Jenny, through chortles, explained to my sisters and mother what had just happened to me.

My head jerked up at the sound of my name, and I followed an attractive blonde woman through the door to triage. She had a weird smile on her face. As soon as she began speaking, I recognized her smile as that strained expression one gets when attempting to withhold laughter. She looked at the paper on her clipboard as she spoke.

"You were bitten by a squirrel?" She choked on the word "squirrel."

"Yes." "Were you, uh, trying to

feed it?" She was no longer able to control her smile; her lips curled up at the ends between each question.

"No, it just attacked me out of nowhere," I snapped sarcastically. "Okay, okay. I was trying to feed it."

"Squirrels are rodents, you know," she pointed out.

"Yeah, so I've heard." She looked at my finger, which had stopped bleeding, probably a result of the pressure I'd been exerting on it as I waited.

"A doctor will have to see you, I'm not sure what the protocol is in this situation. If at any time, however, you feel that your wounds are...[suppressed laughter] life threatening...[more suppressed laughter], then return to this window."

"Go on, let it out," I suggested. "It's okay, you can laugh."

"I'm sorry," she said,

beginning to giggle. "It's just, you know, we usually get people here who are withdrawing from drugs or suffering from violent crimes. It's refreshing to treat someone who was trying to do something nice. And it's funny."

A young man in light blue scrubs led Jenny and me to the exam room. On the way, he turned to me and said, in that familiar, strained tone of voice, "Feeding squirrels today, eh?" I shrugged my shoulders. "I'm sorry, it's just, uh, well, it's pretty funny. Wait here and the doctor will be right with you." I could hear a muffled staccato laughter as he walked down the corridor.

Jenny and I waited in that little room for almost an hour, testing everything from the foot-pedal sink to the "are they or are they not locked" file cabinet drawers

(they are not). The doctor, in dark blue scrubs, appeared in the doorway and said, "So, I hear you were feeding...Ha! Ha! Ha!" He was much freer with his laughter, and even finished up with a little "Ho, ho!" before he managed to speak the word "squirrels."

"Gee, I'm so happy I can be such a source of amusement for the emergency room staff today," I said in a snarky tone. He could read from my smile that there was some truth to my words — what's a little squirrel bite if you can make a bunch of hardworking health-care professionals laugh for a day?

"Squirrels are rodents, you know," said the smiling doctor.

"Yup."

"Don't worry, you can't get rabies from them. But we're going to give you a tetanus shot and some antibiotics to ward off any

infections." The doctor disappeared and another woman who was obviously informed as to my predicament came smiling into the room to give me my shot.

While she prepped the needle, the doctor popped his head in the door and said, "I just want you to know, I had a really hard time dictating that. I had to keep stopping the tape while I laughed."

"Thanks for letting me know," I said, but he was already off to see another patient, and then there was a needle in my arm. Jenny was laughing quietly as she scanned through her pictures. When she came across the picture of the chubby rodent that attacked me, she held it up for me to see. "He looks so cute and fluffy," I said. "Don't you just want to pet him?" ■

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# Queen Café Critics

*Story continued from front page*

Toward the end, when she needed oxygen, blood thinners, and other medications, she spent most of her time in bed. But bed was where her career as a writer had started. As a child she'd been struck with scarlet fever, and the rheumatic fever that followed in its wake caused her joints to swell and her heart to develop a murmur. The family physician prescribed bed rest. It was then, according to Jonah, that the young Eleanor began committing stories to paper. She wrote on a composition board, "like a clipboard without the clip," Jonah says. The Rackow family couldn't afford to keep her supplied in proper notebooks; Eleanor wrote on the paper that had wrapped the family's groceries.

Poor as the family was, food was never in short supply in their tenement apartment on New York's Lower East Side. Eleanor's grandmother, Manya, had been widowed shortly after she and her young husband had emigrated from Odessa to New York. To support herself and a baby son, she'd opened a restaurant serving five-course meals during "dinnertime" — 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Manya's thick head of hair had turned snow white by the time she was 20, and she gave little thought to her appearance, according to Widmer's later recollection in a roman à clef that prominently featured her grandmother. "More often than not, she washed her face and body with the brown kosher soap that contained no fat from forbidden animals, and wrapped her hair in a haphazard bun held together with several large imitation-turquoise hairpins," the granddaughter wrote. "Her cooking shoes were splattered with chicken and goose fat, bits and oddments of duck, salmon roe, even calves' brains. Because she had been raised on the Black Sea, she loved caviar, so every now and then a glistening bead would fall upon her well-fed shoes." But Manya

"exuded a sympathetic femininity" and "[t]he smell of food on her body made her no less alluring. More than one male customer winked and said he would like to feed upon her."

Manya had no time for tomfoolery. Her son, Jack, an autodidact with a sense of style, married and moved his bride into his mother's Orchard Street apartment. A delicate 16-year-old with a passion for singing show tunes, Augusta produced three children in the years that followed: first a sensitive boy named Willy, then Eleanor, then another daughter, Barbara. But Augusta and Jack were rarely home. Jack worked long hours in a woman's coat store, and his wife also toiled in the garment business, eventually becoming a buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue. This left Eleanor and her siblings in the doting care of their Bubby (the Yiddish word for grandmother).

Bubby's kitchen was a cornucopia, overflowing with so much food that the children thought nothing of wasting it. "I often added four teaspoons of raspberry jam and four lumps of sugar to my tea and then did not drink it; or asked for chicken and beef and sampled only a bit of each,"



*From KNSD 7/39 news*



Widmer later recalled. The family sneered at paper napkins. "In our restaurant, we carelessly threw cloth napkins into the laundry bag after a perfunctory wipe."

Privation counterbalanced alimentary abundance. Winters coated the unheated apartment's windows with frost and ice and ushered a penetrating cold into the rooms. Rats lurked in the hallway, where a smelly communal toilet served everyone on the floor. Although a thousand protective eyes oversaw the children in the teeming Jewish enclave, the Italian gangs that roamed the streets nearby might beat a youngster to death. Most dreadful was illness. "A diphtheria or measles

epidemic would spread catastrophe," Widmer later recalled. "When polio raged, children seemed to be carried away overnight." Eleanor's own mother had cardiac problems that were caused by a childhood illness, and in her early 40s she died of a heart attack.

Eleanor graduated with honors from Brooklyn College and won admission to Columbia University's law school. (Although she later told people she was the first woman to be admitted, a law school spokesman says that is not correct.) Eleanor didn't like studying law, she discovered, and she withdrew, according to Kingsley Widmer. By the time Kingsley met her in



Eleanor Widmer, 1964

1949, the 25-year-old Eleanor had acquired a master's degree in social science from Columbia and was working as the assistant dean of students at the University of Minnesota. She was married to a history

professor, whom Kingsley served as an assistant.

One recent afternoon at his home in Cardiff, I asked Kingsley, who's now 80, to describe Eleanor as she was when he first met her. "She was a strikingly attractive woman," he reflected. "Long dark hair. Rather dark skin. A fast and endless talker. A quick and somewhat

anxious person. Very responsive."

He chuckled at the memory of a comment Eleanor had made years later about Jackie Kennedy's deportment during her husband's funeral. "They praise her for standing there like a dummy," Kingsley quoted his ex-wife. "But I and my Italian friends think she's stupid, cold, rigid, unfeeling, and unresponsive." Eleanor was very responsive," Kingsley reiterated.

It took a while for romantic sparks to ignite between the two. But when they did, according to Kingsley, the affair that resulted was so "outré" (Kingsley's word) that they made plans to flee Minnesota for Southern California. Eleanor arrived in Los Angeles first, recalls Teddy Pincus, who was then a UCLA coed studying sociology. Pincus says the year was

1951 when Eleanor moved into an apartment with her and another roommate. Eleanor "was on crutches at the time. She'd been in a terrible auto accident and had just gotten out of the hospital," Pincus says. "She'd left her first husband, and I remember every day he would call and say, 'When you are coming home?' Of course, I was just hearing it from her side. She would say, 'Ben, I am not coming back. I am never coming back.' She would go through this conversation *every day!*"

Pincus remembers Eleanor as being "really a sexy broad. She had long dark hair. She had *big* boobs! As a matter of fact, she had told me that she modeled for a brassiere company at one time." Sensitive about her clothes and her looks, she couldn't tolerate the presence of a gray hair on her head,

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Pincus recalls. "She used to pull them out, one at a time."

The two women hit it off. "We became really good friends, and she was teaching me to cook," Pincus says. "She was a marvelous cook. I still use a lot of her

recipes." Kingsley arrived on the scene a few weeks later, sans front teeth as a result of the same automobile accident that broke Eleanor's leg. As Kingsley tells the story, that misadventure had occurred back in Minneapolis when he

had tried to teach Eleanor to drive his Austin Healy. "She hit the accelerator instead of the brake and drove it into a tree and broke her leg in two places, which I felt very guilty about. She was in the hospital for some time."

Kingsley says he and Eleanor moved to Malibu, and he got a job in Santa Monica making templates for Douglas Aircraft. Eleanor worked in a bookstore. Neither Pincus nor Kingsley could recall when Eleanor and Kingsley

finally married. The Widmers spent a lot of time with Pincus and her fiancé, and Pincus laughs at the memory of their time together. "I was going to write a book called 'The Last of My Bohemian Friends.' Because that's what they

were. They were really bohemian in those days. They were existentialists, into Sartre and all that. They were pretty far out. We used to have really interesting discussions." The Widmers also "had the wildest sex life of anybody I ever knew!"

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Pincus exclaims. "She used to tell me all the details! I was a pretty young kid at that time. My first husband and I were very straight, and I'd never *heard* of some of these things before."

Kingsley says after a few years Eleanor urged him to return to graduate school, offering to study alongside him. Both were accepted into a program of English and comparative literature at the University of Washington, and they moved to Seattle in 1952. Eleanor's Ph.D. dissertation examined the conflict of love and morality in the works of a number of 19th-century woman novelists, including Austen, Eliot, and one of the Brontë sisters. Her progress on this was interrupted in 1955, when she gave birth to a boy whom the couple named Matthew. She also won a cooking contest in Seattle for her apple pandowdy recipe.

Still working on their doctoral dissertations, the Widmers moved to Portland not long after the baby's birth, and Kingsley taught at Reed College for about a year while Eleanor worked at Portland State University. Then, tired of the Pacific Northwest, Kingsley joined the faculty of San Diego State College (as it was called in 1956). After living in Mission Beach for a few months, they moved into an apartment complex on Coast Boulevard in La Jolla. Their next-door neighbor was another young graduate student named Dan McLeod, who today recalls that the Widmers "were an absolutely stunning couple. I would see them in swimsuits walking down to the ocean from time to time, and they looked like models, only more authentic." Eleanor had "astonishing" language skills, McLeod says. (Kingsley confirms that

besides English, she spoke Yiddish and Italian very well, along with some French, German, Spanish, and Russian.) "But more than anything else, she was kind — and so much fun to be

around," McLeod says.

As the '50s drew to a close, both Widmers completed their doctoral studies (Kingsley in 1957 and Eleanor in 1959), and for \$26,000 they bought a little house on Arenas Street in La Jolla.

They had already signed the contract and moved in, Kingsley says, when their realtor came around to confront Kingsley with a problem she was having. "The board of real estate agents in La Jolla is

penalizing me for selling to a Jew! You're not Jewish, are you?" he says she asked him. Kingsley wasn't, though he asked if it mattered. She made it clear that the presence of Jews in La Jolla was something the real estate

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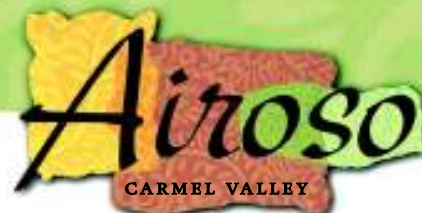


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Kingsley says he and Eleanor (who of course was Jewish) complained to acquaintances, and for a while talk of a lawsuit simmered. But Kingsley says the local realtors finally backed down, partly out of fear of the publicity that would have erupted and partly in resignation to the fact that the new University of California campus would bring other Jews to the community. "That was sort of the end of organized anti-Semitism in La Jolla," Kingsley says.

Eleanor had another baby, Jonah, in 1960, and Kingsley says she also worked hard at writing, producing several children's stories and half a dozen extended essays on literary figures, including Mary McCarthy, John Dos Passos, and Malcolm Lowry. A fictionalized portrait of her father was published as the novella *Mr. Jack* by Random House in 1964. But none of these efforts thrust her into the lime-light the way the trial of Larry McGilvery did.

McGilvery today says he probably met the Widmers at the Nexus, the paperback bookstore he and his wife Geraldine owned. "That's how we met everybody." In November of 1961, the business occupied a storefront at 7405 La Jolla Boulevard. (It later moved to the Wisteria Cottage on Prospect Street.) "We handled a lot of what would now be called countercultural material — a lot of modern poetry and art. But a full line of books. It was a very nice store, actually," the bookseller reminisces. "People loved coming in there."

The dilemma that confronted the McGilverys that November was what to do with their stock of Henry Miller's controversial masterpiece, *Tropic of Cancer*.

Originally published in France in 1934, the Grove Press had dared early in 1961 to produce a hardcover edition in America. But it cost \$7.50, a lot of money at the time, "so there was not a peep out of any of

the censorship groups that I know of until a 95-cent paperback was published," recalls McGilvery.

"Then the flood-gates opened," he says. In San Diego the chief of police was quoted as

saying he would arrest any bookseller who offered the work to the public. McGilvery and his wife had acquired a large number of the paperbacks but had put only a dozen or so copies on display. Those

sold almost instantly ("mostly to lawyers," McGilvery recalls), and in light of the police threat, the couple decided not to restock their shelves. A few days later, McGilvery found "this nice-looking young guy

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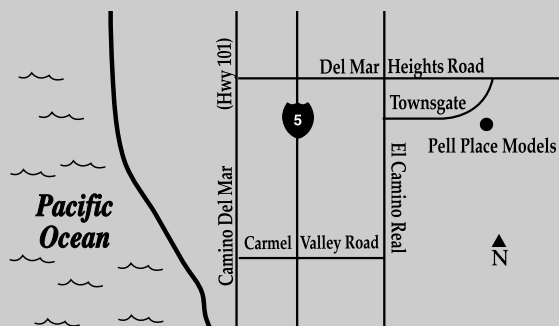
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him other books that would be just as good for his purpose." But the fellow was adamant; only the Miller book would do. McGilvery says he finally noticed in a nearby box of books a used copy that a friend had asked him to sell, so he offered this to the young man for 50 cents. "I didn't charge him sales tax."

It was a sting; the young man was a police cadet working undercover. A day or so later, both McGilverys were arrested, and in the months that followed, the case produced big headlines in the San Diego newspapers. Kingsley Widmer had just written the first critical book about Miller's work, so McGilvery asked him to testify at the trial. Concerned that he might look like "the calculating pornographic expert," Kingsley urged McGilvery instead to consider using Eleanor. She also knew the material. She could be very funny, Kingsley pointed out. "And I thought a woman could be more effective than a man."

The trial lasted three weeks, says McGilvery. "It was a *big* deal." Three expert witnesses testified for the defense. "One was a lovely, matronly young woman who taught English at a religious college on Point Loma," McGilvery says. The second was Robert Kirsch, the well-known *Los Angeles Times* literary critic. The third, Eleanor, was the only one about whom he felt a bit nervous, McGilvery confides. "She was an archetypal New York Jewish intellectual, and she rubbed many people the wrong way."

"But she kept her cool," the bookseller says, "and she was incredibly articulate. Both she and Kingsley could talk about something impromptu for 15 to 20 minutes and keep

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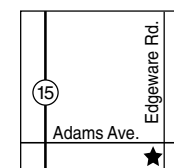
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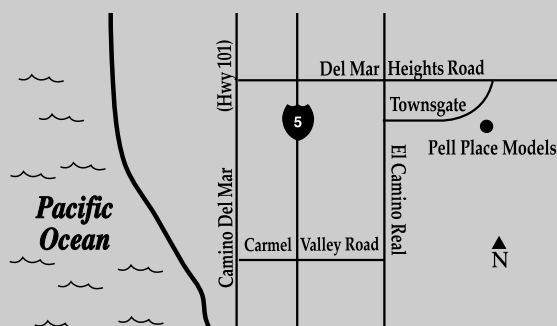
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it interesting and coherent. She handled it very well. And she produced *the* funniest moment in the trial," McGilvery says. The prosecutor, Martin Gutfleisch, was trying to embarrass her by having her read aloud portions of the novel, "and he was asking her things like, 'Would you let your sons read this?' " Eleanor had been on the stand for close to three hours, and she was reading a passage where Miller, the protagonist, describes meeting a woman in a dance hall, then dancing out into a passageway and trying to have sex with her. But Miller couldn't quite make the coupling work, though he tried it standing up, leaning against the wall, sitting in a phone booth. It was at this point that Eleanor deadpanned, "Just like Goldilocks and the Three Bears." The courtroom exploded in laughter. McGilvery says, "I do not know how Gutfleisch kept a straight face, because nobody else could. It was three minutes before he came back to Eleanor. She was like that. She was really fast on her feet."

The McGilverys were acquitted, the jury finding that *Tropic of Cancer* was not obscene under existing California law. "For several months after the trial, I received about equal shares of blame and praise for my role as defense witness," Eleanor wrote years afterward. "One woman accosted me at the beach to assure me that I would go down in history 'as the most unfeminine woman in the world.' And for as long as a year, my appearance at a concert or even at a supermarket would cause some people to whisper about me, referring to me as 'that obscenity woman.' "

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Semitism she'd encountered and the hate mail she received after her courtroom testimony. But love La Jolla Eleanor did, perhaps because she could walk to the places she needed to go to in the heart of "the Village." Kingsley had decided, "probably foolishly," he says, to give his wife more driving lessons after the couple settled in Southern California, but the second attempt also ended in disaster. "She ran into a signpost and injured her leg. She didn't break it, but she sprained her ankle and so on. Well, that finished her with driving... She

never tried it again."

To get to places beyond the Village, she needed chauffeuring, and that caused friction between them, Kingsley told me. Further tension resulted from the family's 1963 move to Israel, where Kingsley had a senior Fulbright appointment as a professor of literature at the University of Tel Aviv. Local children threw rocks at Matthew and Jonah on their way to and from school, and a series of fiascos bedeviled the family. After three months, Eleanor had had enough, says her ex-husband, and she

packed up and returned with the boys to La Jolla, leaving Kingsley to finish his academic commitment alone. He later took a series of visiting professorships at a number of other cities around the world, and in the early '70s he worked on setting up courses for sailors on aircraft carriers, a stint that took him throughout Asia. "But Eleanor wouldn't go on any of these trips, and it became a great source of conflict between us," Kingsley reflects.

Another was the subject of child rearing. They had "totally differ-

ent expectations. Totally different value systems," according to their son Matthew. "I was the first kid, and my dad was a lot more actively involved with me. He was an old-school Lutheran from Minnesota. So I had all sorts of rules. He didn't want a second child, and by the time my brother came along, he'd given up. So she pretty much raised [Jonah] on her own.... She kind of came from the hippie perspective of no punishment. She always bragged that she had never in her life said no to him. It was all positive

reinforcement. No negativity." One of the few rules, according to both sons, was that they address their parents as "Ellie" and "King." "My parents would not allow us to call them Mother and Father," Matthew says. "That was part of the '60s thing, you know. 'Oh, we're equals. We're buddies.'"

When I asked Jonah, who's as much a raconteur as his mother, what it was like to grow up as Eleanor's son, he called it "a unique experience." The Widmer household was a hotbed of radical politics, in his recollection. "[Herbert]

Marcuse came to my house and brought me dinner when I got expelled from the fourth grade for punching a kid who had a Nixon sticker," Jonah boasted. "I didn't have a fucking grape till I was 14 years old because that's how long the grape boycott lasted! My father was the president of the SDS [Students for a Democratic Society], the biggest left-wing movement there was!"

Kingsley acknowledges that he has long been a political radical. Although a combat veteran of World War II, he later refused to register



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for the draft (because he wasn't allowed to designate himself as a conscientious objector) and as a consequence served a few months in a maximum-security prison. He says he was the faculty advisor (not "the president") for the San Diego State University chapter of SDS and was deeply involved in the antiwar movement. "But Eleanor was not as active in politics as I was," he contends. "As a matter of fact, she was really a very traditional liberal. She corresponded with Eleanor Roosevelt, for example. And later she did some work for the Democratic Party. That sort of business."

One thing both father and son agree upon is the quality of Eleanor's memory. Her ex-husband describes it as eidetic. Jonah says, "Last year, two months before she died, my coworker's son was struggling with his

Shakespeare paper. I said, 'Oh, don't worry. I'll get this fixed in a second.' I called up my mother, and she said, 'Ohhh! I haven't read that in 50 years. But it goes like this,' and she started barking out quotes!" Jonah added that he was tested when he was around ten and was found to have an IQ of 195, "and that meant to my parents I was the third dumbest one in the family. This family was smart, smart people."

The intellectual fire-

power exploded at the dinner table. Jonah says when he had dinner at friends' homes and did not find their families fighting at the table, "I didn't think it was dinnertime. Because at my house, that's what dinner was — fighting over literature. And it would last two to three hours. Gourmet food and fighting over the interpretation of literature. I remember my father once saying, 'You have *Bartleby the Scrivener* completely wrong, you ignorant whore!' My

brother and I would look at each other and say, 'Oh, I guess he doesn't like his entrée.' " I wondered how good Eleanor's cooking was, and I found that the answer to that question depended on whom I asked. She was "a gourmet chef all the way," according to Jonah. "My typical lunch," he told me, "was a thermos full

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of lobster bisque and a crab Louis sandwich on homemade pumpernickel. Then I would come home and have rack of lamb with homemade mint sauce for my after-school snack. And she made

everything from scratch — rolled out her own noodles; never used a can of tomato sauce. None of that stuff! She would make stuffed cabbage just like her grandmother made, the old-fashioned way. She

would grind her own veal, from scratch.”

His older brother Matthew contends, “She was not a good cook at all.” “You’ve got to define your standards. I’m in the restaurant business, and to a person in the restaurant business, no, she was not a good cook. I mean, she made spaghetti. She’d throw a box of hamburger, three jars of tomato sauce, and two jars of mushrooms in, and that was spaghetti sauce.... And she only had, like, seven meals she would rotate. Until I was 19 years old, I thought all meat was dark gray in color. She never liked spices, had chronic heartburn, so she liked bland Jewish cooking.”

Kingsley says she cooked well “in a very freestyle way. She used to say, ‘All I need is imagination and a bent fork.’” Emulating her grandmother, “She never used a mixer or a Cuisinart or any other fancy gadgets,” her ex-husband says. Larry McGilvery, who along with his wife remained friends with the Widmers after the Miller trial, told me Eleanor “was a splendid cook. I don’t eat hamburger anymore, but she made the best hamburgers I ever tasted. It wasn’t just ground meat. There was other stuff in them.”

“I thought she was an excellent cook,” says Jonathan Saville, who dined at the Widmers’ table on many occasions. “She had a limited repertoire, but she did it terrifically. Persimmon pudding was one of her great things. Another was a chocolate cake with cherries. They were simply fabulous. And then she did Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas dinners, and things like that. It was not fancy French cooking or anything like that. It was good, solid, delicious, and very generous American cooking.”

Saville knew Eleanor from UCSD, where he had been hired in 1968 and she had started working in 1969 as a part-time faculty member, teaching English survey courses. When Saville became aware that the *Reader’s* editor and publisher, Jim Holman, was looking for a restaurant reviewer, the professor suggested his lively colleague. Holman says his first memory of Widmer is of the day she showed up

at the garage of the Nautilus Street house that served in 1974 as the *Reader’s* office. She was entering a small-images art contest the paper was sponsoring, but she also mentioned that she had written for the *Village Voice*. She later sent him clips of her work, and he asked her to try writing a restaurant review. The result — a visit to the Ballast Room in the Buffum’s department store in Fashion

Valley — ran July 4, 1974, under the headline, “Is It Granada I See or Only a Parking Lot...”

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*Dark Victory*, where the doomed heroine retires to the country with her doctor husband. In one scene where she is being heroic as only Davis can be, she flashes her bravest smile to George Brent and remarks, "The plates are very hot." Widmer also offered detailed advice for cooking the Ballast Room's "perennial favorite" lunch item (a triple-decker sandwich deep-fried in oil) at home.

Two weeks later, another piece by Widmer appeared, this one offering readers the first glimpse of the literary vein she would mine so heavily in the years to come. "As I learned at my grandmother's knee, the basic rule for the

blintz is a thin crepe bursting with filling," she announced in assessing the brunch at the Hotel del Coronado's Crown Room (whose blintzes she dismissed as "a travesty"). Soon her critiques appeared weekly. Holman paid her only \$10 or \$15 per column, plus her dining expenses. At 50 she still couldn't drive, so she had to inveigle a friend or family member into picking her up at her house in La Jolla, conveying her to the restaurant, paying for his or her own meal (since the *Reader* paid only for Widmer's), then taking her home. Because she didn't drink, she couldn't evaluate wines. She disliked strong

spices and despised Mexican food (according to her sons), but she concealed that and other prejudices and tackled the job with energy.

Her adventurous-

ness impressed Holman. At his urging, she visited a jail, a school cafeteria, a skid-row chow line. She ventured south of the border, occasionally ranging far from Revolución. "I remember her trying a tiny restaurant above the cemetery in Tijuana that served goat and quail," Holman says.

From Widmer's perspective, the column

***She was hitchhiking in La Jolla when none other than Michael Copley, the son adopted by publishing magnate James Copley, picked her up.***

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gave her a forum to write — not only about food but about herself, and as she settled into the job, she shamelessly mixed the two topics. She began a 1978 review of a restaurant called

Monique's on Rosecrans by informing her readers that she had just prepared a nine-course Passover feast "using as my equipment a broken fork whose tines show the wear of pulverizing chicken livers, a 99-cent old-fashioned chopper, identical to the one my grandmother used, and a one-sided grater which I've had for these 20 years." When she'd told this to a friend, she wrote, the friend had exclaimed that even Julia Child used a Cuisinart at times.

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Her family and friends, past and present, became fodder for the column, as Widmer conjured up the spirit of her nurturing Bubby, her charismatic father, and her twittering Aunt Bertha (whom she fictionalized as an outrageous present-day din-

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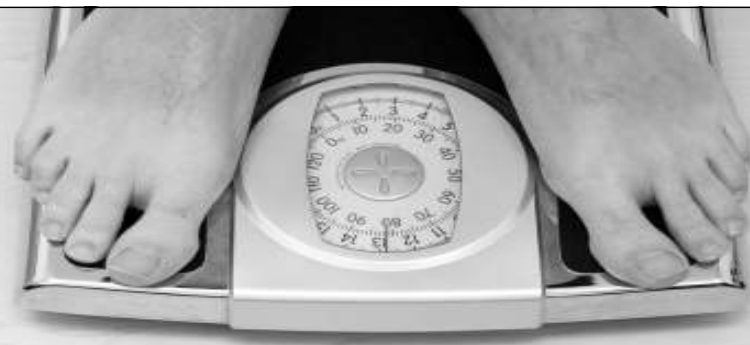


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ing companion). Even her "lame and battered" adopted dog, Baryshnikov, turned up upon occasion, as did her "redwoods" (Widmer's sentimental term for her two lanky sons). The vivid personal anecdotes might have overshadowed her sometimes sketchy reviews of the restaurant, but those Widmer bolstered with jaunty certainty. Advice about what to eat and how to optimize one's dining experience she delivered with the classic Jewish mother's knowing confidence. Of Effendi, a Turkish restaurant in Mission Beach: "Do not be put off by the bar directly downstairs which reveals, among other sights, pubescent girls baring their midribs over grimy jeans and spaced-out characters discussing metaphysics in the basic

vocabulary of four-letter words. I've been there twice and one of my friends (a sociologist) remarked that he didn't fear that anyone would break into his car as much as that it would be spat upon." Of L'Escargot, one of



*Eleanor Widmer, c. 1970*

Widmer's longtime La Jolla favorites: "Be sure to inquire about the cost of the nightly specials. They are seductive to the ear when they are recited

by the waiter, but it is not bad manners to ask about the cost rather than suffer pangs of regret later."

Popular with readers, Widmer on a number of occasions turned to subjects that had nothing to do with dining. Perhaps her biggest journalistic coup was her discovery that the suntanned and athletic young man who picked her up one day when she was hitchhiking in La Jolla was none other than Michael Copley, the son adopted by publishing magnate James Copley and his first wife Jean. At the time, Michael and his sister Janice were embroiled in a lawsuit charging Helen Copley and her son David with fraud and fiduciary irresponsibility in their handling of James's estate. Widmer persuaded Michael to talk to her about his

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bleak childhood and icy exclusion at the hands of Helen, and the resulting article ("Slow Fall from Foxhill," July 6, 1978) offered some of the first published insight into the Copleys' tortured family affairs.

In that article, Widmer kept her own eccentric persona to a minimum, but in other feature stories, it flickered, inextinguishable. In 1979 she persuaded the legendary psychologist Carl Rogers to grant her an interview, but when her taxi was late arriving at his hillside La Jolla home, the 77-year-old father of encounter groups "was crotchety," she reported, and reprimanded her for her tardy arrival. When she later became aware that another interviewer had arrived, she asked to meet with Rogers again, prompting him to complain, "Why did you tell

me it would only take an hour?"

She replied, "Interviews are organic.... If you're with someone who has little to say, it takes less than an hour. In this case, I still have many questions to ask." (Rogers relented and seemed in a more "receptive mood" on her return visit, although Widmer, long the devotee of protracted Freudian psychotherapeutic excavations, could not suppress her disdain for the more streamlined Rogerian approach.)

As another journalistic project, she set her sights on bon vivant Jack Viator, the 64-year-old heir to the Jell-O fortune and onetime publisher of *San Diego Magazine*. Widmer met with him at his La Jolla home on several occasions, the most memorable of which was a

sunny day in November. Here's her description of what transpired:

"Our appointment is for two o'clock, and I am told to be prompt because at three, Jack is having a massage. Nevertheless, I wait ten minutes in the living room before Jack ambles in draped in a yellow terrycloth robe. 'Let's sit in the patio,' he suggests. 'I want to get some sun.'

"I acquiesce," Widmer continued, "though I am wearing a wool turtleneck sweater that I donned earlier in the morning when the weather was nippy. Although I keep my back to the sun, I am uncomfortably hot. Jack Viator discards his robe, and with his swimming shorts tucked beneath his paunch, he suns his mellow belly. Licking his teeth and making a grimace that is half smile, half protest, he tells me

that his autobiography, *Instant Dessert*, is in the process of revision, and hence he is reluctant to duplicate anything which may appear in his book." But she presses him, and Viator discourses on his youth, oblivious to Widmer's increasing physical discomfort. Finally, she asks "whether I can remove my sweater." She then goes into his bathroom, strips off her turtleneck, wraps a bath towel around her considerable bosom, and returns to the interview. "Jack blinks into the sun and goes right on talking" about his blind date with Joan Crawford in 1955 during which Crawford got drunk on 100-proof vodka. Then, "It's three o'clock and time for Jack's massage. Slowly he walks out of the patio, into the graceful shade of his house and leaves me [to]

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Along with the journalistic triumphs, the second half of the 1970s dealt Widmer two personal setbacks. Her marriage to Kingsley had eroded to the point that “they were the Bickersons,” says one friend from that era. “They squabbled about everything. They were at their best squabbling when they were at the dinner table. They would be arguing about F. Scott Fitzgerald or something like that, and it was exciting. There was vigor and vehemence in the discussion but not malice. But they also had fights about how to bring up the

children and about money and about everything else, in which there was an underlying sense that these were two people who were at cross-grains.”

In 1977 Kingsley informed his wife that he was having an affair with a state legislator in Oklahoma (where Kingsley had had a couple of academic sojourns). The Widmers separated, and Eleanor at first was furious at being discarded for another woman. But Kingsley agreed to give her the house they had bought on Soledad Avenue, an ungainly multileveled structure set into a steep hillside. By the time their divorce was final two years later,

she was ready to move on, according to Jonah. “She used to kiss the wall when she walked into the house, [relieved] that he wasn’t there,” he says.

Her departure from the UCSD teaching staff the year before was another source of disappointment. Although Widmer had been hired on a year-to-year basis, with no expectation of tenure, she expressed indignation when the literature department in 1976 declined to make her a permanent member of the faculty. But “she had not published, and there was no evidence she was going to publish or be a scholar or anything like that,” one former colleague

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told me. Another added that she also "was not liked" by her fellow faculty members. "She behaved like a hippie, though she was some decades older than the students who were such. She taught in a loose and much too permissive way." The source added that Widmer's case also was not helped by the fact that she was championed by Jonathan Saville, who by that point had become alienated from many of his colleagues in the literature department.

I heard a different evaluation of Widmer's teaching from Dan McLeod, the Widmers' former neighbor on Coast Boulevard. McLeod had gone on to get his Ph.D. in literature, and by the early 1960s he'd joined the faculty at San Diego State. He says after Widmer failed to get tenure at UCSD, she was hired to teach writing

and English classes at SDSU. "I would have let her teach anything she wanted to teach," adds McLeod, who became the department chairman a year or two after Widmer began there. "Her overwhelming love for students and equally overwhelming enthusiasm for just about everything interesting in life characterizes her for me," McLeod said. While at SDSU, "She was among the most popular faculty members," he contends, "both with other faculty as well as

students."

Several former students told me they had fond memories of her as a teacher. Russ Lewis took a magazine-article writing class from Widmer in the spring of 1981. He says Widmer's lively presentations often reminded him of a *Saturday Night Live* skit. "She loved to talk. Sometimes on topic, sometimes not." Widmer urged Lewis to submit one of his stories to the *Reader*, and when it was accepted, she took him out for ice cream to cele-

brate. "She told me, 'I couldn't be prouder unless it happened to one of my own progeny,'" Lewis recalls. Widmer also later recommended him for a proofreading job at the *Reader*, a job he still

holds today.

Greg Llacer didn't know that Widmer would be his professor when he signed up in 1980 for an evening advanced composition class, one of his general-education requirements.

"It was one of those situations where they don't tell you who the instructor is," he says. "So I went into the room, and when she said, 'My name is Eleanor Widmer,' I nearly fell out of my chair. Because I was a

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huge *Reader* fan, in all ways, from my junior year in high school. I thought, 'Eleanor Widmer! Oh my God!'

I asked Llacer (who today is a fellowship-program director at Harvard) what he recalled about Widmer's teaching style, and he replied, "Eleanor taught through storytelling.... To be successful in her class, I think, you would have to allow osmosis to kick in so you could somehow absorb the elements that made her speaking style so captivating: the ability to spin a yarn in narrative form, to create a scene you could replay in your head, to keep the story moving through time — all of those

things."

Not long after Llacer's class with her began, Widmer announced one night, "Listen, I need someone to drive me." She explained to the students that she lived in La Jolla and was having a difficult time getting to SDSU. Llacer says since he was living in University City at the time, he volunteered. "That's how it all started. It was very much a *Driving Miss Daisy* kind of thing."

He also stepped forward when Widmer decided she needed help preparing her weekly restaurant column. "She had this battered old typewriter that was on its last legs," he recalls.

His part-time job at UCSD made it easy to help her out. "I would get her copy on Sunday night, then go to my office [at UCSD] and type it up and fix things. It was very minor editing. I don't think she ever knew." He deposited the typed manuscript at her door, and the next morning someone from the *Reader* would pick it up. Llacer thinks Widmer at first paid him \$15 per column, later \$20. But it was costing him just \$350 to live in the studio cottage he had moved to a block off the beach on the salt flats in Del Mar. Furthermore, "Just knowing her added a completely different

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Llacer typed more than the columns. He says Widmer was always working on other writing projects, such as a novel called “The Woman’s State,” which he typed in the cottage one summer on an IBM Selectric. As he recalls, “It was about how Las Vegas was going to be reconfigured as a state just for women.” Llacer says he found the story “very interesting.... It was weird, but it had all the elements she was interested in. It had feminism. It had politics. It had romance. It had everything. It was a little bit irreverent. That’s very much a part of her private self. She was very irreverent.”

Llacer says the first time he accompanied Widmer to a restaurant was in the fall of 1980. Their destination was the Kaiserhof, which had opened near the Waring exit off Interstate 8. Llacer’s sister went along for the adventure, and “We got all dressed up for it,” Greg recalls. “I didn’t know what to expect.” What they got was “a truly awful experience.” After being kept waiting for a table and turning up their noses at an insipid French onion soup, they found the sauerbraten served to Greg’s sister appalling. “You really couldn’t swallow it without gagging,” Widmer later reported to her readers. “All three of us tried it and all three of us agreed — something was terribly wrong with this dish.” When they reported to their waiter that it was inedible, he summoned the hostess, who snapped, “We reserve the right not to seat people. We don’t ever want you to come back to this restaurant again.”

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accompanied Widmer in the years that followed to countless meals at countless other restaurants. Restaurants were “where the oxy-moronic side of Dr. Widmer resided,” he told me. (Throughout their more than 20-year-long relationship, he always called her Dr. Widmer.) On one hand, she wanted her identity to be secret “because she wanted to maintain that level of confidence in her readers that she was doing a good job.” But on the other hand, she was a public figure whom people often recognized. Llacer says it made for many awkward moments. “For instance, she would tell me to ask people about how things were prepared. I felt ridiculous doing that, because here I was, this college-age guy, asking about how a sauce was prepared.

College-age guys don't care about things like that.” He remembers a Russian food festival in Bird Rock to which he accompanied Widmer and Saville. On that occasion, “Another reviewer came in and said, ‘Oh, hello, Eleanor!’ And she just shriveled up like a snail and went, ‘Shhhh!’ It was really hilarious. There was always this weird tension about being on a mission but also being recognizable.”

Llacer didn't find her aversion to spicy food peculiar. “She knew what she was resistant to,” he says, but at the same time, “She really was trying to be conscientious.” Her solution was to have him order spicy dishes and report his opinion to her. “I loved spicy food, so I was more than willing to be her guinea pig,” he says.

“And she would always try to taste it too, but then her constitution would just fall away, and she couldn't tolerate it.”

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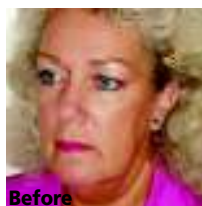
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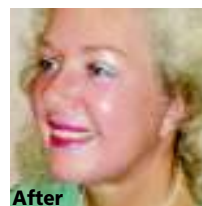
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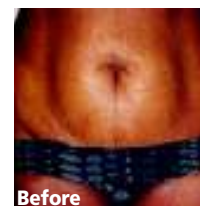
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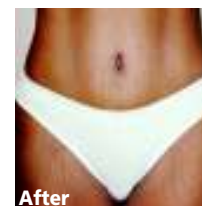
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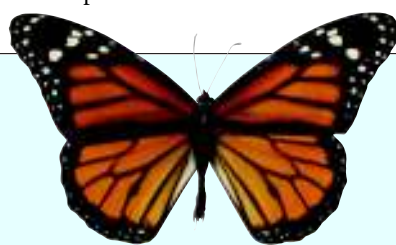
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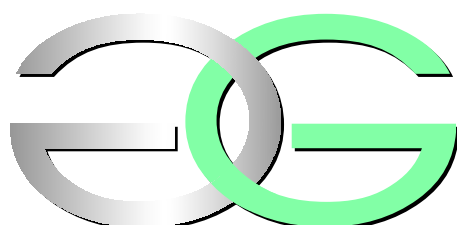
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and other insights. "So I learned about food in a way I am certain I otherwise would not have."

When Widmer in the mid-1980s began hosting a weekly two-hour radio program on KSDO, that became another learning experience for Llacer, who not only drove her to the station but also served as the show's producer. "Basically, I would answer the phones and get an idea of what the question was or try to help the caller focus the question." Along with others

who listened to Widmer's radio appearances (which in the '90s shifted to KPBS), Llacer was awestruck by her prodigious memory. "She had this amazing capacity to recover knowledge," he says. Although she brought a little card file to the station, she rarely used it, and then only to check phone numbers and street addresses, "as opposed to what she thought about the place or what they served. She provided really valuable information. People loved the show."

Those radio sessions sometimes thrust Widmer and Llacer into the sort of burlesque adventures they got entangled in while dining out. Llacer recalls a time when the owners of a local restaurant, enraged by a critical review, were trying to obtain a photograph of Widmer. One Sunday, Llacer and she had parked in front of the KSDO station in Normal Heights and were walking up to the building. "This was during a time where she was really trying to

protect her identity," Llacer says. "She had this babushka kerchief that she would wear over her head, and she would take off her glasses, so I had to guide her along the sidewalk very slowly." It also was during a period when Widmer was talking about local pizzerias, so "we were bringing a pizza every week to the radio station." Llacer was holding a pizza in one hand and leading Widmer with the other, when a man approached with a camera. "I had to put the pizza down and kind of push my hands in front of his face." Someone at the radio station's door called out encouragement to Widmer, who stumbled in that direction, while

Llacer continued to fend off the paparazzo. Llacer says he also accompanied Widmer to Channel 10 on a couple of occasions in the 1990s, when she began offering restaurant commentary on the television station. "That was kind of hilarious because she was wearing this ridiculous wig." The TV version of Widmer seemed "a little too weird" to Llacer, he says. "In my mind, she was great for radio because she had this character you could picture in your mind even over the airwaves." Widmer's radio persona also captivated Laura Buxton. The longtime local newscaster says listening to Widmer on KSDO made her think of "someone's

marvelously intelligent, eccentric aunt who had this encyclopedic knowledge of local restaurants and cuisine," and when Widmer later became a regular on Channel 10's *Inside San Diego* (which Buxton hosted with Bill Griffith), "I adored her." Buxton bursts into laughter remembering Widmer's reaction to silent signals to wrap up her presentation. "I see our time is up!" she would trill. And her voice would get high," Buxton recalls. "Thank you, darling." My darlings' — that was her catchphrase.... She was so nontelevision — which made her perfect for television. McCluhan would have loved her, I think."

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friends. One of her "all-time favorite Eleanor memories" is of attending with Widmer a performance of Chekhov's *Cherry Orchard* at the La Jolla Playhouse. During the intermission, Buxton says Widmer held the occupants of the surrounding rows spellbound, "regaling them, enchanting them, with fundamental insights into Russian literature and the development of Chekovian character and what a cool guy he was and how we all would have loved him." The two also attended ballets together, and "we

always talked about breast cancer."

In 1987, Widmer had discovered a pea-sized lump in her right breast. When a biopsy found it to be cancerous, she had both her breasts removed (the left one to prevent future tumors from developing in it). Subsequent testing found no spread of the cancer to her lymph nodes, so she needed neither radiation nor chemotherapy. What she did need was to tell others about what had happened to her. She wrote about it in the *Reader* in March 1990. ("Although I was married, had two

sons, acquired advanced degrees, and enjoyed an exciting career, I often defined myself in terms of my breasts," she confessed in the first sentence. "Whenever I saw Marilyn Monroe on the screen, I thought, 'Well, she's got nothing on me.'") Later that year, she was still talking about it, I can attest. I remember dropping something off at her home one day and having her whip off her blouse and prosthetic bra to show me her scars. Then she insisted on digging out an old photo, taken when she was topless, to illustrate

the magnitude of her loss.

She was still talking about her missing breasts when Charles Kaufman met her early in 1995. Kaufman had opened his Hillcrest bakery, Bread and Cie, a few months earlier, and he says he was baking there one morning when he heard that Eleanor Widmer was on the premises. "At that time," Kaufman says, "Eleanor Widmer was not [just] part of the critical food community. She was *the* food critic in San Diego. She had her column in the *Reader* and her KPBS weekend-after-

noon radio show. She had a TV segment." She'd written several guidebooks to local dining. Kaufman says when he approached her table, she grabbed his hand and placed it on her left breast. "Feel this!" he says she demanded. Kaufman tries to mimic Widmer's unmistakable voice, but all that comes through is the strong New York accent. "I had cancer. This is a fake boob. I should be dead now. Don't I look great? I'm so hot, and by the way, your bread's great."

The uninhibited wackiness enchanted

Kaufman, and he wound up on her list of chauffeur-dining companions. "She would tell these fantastic stories about her past. And you would never really know if they were true or not. But just when you thought, 'Oh, she's stretching things,' or 'she's full of it,' something would come up and you'd learn, for example, yes, she *was* the first Jew to move into La Jolla." Widmer "was certainly intrigued with herself, to say the least," Kaufman acknowledges. "Her three favorite topics were food, film, and herself, and not necessarily in that order."

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Sometimes instead of talking, she would launch into song. "She thought she had the most fantastic voice. She would sing old classic standards, which I love, at full voice, singing very romantically and staring into my eyes."

Kaufman says sometimes Widmer would telephone him and announce, "I've got terrific news for you! I'm gonna bring a poem [that she had written] to read. And I'd think, 'Ah shit. I've got to listen to this.'" Over dinner, when Widmer read the

poem, "It would inevitably end up with her crying, 'cause she was so emotionally affected by it. *But* —" here Kaufman leans forward for emphasis — "the poems were great! Inevitably, they would get me too!"

Over time, Kaufman came to believe that Widmer had "an amazing brain." Upon occasion, "when I could get her not to talk about herself," he confided in her about business decisions he was facing, and he found "she was remarkable.

She could grasp a situation remarkably fast. Looking back, the advice that she gave me was always good. Which was amazing. To speak to her on a normal basis, you wouldn't expect that." Widmer also was very smart about "basic things," Kaufman asserts, citing how, as her health worsened, she came to the bakery to buy bread more often. (He says she was "always meticulous" about not accepting any without payment.) He found out she was buying the

bread for her doctors. "And she said, 'In order to get good doctor treatment, you have to make sure they know you are a human being and you have a life and kids and you're giving something.'"

Widmer could be "a delight one moment and a nightmare the next," according to Larry Rinehart, who knew her for almost 20 years. Back in the mid-1980s, Rinehart owned a little Encinitas restaurant called Rinehart and Co. Jonah had discovered it, and when he brought

his mother in, "Eleanor and I clicked," Rinehart says. "She was like the ultimate New York bubbly." The effect of a rave review from her could be "amazing," Rinehart recalls. "She could put lines out your door. She could ring your phone off the hook. And some people loved her for it, and some people resented her."

Rinehart thought her "divine...a creature who, if you got her on your team, ceaselessly promoted you." Right from the start, she loved

his cooking. Widmer might be on the radio, he says, and she'd say, "At the Blah-Blah-Blah Grill Stop, they serve a profiterole — but it's nothing compared to Larry's at Rinehart and Co.' That kind of thing. She would just slip it in all over."

When Rinehart closed his restaurant and became a caterer, Widmer wrote "a huge story" on a sit-down dinner he prepared for 800-plus attendees of the Jewel Ball. "I believe that's when her editor said, 'Okay, enough of

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this guy.' At least that's what she told me." Rinehart says he didn't mind; he says he'd considered all the good publicity she'd given him "a lovely little gift."

Rinehart became yet another of Widmer's dinner mates. "She saw everything in 15 different layers, all the time," he found. "It was like the world was a novel, and if she didn't particularly care for where the world was going, she would rewrite the chapter. She was hysterical. There were times when we would laugh to the point of near-peeing because she would be carrying on."

I asked him what he thought of her critical skills, and he replied, "I thought she needed coaching. She was very fastidious about flavors and blends and appropriateness, but it all came

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Rinehart says his dining experiences with Widmer thus "were very much about 'No, no, no. Don't look at that. Pay attention to this, and understand that in order to do this, they had to blanch and chill and then peel and juli-

enne and then sauté. It may look casual on your plate, but there's work here.' And she got it. She always got it," he says. At that same time, she never lost her preference for classic preparations.

Rinehart was not the only one aware of Widmer's critical limitations. By the 1990s, *Reader* publisher Jim Holman had become uncomfortable with the formulaic quality of Widmer's columns, and a succession of editors began to question the accuracy of her reporting and the floridity of her descriptions. Widmer often lashed back in anger at attempts to prod her into change. In 1998 Holman informed the 74-year-old columnist that he was cutting her column back to biweekly, while not reducing her pay. (By then

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The shrinking of her once-exclusive domain was hard for her to swallow, and it came at a time when other aspects of her life were growing bleak. Her health, never good, was deteriorating, and her relationship with her son Matthew had turned poisonous. Kingsley Widmer says the tastes and preferences of his ex-wife and his firstborn son set them at odds. Matthew collected guns, loved sports, and had a tolerance for Republican politics, all of which Eleanor found appalling.

"But that was not the central core of our friction," Matthew told me by phone from his home in Camarillo. The central core was his two daughters, whom Eleanor tried to indoctrinate with her religion, according to Matthew. He says whereas Eleanor had been a "sloppy Reformed" Jew in her youth, "in her older age, she became a hard-core proponent of Judaism, incredibly hard-core. And that was a huge source of friction because I didn't want my kids to be raised in that faith."

His mother's "narcissism" and extreme vanity furthermore limited her ability to relate to the girls, Matthew says. "Her whole life's goal was seeking publicity, having her voice on the radio, her face on TV," he asserted. "She wanted to be bigger than life, so she would try to insert herself into as many situations as possible. She was Auntie Mame-ish. She loved that role of Auntie Mame." This made her "a horrible mother and a godawful grandmother — the worst grandmother possible," Matthew contends. When she did visit with

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his daughters, "All she would do is lecture them about herself. They would have a two-hour visit, and she wouldn't ask them a single question. I've had people come in [to his restaurant in Ventura] and say, 'Oh, your mother says she lives and dies for the grandchildren,' and I go, 'You know, she hasn't seen them once in two years. She doesn't even know what grade they're in.' " If anyone had asked her about the girls' interests she would have fabricated something, he says, "because she had no idea who they were."

"She was not a morally centered person, so she would make stuff up to make herself look good," Matthew believes. He says she and his brother, Jonah, "were cut from the same cloth, as far as their moral centers. So

they both thought I was ultra-right-wing. Reactionary. Too much of a disciplinarian. Not a free spirit." Matthew protests he's not any "Christian ultra-right-wing dude. When I say 'family values,' I don't mean George Bush's family values. But I don't believe in divorce. I believe in a strong nuclear family. I really think kids take top priority. And I don't have any interest in fame whatsoever.... I'm really the opposite side of the coin from my mother.

"I'm the only one in my family with a successful marriage, kids, money," Matthew declared. "In the Widmer family, that makes you a total out-cast." He told me he didn't enjoy maligning his mother. "But since I've always been the out-cast, being the embittered son is no big deal.

Just the truth is what I care about."

Still dissatisfied with Widmer's column, Holman decided in September 2000 that he no longer wanted Widmer to write for the *Reader*. Since she had always worked as an independent contractor, rather than as an employee, she had no pension, but Holman informed her he would pay half her salary for the rest of her life. "It seemed like the just thing to do," he says.

Widmer was devastated by losing her long-time forum, a loss that coincided with the end of her radio and television stints. "She felt really betrayed," says Rich Wise, the local publicist-turned-travel-planner who was Widmer's friend for many years. Restaurateurs who had lavished attention upon her stopped calling,

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according to Wise and others. "She lost a lot of her friends when she stopped reviewing, because she was a high-maintenance friend," Kaufman says.

"All of the contacts started slipping away because the power wasn't there anymore," Rinehart says, who adds that Widmer seemed to grow more fragile and needier. "There was a big part of me that felt truly sad for her," the caterer says. "It was like, 'Oh, you poor thing. How could everybody just leave you?'" At the same time, Rinehart says he could understand the temptation to avoid her. "Asking Eleanor a question could get you into two hours.... It was just too much information that would come out of her." Spending an evening with her could leave him depressed for a day and a half, he says. Loyalty kept him from abandoning Widmer altogether, but Rinehart says he did scale back his contact with her.

At a time when she was more isolated than she had ever been in her life, Widmer developed a blood disease, called Factor V Leiden, that made her vulnerable to life-threatening clots. But "whereas everybody else's parents get a horrible disease and they're bedridden and they're just waiting to die, my mother wrote two novels," Jonah bragged. He says he found one manuscript scattered around her bedroom after she died. "She called it 'Insomniac Nights.' It's all about being a transplanted New Yorker in California and not being able to sleep." He says the parts he's read recall the tone of Woody Allen's writing.

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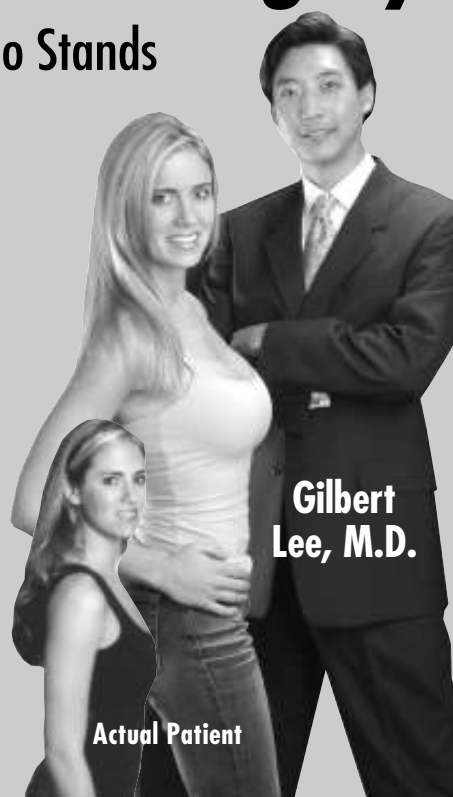
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East Side of Eleanor's childhood. A project that she took up in earnest once she was relieved of her weekly deadlines, every word of it was written in long-hand, according to Jonah, with Eleanor sitting in bed and supporting her paper on the brown board she first began using as a girl. Jonah would come down from Santa Barbara on weekends and take what she'd written to a typist. He says the final manuscript exceeded 600 pages.

Eleanor got a local literary agent to submit the ponderous tome to Bantam (a part of Random House), and toward the end of 2003, she received the news that the publisher was interested. In the holiday card she sent out to friends that December, Eleanor exulted, "My novel, 'Up from Orchard

Street' will be published by Random House within the year." She added that her new editor ("highly intelligent and enthusiastic") wanted to see her trim the book's length by 150 pages, "so I have my work cut out for me."

Eleanor's frustrations with the ensuing cuts drove her to chug a quart of Maalox a day, Jonah claims. But in the end, unwilling to jeopardize the achievement of her lifelong goal, she yielded to editorial demands. The book that resulted, published this past August, is 385 pages long. On the dust jacket is a reproduction of George Wesley Bellows's *Cliff Dwellers*, a 1913 portrayal of New York tenement life. Immigrants, mostly women, jam the scene, hanging out windows, pinning up laundry, clutching infants to

their breasts. Amid the poverty, there's a vitality that Widmer also captures in her text. Here's her description of a hat store owned by the father of one character: "The store itself was a marvel: gleaming wooden shelves, dozens and dozens of hats stacked one on top of another: derbies, fedoras, snap-brims, hats made from real fur, beaver hats fit for a Czar, curly gray Persian lamb hats with side flaps that generals sported in movies, top hats for the opera. During the summer Mr. Mathias displayed stiff straw skimmers with tricolored hatbands, soft Panamas with perforations for air at the crown, caps for boating, caps for golf, white visors for tennis. Everything we knew about sports — and it was painfully lit-

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tle because on the Lower East Side handball reigned: slapping a hard ball against an equally hard wall — we learned from the Mathias Hat Company. My father, considered a paragon of sartorial splendor, always bought his fedoras — worn with the brim turned down on all sides — at Mathias.”

It’s a lusty world that Elka (as the book’s narrator is called) inhabits. Her father indulges in sexual dalliances at the store where he works, and the children think nothing of this. “If his female customer was pretty and vulnerable, if she blushed when he asked her how it felt to be beautiful, if he told her she looked stunning and began to remove her junk jewelry, or remarked that the color of her new garment did

not make her skin look sallow — if she seemed receptive, then he maneuvered her into the broom closet, or onto the table in the alteration room and slipped it in and out as quickly as possible.” Then Jack would run home to report to his mother that he had had a “nosh.” Bubby in turn assured the children “that the incident meant nothing, like passing a little water.” She might caution them not to tell their mother, but her mother “accepted the double standard without question,” Widmer writes. “Few who lived on the Lower East Side understood the meaning of repression or Puritanism; the most ardent Catholic women in Little Italy accepted sex and violence as twin aspects of human existence.”

Although the char-

acters in Widmer’s novel might be familiar to readers of her restaurant reviews, in some ways the novel differs from the facts of her family’s history. The fictional family consists of only two children, not the three in Eleanor’s real family. Although Eleanor’s true Bubby lived in the Orchard Street apartment all her life (according to Jonah), Eleanor has the fictional Bubby and her offspring leave their cramped and reeking apartment behind them to occupy an elegant new flat on Grand Street. Still, Jonah claims the book is “96 percent autobiographical.”

He says it seemed to take an eternity for Bantam’s editors to sign off on Eleanor’s revisions. By the fall of 2004, still waiting for their approval, his mother had reached a

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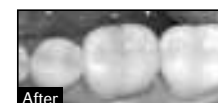
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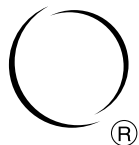
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point where she couldn't get out of bed without assistance. Fueled by chocolate, her appetite for books seemed boundless. "I would bring her seven novels, and she'd call me three days later and give me her critique of them," Jonah claims. "And I would think, 'Jesus Christ! I can't keep up!' She would read them faster than I could buy them. She would read 1500 to 2000 pages a day. She didn't sleep."

Classic movies still enthralled her, and she would watch favorites such as *Double Indemnity*, *Notorious*, and *Some Like It Hot* over and over, Jonah says. (Her longtime housekeeper had by then moved into the house on Soledad Avenue to care for Widmer full-time.) Eleanor also gobbled up

every episode of *Sex in the City*. "I used to tape [them] for her and mail her the tapes," says publicist Jan Percival, another longtime friend.

Percival told me she liked to call Eleanor when embarking on a long hike or freeway drive, considering how time-consuming Eleanor's monologues could be. But she also visited the ailing 80-year-old on occasion, as did other friends. Teddy Pincus, Eleanor's roommate from her earliest days in California, stayed in touch. "We'd have these long phone conversations," Pincus says. "It was all one-sided. My husband would walk in, and I'd be saying, 'Oh, really?' 'Uh-huh,' 'No!' and after a while, he'd say, 'You're talking to Eleanor.'" Despite her friend's self-absorption,

"She was like extended family," Pincus says. "We were close." Pincus says the last time she saw Eleanor, a few weeks before her death, "She looked just awful. She was terribly bloated, and she couldn't even get up to go to the bathroom by herself. Someone would have to lift her and carry her in. She really looked horrendous. But when I'd come, she'd want to talk for an hour or two. Oh, yeah. She talked about the book and how furious she was with the editor and this and that."

Her old friend Rich Wise brought her chocolate that he picked up in the course of his travels. "Her favorite was from Biarritz, France," he says. "There was a store called Henriette. She said, 'That's the best.'" Wise says the last time he saw Widmer, they talked

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about the book party he planned to organize to celebrate her book's release. "Larry [Rinehart] was going to do the catering." Wise also marveled that Eleanor still was having weekly sessions with her longtime psychoanalyst. "That just blew me away! I said, 'Eleanor, tell me your problems! Why are you going to a shrink?'"

Not all her contacts from the food world abandoned her. Vita Sorrentino continued to visit her, as did Kaufman and Rinehart. Jeffrey Strauss, the owner of Pamplemousse, sent her

Passover foods.

Larry McGilvery, who had published one of Widmer's four guide-books, never ceased being impressed by her generosity. He says one example occurred around 2002, when he was recovering from a knee operation. When Widmer learned that he had no VCR, "lo and behold, my daughter came by a day or two later with one that Eleanor had had her go buy for us — and some movies. I still have it. It's Eleanor's Memorial VCR."

"I have good friends whom I treasure as

much as I do Eleanor who disliked her intensely. Because she was so strong a personality," McGilvery says. "Women, in particular, found her overbearing, or maybe overwhelming would be a better word." But he continued to enjoy his interactions with her. A week or two before Widmer died, "She had a friend from Denmark who'd come to visit her, and I went over there and spent the evening with them," McGilvery says. "She was on oxygen, not all the time, but she had to be taking it in between times. And we had a

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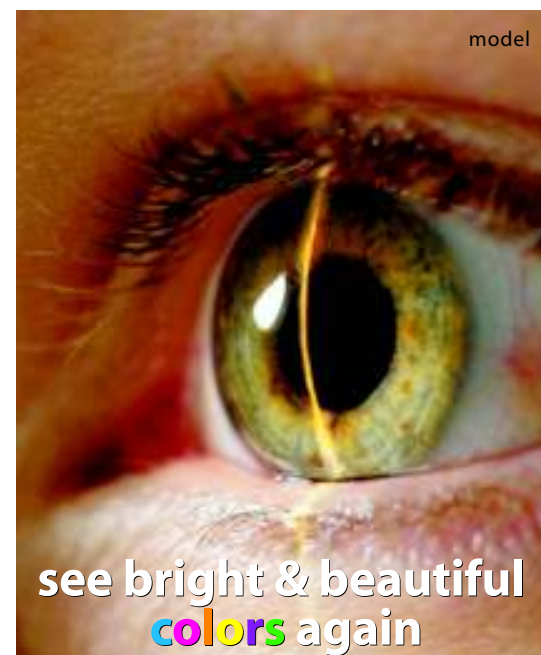
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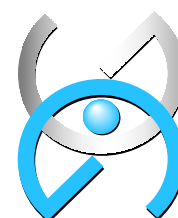
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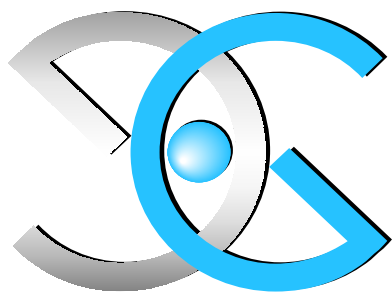
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marvels.

The last time McGilvery saw Widmer was on November 6, 2004, a Saturday evening. He called to say hello, and her housekeeper's boyfriend answered. "He didn't speak much English, but

I asked him about Eleanor, and he said she had gone to Scripps Hospital. This was nine-thirty or ten o'clock at night."

McGilvery drove to the hospital and found that Jonah was there. Jonah informed him that Eleanor was being prepared for a surgical procedure, an attempt to keep more blood clots from moving to her heart. McGilvery had a brief word with Eleanor and says she whispered to him, asking how he knew she was in the hospital. After he told her, he wished her well. "I never saw her again."

Eleanor survived the procedure, but her doctor told Jonah her prognosis looked grim. Jonah says he telephoned Matthew on Sunday, advising him to come as soon as possible. Although Matthew didn't make the trip that day, Jonah says Eleanor

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remained hopeful that her elder son would drive down the next day; she sent Jonah home Sunday night with instructions to bring back her lipstick and hairbrush.

But the next morning, when Jonah arrived at the hospital, he found Eleanor unconscious and on a respirator. Her doctors offered no hope for her recovery. Jonah says he learned that Matthew had shown up but had left. Matthew says that he was there when Jonah arrived and that he and his brother sat out front and smoked a few cigarettes together, then went in to see their mother one last time. Both agree that it was Jonah who ordered the doctors to disconnect the respirator. "We believe in death with dignity in our family," Jonah says. "We don't do that life-by-machine

thing."

Widmer's cardiologist, Dr. George Dennish, says the cause of Widmer's death was multiple blood clots in her lungs. She'd been taking blood thinners for a long time, but "she had gotten to a point over a period of weeks or even some months where we could not get her to come into the office as often as she should have," the doctor says. Dennish says he went to Widmer's house on a few occasions, but she needed lab tests she wasn't getting. "For her to call somebody to take her into the office, for example, was going to cost her, like, \$500 to \$800, so she wouldn't come in. She was living in her bed.... It was sad, but she was a very unique individual, and she marched to her own drum."

After his mother

died, Jonah says he made no move to organize a memorial service because he worried that Bantam might cancel the publication of *Up from Orchard Street* if it learned that the book's author had died. Eleanor had received a third of her advance just weeks before her death, and a second installment was expected shortly. (Although Jonah told me the advance totaled \$36,000, Eleanor's editor at Bantam, Ann Harris, says that figure is "inaccurate." She declined to disclose the correct figure. "We don't give out information about advances.")

Jonah said, "Just from an economic point of view, I figured if [Bantam was] two-thirds invested in [the book], they would have a greater likelihood of continuing." So when he received the second

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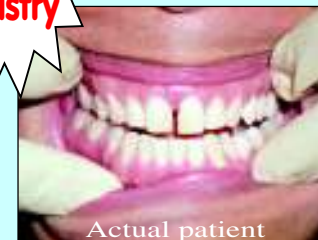
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check, he cashed it, then waited a while longer before telling the publisher what had happened. "The most important thing, in the end, was that my mother's book be published. There wasn't even a close second," Jonah says. "I knew that's what she wanted, so I...had to keep silent for 45 days."

In addition to naming Jonah as her literary executor, Eleanor also made her second son her sole heir. "She didn't give a penny to her granddaughters," according to Matthew. "She didn't even leave them any personal objects. Nothing," Jonah, who says he spends about 6 hours a week working as a mortgage company loan officer and "maybe 60 hours a week" betting on racehorses, is currently renting out his mother's

principal asset, the house on Soledad Avenue. He has no plans to sell it. "I grew up in that house, and I played on that street as a little boy. It's a lovely property, even though the house is kind of a piece of shit. So it's a good investment. And it's my last connection to Old La Jolla."

Jonah says his mother had a horror of being buried in the ground. "She was an old New Yorker," he says, so ill at ease in the natural world that she used to refer to soil in a pot as "the earth." Because "she did not want to be in the earth," he had her body interred in a crypt. When I asked him where, Jonah replied, "In Sorrento Valley. It's Camino Something or Other." He'd never been there himself, he explained, finding the thought "too

depressing."

I figured that meant probably no one had visited Eleanor's final resting place, which I imagined she would hate. A receptionist at El Camino Memorial Park gave me directions to the park's Serenity Mausoleum, and on a warm summer day I followed the roadway leading to the contemporary two-story structure.

Eleanor's tomb, set within an alcove, faces the driveway. On the day of my visit, hers was the only compartment in the alcove's back wall that appeared to be occupied, the only one bearing a plaque. Her plaque provides the dates of neither her birth nor her death, nor does it mention her motherhood. In accordance with her instructions, it says: Eleanor Rackow Widmer — Writer. ■

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**J**acqueline Huff, 17, is a Mt. Carmel High School senior whose favorite spectator sport is soccer. Dance is her favorite activity. *Do you think you have a weight problem?* "I wouldn't say a weight problem, but according to genes, my body is more inclined to be overweight. Because I have a pear shape, I tend to gain weight in my hips and upper legs. Like most girls, I'm probably not completely happy with my body."

*Have you ever been on a diet?* "My sophomore year, I wanted to become more efficient in ballet and make it more than just a hobby. So I went from taking four classes per week to nine or ten classes a week.... I ate more

water-based foods, fewer carbohydrates, more whole-wheat products, and not quite as much red meat because it was higher in saturated fat."

*Did anyone advise you to lose or gain weight?* "No one really advised me, but just being at the studio, it was an unspoken thing that you would perform better if you're more in shape. It's not just dance, though; that's true of many sports."

*How much weight did you lose?* "I went from 135 to 110 pounds in the span of about six months."

*Do you take any appetite suppressants?* "No."

*Do you drink any caffeinated beverages?* "I do drink coffee, about an average of two cups per day. I'm very against energy drinks because the caffeine is an unnatural source, and I've read that they can speed up your heart rate. It only affects your performance for a certain amount of time,



Jacqueline Huff

anyway."

*How do your parents and friends feel about your weight loss?* "My family, considering they're from the South and eat a lot, was very worried. My mom was definitely concerned. My dad wasn't so much, though, because he was a wrestler when he was younger, so he did the same thing, and he understood. There was a point where I thought it was unhealthy, when I was getting close to the point of anorexia, but I then adjusted accordingly."

*Where does the pressure to change your weight come from?* "I wouldn't say from any specific person, more just ballet in general. There's an ideal body type that's expected, and I felt like I needed to fulfill that body type. I think [the media] affects most girls, but it was really just me in this situation."

**M**t. Carmel High School senior Jonathan Bassig, 16, plays and watches football, "a great sport."

*Do you think you have a weight problem?* "No."

*Have you ever been on a diet?* "Yeah, back in eighth grade. It wasn't really a formal diet. It was more just to lose weight and get in shape and stuff. It consisted of eating a lot of vegetables and not too many fatty foods."

*Did anyone advise you to lose or gain weight?* "No, I decided on my own.... It's more just a common-sense thing to gain weight because you're going up against all of these big guys, so you really want to gain weight yourself, so you can compete."

*How much weight have you gained or lost since you started your sport?* "Each season, I gain roughly — since my freshman year — about 15 to 20 pounds. I do a lot, lot, lot of weightlifting. Every day I go to the weight room and lift weights — power lifting, mostly — and eat



Jonathan Bassig

a lot of meats and proteins and all of that...."

*Do you take any appetite suppressants?* "No."

*Do you drink any caffeinated beverages?* "Not on a regular basis, but occasionally, maybe once a week. I'll have Starbucks on a Sunday morning."

*How do your parents and friends feel about your dieting?* "They feel like whatever I need to do, or whatever I want to do, they'll support me."

*Where does the pressure to change your weight come from?* "It's basically the competition and the need to get better and to be a better player. It's really to improve your performance."

**S**eventeen-year-old Lauren Parker, a Rancho Bernardo High senior, likes to watch water polo. She's a cross-country runner.

*Do you think you have a weight problem?* "No."

*Have you ever been on a diet?* "Yeah. I kind of failed it. I'm not really good at diets because — I don't know — they're really hard. I tried to do the no-carbohydrate thing for a while and I quit because it's really hard. Yeah, it meant not eating any carbs and a lot more vegetables, lighter-type foods."

*Did anyone advise you to lose or gain weight?* "No. Everyone else on the [cross-country] team basically lost weight during the first few weeks of practice."

*How much weight have you lost since you started your sport?* "I lost 14 pounds last year during cross-country because we ran eight miles each day and it was hardcore."

*Do you take any appetite suppressants?* "No."

*Do you drink any caffeinated beverages?* "I drink coffee a lot. Well, I work at Starbucks, so when I work I get free drinks."

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Lauren Parker

So, like, when I work I have about four. I work about three times a week, so I have about four cups of coffee three times a week. As far as I know, it hasn't affected my sports performance, though." *How do your parents and friends feel about your weight loss?* "My mom was really concerned, but it wasn't really that big of a deal because she kind of understood. I mean, you're running eight to ten miles every day, and so something's bound to happen. Yeah. Some people were just randomly, like, 'You look a lot skinnier,' just like that, but that was about it." *Where does the pressure to change your weight come from?* "In cross-country, the skinnier people can move faster up hills. I hate to say it like that, but they do. Of course, the media has an impact on people's decisions; that's, like, the basis of every girl becoming anorexic."

**B**randon Widner, an 18-year-old freshman at Palomar College, is a wrestler "because it's intense and interesting." *Do you think you have a weight problem?* "No... there's no problem with my weight as it is."

*Have you ever been on a diet?* "Before each [wrestling] season, I go on a standard diet. I don't eat or drink as much as I normally do, so I'm able to drop weight before the season even starts.... [I lose] seven to fifteen pounds within a couple days. It takes commitment. After practice, you run, you hit the sauna, and do push-ups and jumping jacks in the sauna. You try to sweat everything off and not eat or drink."

*Did anyone advise you to lose or gain weight?* "Our coach is really supportive [of being healthy]. He doesn't want us dropping or cutting a lot of weight. We were advised to maybe cut five pounds, but nothing more." *How much weight have you lost since you started your sport?* "The most weight I ever had to lose was during my senior year in high school. I weighed 189. I lied about my weight and told my coach I weighed around 179, so I had to drop 16 pounds in a week to make a lower weight group. My coach found out after I did it, and he was pissed. He was ecstatic about my com-

mitment and that I was able to do it and perform well, but he was disappointed that I had dropped that amount of weight in a couple of days, putting myself in danger."

*Do you take any appetite suppressants?* "I took Stacker 2 pills to beef up my metabolism. When you're a wrestler and you don't eat for a few days at a time, you might feel hunger pangs at first, but after that you don't even feel the need to eat. When Exedra was legal, I took it to lose weight, but I only went through a bottle. I took Stacker 2 pills before I ate and before I worked out, and same with Exedra."

*Do you drink any caffeinated beverages?* "A lot of my teammates think I'm addicted to caffeine. During tournaments I'll drink four energy drinks. I can't go a day without a cup of coffee or an energy drink in the morning. But that's just me. I like that kick that it gives you. It doesn't really help in performance; it just kind of gets you awake or a little wired. I usually have two to three cups of coffee a day, or two energy drinks,



Rissa Freedman

or some combination of the two." *How do your parents and friends feel about your weight loss?* "My mom hates it. She hates it, but she's supportive because she knows that I'm good at what I do. My friends think I'm nuts. They think I'm completely crazy for what I do, with the exception of the ones that wrestle. I had to go from 178 to 169 in one night for a competition once, so my friends took shifts and came over to help me out. You always have a friend with you to make sure you don't hurt yourself."

*Where does the pressure to change your weight come from?* "A lot of wrestlers are naturally very competitive. You have other teams to battle, your own team at practice to battle with, and you have yourself saying to drop weight for the fans who are watching and who want you to win."

**R**issa Freedman, a 17-year-old Westview High School senior, is a cheerleader. Basketball is her favorite spectator sport "because it's fast-paced and it's exciting."

*Do you think you have a weight problem?* "No."

*Have you ever been on a diet?* "Yeah. It was just eating healthier. I wouldn't eat fast food anymore, and I stopped drinking soda. I started eating more fruits and vegetables, those kinds of things."

*Did anyone advise you to lose weight?* "No, it was personal."

*How much weight have you lost since you started cheerleading?* "Probably

around ten pounds, but I'm not sure, exactly."

*Do you take any appetite suppressants?* "No."

*Do you drink coffee or energy drinks?* "Yeah, both about once a week. If I haven't slept a lot, they'll make me more awake for those few hours."

*Where does the pressure to change your weight come from?* "For my all-stars cheer team, the uniforms are really skimpy, so you don't want to go out with fat hanging over your uniform or anything."

*How do your parents and friends feel about your weight loss?* "My parents have noticed a difference, and they definitely think it's been a positive difference, but they don't think I need to lose more.... My friends say things like, 'Oh, you look really good. You've lost weight. Looks good, what have you been doing?' Stuff like that. It makes me feel good because someone's actually noticing you." ■

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## THE ITATA AFFAIR. PART TWO OF TWO

She sailed away that sweet spring day,  
The U.S. Marshal on her.  
The man turned pale to see her sail.  
He thought he was a goner.  
The captain stood on his bridge of wood.  
“Farewell to your Uncle Sammie,”  
He cried in glee across the sea,  
And the Marshal murmured, “Dammie!”

On May 6, 1891, at 5:00 p.m., the Chilean steamer *Itata* escaped from San Diego Bay. Suspecting it was part of a major clandestine arms deal, authorities had seized the merchant vessel for violating U.S. neutrality laws. On board were a 65-man crew and Chilean marines “armed to the teeth.”

Also on board were A.C. Spaulding, deputy collector of customs assigned to guard the ship, and Albert F. Dill, a San Diegoan forced to pilot it out to sea. To make sure Dill didn’t run *Itata* aground, marines aimed revolvers at his head.

Dill knew the bay. He skippered fishing jaunts and could navigate the 1776-ton iron steamer under duress: from a five-fathom anchorage off H Street; around the semi-circular harbor, executing a careful slalom to avoid the tricky Middleground

Shoal at Ballast Point; past Point Loma’s notorious kelp beds, and beyond.

As he eased it forward, Dill noticed that *Itata*’s compound engines were “antiquated,” and the shaft felt out of line. If American ships chased the crippled steamer, it’d be lucky to make seven knots.

Dill estimated 50–60 men on deck, wearing red military caps and jackets, “but there may have been more.” They lined the railings, armed with cutlasses and repeater rifles with fixed bayonets. Three small steel cannons stood near the bow. The ship had six others, Captain Silva Palma told Dill, plus two Gatling guns, and would “resist any attempt to detain her as a matter of life or death.”

When *Itata* weighed anchor, Spaulding demanded, “What does this mean?” The Captain drew a forefinger across his throat. “This is what it means.”

San Diego, at the time, was a blue-green bay and brown, hilly scrubland. The city had a population of 16,000, and its harbor defense, writes Barry Alan Joyce, was “wretched.” What came to be known as “the *Itata* Affair” alerted the country to consider San Diego, in Joyce’s phrase, “a harbor worth defending.”

The only defenders at the time were: US marshal George Gard; Harry Morse, the legendary private detective hired by Chile’s president, Jose Balmaceda, to sabo-

tage the arms deal; some soldiers borrowed from a local barracks after much dispute; and Spaulding (who, many believe, was Morse in disguise).

By May 6, national newspapers reported that *Itata* would rendezvous with *Robert and Minnie*, a lumber schooner carrying 250 cases of Remington and Lee magazine rifles and two million rounds of ammunition. *Itata* would sail the huge cache back to Chile, accompanied by the state-of-the-art cruiser *Esmeralda*. The shipment could supply the insurgent Congressional party with enough arms to prevail against Balmaceda.

At 4:00 p.m. that afternoon, Gard and the soldiers grabbed rifles and criss-crossed ammunition belts on their chests. They climbed aboard the tugboat *Tia Juana* — top speed five knots — and sought suspicious vessels.

Fifteen miles south of Point Loma, Gard spotted a schooner’s fore- and main-sails. The *Tia Juana* chugged in pursuit. The tug edged within 100 yards, close enough to read “*Robert and Minnie*, San Francisco” on the stern, but couldn’t overtake the faster ship, which sped to the safety of Mexican waters.

As *Tia Juana* chased in vain, the refueled and resupplied *Itata* steamed out of the bay, trailing a mile-long plume of coal smoke. Although Spaulding thought the ship’s guns resembled “Fourth of July” toy cannons, his situation looked grave. Would they take him to Chile? Give him a midnight heave overboard?

But when *Itata* neared Ballast Point, the Captain lowered the pilot boat. He handed Spaulding \$10, gave him his address



in Valparaiso and said come visit. Then the Captain shook Spaulding’s hand with both of his, and told him he was free. Spaulding climbed down a portside rope ladder. “You must excuse me for putting you through this annoyance,” the Captain shouted. Soldiers on deck waved rifles as A. Blair, a boat-keeper, rowed Spaulding to shore.

*Itata* rounded Point Loma and turned north. It came within hailing distance of the USS *Omaha*, a wooden screw sloop about to be decommissioned. The ships passed in silence.

“Blow my luck,” Spaulding said later, “I was born one day too late and’ve been

## QUOTATIONS:

1. Max Miller: “For the first time the harbor broke into big-time international headlines relative to her fleet activities.”

2. Jerry MacMullen: “The revolutionary party triumphed in Chile, and poor old Uncle Sam [found

himself] in the regrettable position of having backed the wrong horse.”

3. John Trumbull: “The chase of the *Itata* was ludicrous and painfully belittling to a great nation. Why the U.S. government was so strenuous to thwart the congressional plans can only be due to unjust prejudices.”

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twenty-four hours behind ever since. If that man-of-war'd arrived yesterday at this hour, the *Itata* would be lying quietly at the bottom of the bay."

On Thursday, May 7, at 8:30 p.m., *Itata* and *Robert and Minnie* joined off the southeast harbor of San Clemente Island. By early next morning, they completed the transfer of arms. Captain Silva Palma, unaware that *Itata* had engine trouble, shouted, "Eleven knots all hour from here to Acapulco!"

Spaulding hired a small yacht at Ballast Point. Back in town, he swore to reporters that his and Dill's lives had been threatened. *Itata* looked like a merchant ship, he said, but was a Chilean "man-of-war" with at least eight guns and maybe 100 armed and angry marines itching for a fight.

Also, on May 6, Naval Reserve Commander T.A. Nerney spotted a "low black hull, twice as long as *Itata*," off Point Loma's new light-house. Could it be the fearsome *Esmeralda*, which the U.S. Navy Department had

called "the most perfect ship of her class ever built?"

"Every kind of rumor filled the air," writes William Smythe. Warships. Revolution. Arms deals. Newspapers inflamed fears of foreign invasion. Intrepid San Diegans took binoculars to the Point Loma cliffs and scanned the horizon for strange sails and smokestacks. There were even rumors that many townspeople, afraid their homes would come under attack, stuffed valuables onto wagons and carted them inland.

The *Itata* Affair became an international incident. Joyce S. Goldberg: "The press began to wonder if Chile's small but modern fleet was capable of ravaging California or other parts of the West Coast."

On May 8, the *Los Angeles Times* disagreed. Spaulding and Dill at gunpoint? "Moonshine!" said the story. "Marshal Gard wants it to appear that the *Itata* was formidable to let himself down easy for permitting her escape. He claimed to have orders to

detain her by any means, yet allowed her to lie in the stream for two days *with steam up*, and did nothing either to draw her fires or tie up her machinery." Instead, "he drank champagne with her captain."

It was sherry, Gard countered, and only one glass. He also denied the allegations, claiming that he did what he could with what little he had.

Dill, arrested at San Pedro and later released, corroborated Spaulding's account of a "fully armed man-of-war." A number of marines did hide belowdecks, though how many is anyone's guess. And the Chilean cruiser, allegedly menacing offshore, turned out to be the *Nueva York*, a large Panamanian steamer. Hindsight tends to discount the affair (historian Jerry MacMullen says it was "a bit of Gilbert & Sullivan gunplay"). But four deserters from *Itata* swore the marines

were ready for "any fight that might come along." And in the minds of San Diegans at the time, and for several years later, the fear was real.

Plus, to U.S. officials, *Itata*'s unhindered getaway became an embarrassment. "It can hardly be claimed that our government should be held responsible for the escape of the *Itata* after the seizure" [*New York Times*, May 8]. "If we were not obliged to put a force on board sufficient to hold her at all hazards, we cannot therefore be held responsible."

Though the U.S. declared itself neutral, behind the scenes the government favored Balmaceda's socialistic regime for a simple reason: it looked certain to win. And might, if *Itata* could be stopped.

But not all Washington agreed it should. And if recaptured, on what grounds? For two days, state secrecy ruled.

Then a response took shape. Violating neutrality laws wasn't the issue: the ship was under seizure and sailed without clearance — and kidnapped a United States marshal. Also, Balmaceda had requested the capture. And since the U.S. didn't recognize the Congressional insurgents, *Itata* had no national standing.

Washington didn't make the announcement until the eleventh. But on May 8, at 7:30 p.m., it sent sealed orders to Captain George C. Remy of the USS *Charleston*: "Overtake and seize the *Itata* wherever it might be found," and return it to San Diego "by force, if necessary."

At 4:45 a.m., May 9, the USS *Charleston*, a new 3730-ton protected cruiser capable of 18 knots, left San Francisco Bay. It got fogbound off Point Conception, however, and didn't reach San Pedro until 8:00 p.m. on

May 10.

*Robert and Minnie* had been captured, Captain Remy learned. No arms on board. *Itata* had them and was headed to Chile. A refueled *Charleston* left the harbor. On May 11, around noon, San Diegans at Coronado and on Point Loma waved handkerchiefs and cheered as the *Charleston*, painted "peacetime" white, steamed south.

Though the Chilean ship had a two-day head start, Captain Remy wanted to overhaul *Itata* before Acapulco. Deserters said it would transfer the arms to *Esmeralda* just outside the bay.

The May 15 *New York Times* voiced a different concern: "*Esmeralda*'s numerous crew are veterans and will fight. The opinion prevails here that should the *Charleston* attempt to capture the *Itata*, a naval engage-

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ment will take place, and the United States cruiser will get the worst of it."

Ships had no radios in 1891. They communicated by flags and semaphores, and got their news from passing vessels or on shore. If *Esmeralda* and *Charleston* clashed, the world might not know for a day or more.

On May 13, low on coal, *Esmeralda* reached Acapulco. But the Mexican government denied permission to refuel. So the ship sailed to nearby Baja de Patacalco, where it met *Itata* on May 15. As soldiers began to unload coal and arms onto *Esmeralda*, and the captains changed ships, lookouts on a steam-launch picket boat spotted a black cloud on the horizon: the *Charleston*.

*Itata* bolted, its cargo almost intact, leaving *Esmeralda* without fuel.

At 3:00 a.m., outside pitch-black Acapulco Bay, *Charleston's* officers scanned for enemy ships through spyglasses. One spotted an "ominous dark mass," close by. *Esmeralda* searchlights flared, illuminating *Charleston*. The

ships lay within rifle range.

"Every man to the guns," shouted Captain Remy, "douse exterior lights!"

*Charleston* sailors ran to their stations. Some loaded two eight-inch and six six-inch breechloading guns. Others spread sand across the decks to stop men from slipping, should blood get shed.

The warships did a slow face-off. No one spoke. Captain Silva Palma: "Had a pistol shot been fired on either side, it would have been the signal for an instant engagement."

And all-out war. "Should the *Esmeralda* try to prevent the arrest of the *Itata* by the *Charleston*," wrote the *New York Times*, "the whole force of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific would be turned on the Chilean insurgent forces."

No gun fired. *Charleston* entered Acapulco Bay and refueled. (The crew was so eager to sail, said the *New York Herald*, the coaling, "usually distasteful to man-of-war's men, has been rushed along as if it were a pleasure.") *Charleston* steamed

after the *Itata*.

Mexican authorities again refused Captain Silva Palma's request. So he turned *Esmeralda's* guns on the town and demanded coal. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company brought 400 tons on barges. No one interfered. *Esmeralda* headed south, only two-thirds of its bunkers full, which meant another refueling and another delay.

A "stern chase," pursuing a ship from behind in open waters, is a difficult maneuver. *Charleston* never caught *Itata* offshore—to this day many question the cruiser's "surprisingly slow speed."

When *Itata* arrived in Chile, to avoid complications with the U.S., the insurgent Congressional party turned it over to *Charleston* at Iquique. After navy engineers made necessary repairs on the steamer—among other troubles, the chronometer didn't work—the ships, along with the USS *San Francisco*, sailed north on June 13.

They arrived in San Diego on the Fourth of July. Cannons fired tributes, hats

spun in the air. The City Guard Band played rousing marches. As *Itata* sailed into the bay, elated locals stood several deep along the shore. But they barely recognized the steamer. Festive bunting covered it from stem to stern. San Diegans celebrated like never before.

#### THE BALTIMORE AFFAIR

Although the U.S. secretly backed Balmaceda's dictatorship, to Washington's surprise the aristocratic insurgents captured Valparaiso and won the civil war. On September 19, Balmaceda "died a Roman death"—put a bullet through his brain.

U.S.-Chile relations couldn't sink lower. Though they returned *Itata* in good faith, the victorious Congressionals were incensed that the allegedly neutral U.S. would back Balmaceda—and wouldn't dignify their cause with formal recognition.

On October 16, 1891, a month after the civil war ended, the USS *Baltimore* dropped anchor in Valparaiso harbor. The *Itata* Affair, and U.S. mistreatment in gen-

eral, had many a Chilean hungry for payback. Also in the bay were the steel cruisers *Huascar* and *Esmeralda*. When *Baltimore* sailed by, *Esmeralda* sailors waved, then drew their fingers across their throats.

Though warned several times to keep them on board, Commodore Winfield Scott Schley wanted to give his cooped-up sailors a well-earned 24-hour liberty, as one put it later, to get "properly drunk on Chilean rum paid for with good United States money."

Around two that afternoon, 117 *Baltimore* crewmen commenced their first shore leave in six months. After exchanging currency, some got haircuts, some bought personal items. But most rode carriages down Valparaiso's steep, cobblestone streets to the Home of the Free dance hall, or to the Royal Oak, Shakespeare, and True Blue saloons.

Boatswain's mate Charles Riffin and seaman apprentice John Talbot picked the True Blue. After making headway toward a proper drunk,

they decided to leave. Riffin went first; Talbot stayed behind, chatting with a barmaid. Outside, in the late afternoon sun, Talbot saw Riffin arguing with a Chilean sailor. Talbot ran to separate them. The Chilean spat at Riffin. Riffin threw a hard punch. The man fell. Two women nearby shouted, "They have killed him!"

Within seconds, sailors, longshoremen, and irate Valparaísoans spilled out of every doorway. Some hurled epithets, others cobblestones. Talbot and Riffin ran for their lives.

At the corner of Calle Arsenal and Calle Marquez, 100 people ran Riggins down. Fists flew, blades flashed. The swarming crowd muffled a gunshot. As Talbot tried to help, a knife sunk into his back. He somehow crawled away.

Fights broke out in bars, restaurants, narrow streets. An estimated 500 people attacked fireman James Gillan and Alexander Stewart. When police carried him to safety, coalheaver William Turnbull had 15 stab wounds. He died a few days later. Another crowd, shouting "Kill the Yankees," pummeled Seaman R.J. Hodge with stones. Throughout the city, navy-blue uniforms made American sailors easy targets.

What the port's newspapers called a "pelea de borrachos" (a drunken brawl) resulted in two Americans dead, 17 Americans and Chileans seriously wounded, most stabbed in the back, and 48 arrested, including 31 Americans.

Each side screamed foul. *Baltimore* sailors—one of whom claimed he'd gone to bookstores and only drank lemonade—yelled premeditated assault. Riffin

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tried to kill the sailor, Valparaíso countered. The reaction was spontaneous and justified.

The next confrontation was diplomatic, and lasted for months. "Our sailors were assaulted, beaten, stabbed, and killed not for anything they had done," President Benjamin Harrison told Congress, "but for what the Government of the United States had done, or was charged with having done"—during the civil war and *Itata* affair. Each side accused the other of arrogance. In December 1891, the debate became so heated the U.S. and Chile almost went to war.

On January 25, told by European ministers that the U.S. was modifying and refitting its ships for battle, Chile paid a reparation of \$75,000 to the American wounded and families of the dead.

In March, 1892, the case "against the *Itata* and Arms and Ammunition" came to trial in Los Angeles. As if to erase the incident from history (and mollify the new Chilean government), the US district court ruled in

favor of *Itata*, exonerating all participants. Since it carried no cargo of weapons when it left San Diego harbor, the ship was a transport, not a "fully armed" man-of-war, and violated no neutrality laws.

The case closed. But the threat of invasion, summed up in a poem written at the time, haunted San Diegans:

"And tell your old Uncle Sam,  
Keep as long as he can,  
This port in defenseless condition,  
For while you've nary a gun  
In and out we can run,  
And never ask any permission." ■

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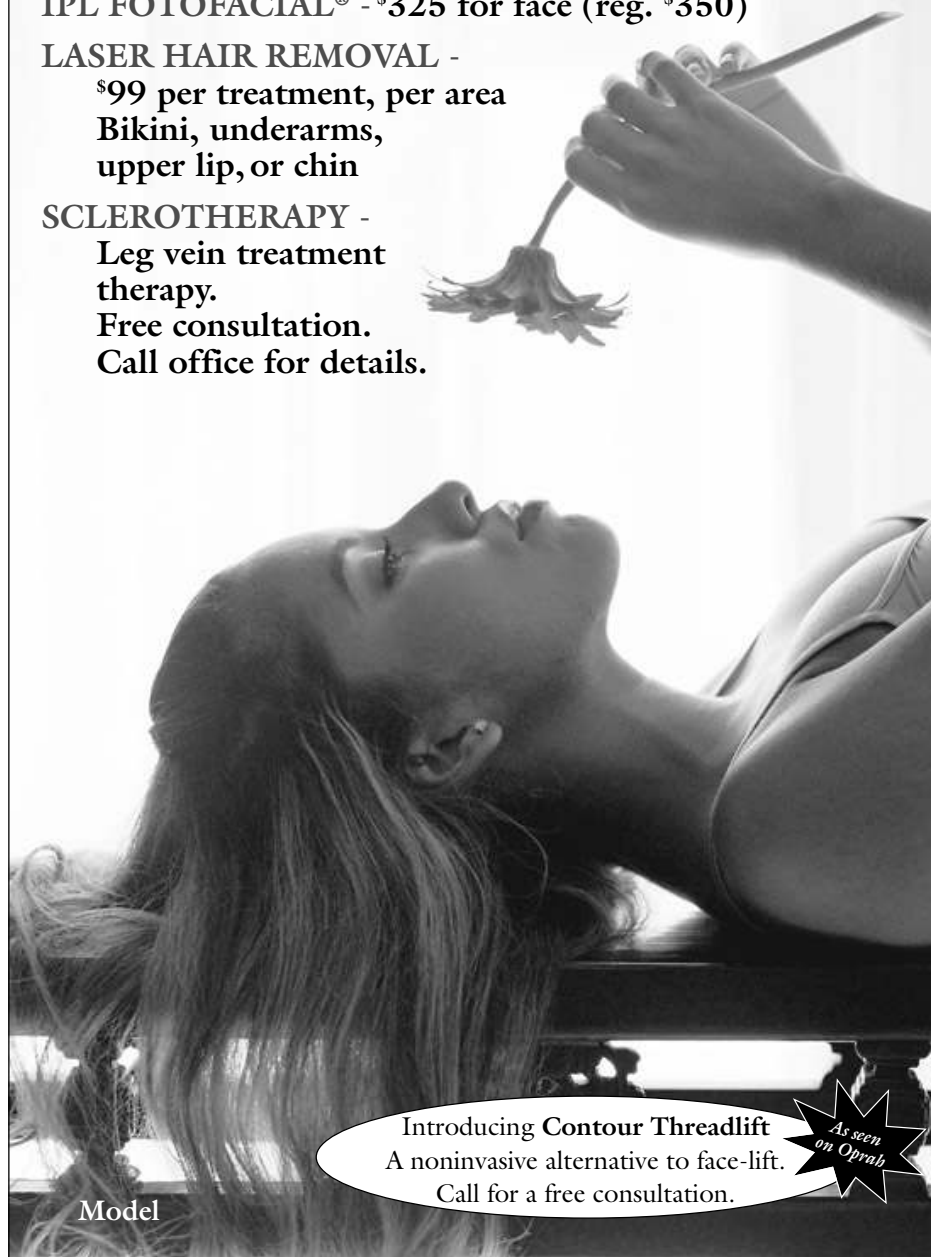
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**P**arrots are very vocal animals. In the wild, the way they keep in contact with each other is by yelling back and forth," says Bonnie Kenk, founder and executive director of the Parrot Education and Adoption Center. "Parrots scream for attention. When you are out of their eyesight they will scream a 'contact call' to see where you are, because if you left them in the wild, if their flock leaves them, they will die. So if you run into the room and scream back at them for screaming, they got what they wanted."

On Saturday, November 26, and Sunday, November 27, the Parrot Education and Adoption Center will be holding seminars for parrot lovers. Some of the topics to be covered are "Excessive Screaming," "Feather Abusive Behavior," and "Parrot Personalities."

"There are a lot of analogies you can use with children and parrots. Most parrots have the intelligence level of a two-year-old human child," says Kenk. Many parrots, if properly cared for, can be expected to out-live their owners. According to Kenk, the oldest documented living bird was an Amazon parrot that lived to be 106.

"We have a lot of people who have left their birds to us in their wills, simply because there isn't anybody that they know of or that they trust to take care of their birds when they are gone. So far, these people are still alive. The number-one reason parrots are given up for adoption is when a human baby enters the picture. The second reason is, equally, marriage or divorce."

Kenk owns six parrots, two of which

are the same species. "There are 330 different species of parrots." Moe and Lucky are African greys, Ariel is a cockatoo, Sluggo is a brown-headed parrot, Honey is an Amazon parrot, and Mischa is a Jardine's parrot.

"We have a macaw at our house that is in our education program that waves and says 'hi' at the same time. My husband taught him to do that," says Kenk.

Kenk is sometimes caught off guard by what comes out of the parrots' beaks. "My husband's name is Bill. One day he came into the room and Moe said, 'Hi, Billy.' A couple of days later he said it again. He has never heard [the name Billy] before, ever." The same bird came up with a nickname for itself. "I tell Moe he's silly. Now, every once in a while, he says, 'You're a sill-moe,' for 'silly Moe.'"

"Every species of parrot has the ability to mimic human speech, but not all of them do. Most of them will if they're taught early on in their lives. Alex, a famous [African grey], was worked with in a lab about eight hours a day, five days a week." According to the Alex Foundation, the bird can "label seven colors, is learning the alphabet, and can count up to six objects."

"A lot of people think if they purchase an African grey they'll end up with Alex," says Kenk. "If they have a lot of time they might, but chances of that happening are slim. My parrots ask for things in their own way, but I don't think they always ask for what they want. My male grey asks for papaya a lot, but he doesn't always eat the papaya when I give it to him. I think he just likes to say the word."

A common problem among parrots is "feather destruction," also known as



*Spike, a macaw*

"feather abuse" and "feather plucking." "A lot of parrots in captivity tend to pull their feathers out or destroy them," says Kenk. "One of the things that I see all the time is that that parrot is not on a good diet. They should be eating fresh vegetables and a little bit of fruit and greens like kale and Swiss chard." Parrots may pick at their feathers if they don't know how to play with toys. "If they were brought up playing with toys from the time they were little babies then they learn on their own, but if they don't know how to play with toys and they're adults, then owners need to teach them."

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BAJA

**Reading** by Georgina Rábago, Thursday, November 24, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Binational 4x4 Enthusiasts Convention** — with guided trails trips for novices and experts, live music, competition, and exhibitions in the desert — runs Friday, November 25, through Sunday, November 27, in Ejido Jacume, in El Hongo Mountains. \$30 U.S. per car. (TECATE)

**Innuendo in Concert**, Friday, November 25, 8 p.m., at L.A. Cetto (2108 Cañón Johnson, Colonia Hildalgo). \$35 U.S. Reservations: 011-52-664-685-3031. (TIJUANA)

**Molotov** plans rock concert, Friday, November 25, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**The Charles Gounod Opera Romeo and Juliet** is presented November 25 and 27 at Tijuana Cultural Center (at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20, \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**“Nativa 2005: Festival of Traditional Arts** of Baja California” runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, in patio gardens of Hotel Misión Santa Isabel (at Boulevard Lázaro Cárdenas and Avenida Castillo).  
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**The Comedy Coppia Aperta** is presented at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29 and 30, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**“Deep Mexico in the North,”** lecture by Andrés Medina Hernández in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30. Find center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

**Liquidambar Trees**, or sweet gums, the deciduous trees gracing front yards, parks, and campuses throughout the San Diego area, have been putting on an exceptionally colorful show. The leaves of some varieties turn to purple or red; the leaves of other varieties fade to golden yellow. Still other varieties hold on to their green leaves until sometime in December. Most liquidambar in our area regain their light green foliage by late February.

**The Fremont Cottonwoods** along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are now showing their best tawny foliage. You can park at the Old Mission Dam historic site or the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center and explore the riparian area by way of riverside trails or by walking, bike riding, or skating along the bike path high above the river's south and east banks. Large cottonwoods can also be seen along other watercourses throughout the San Diego County backcountry, including along the Sweetwater River near Cottonwood Golf

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**Explore South Escondido Boulevard** during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, November 26, 11 a.m., starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard at 5th Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

An all-children production of *The Nutcracker* is offered by Scripps Performing Arts Centre, December 1-4, at Scripps Ranch High School auditorium (10410 Trenea Street). Enjoy the show at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$18. 858-586-7834. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

**Contradance**, Martha Wild calls, Lime in the Harp makes music for contradancing on Saturday, November 26, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop

at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**"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)

**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 Janet Arnold on November 27. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

**Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party** at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Sunday, November 27, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to

9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

**Nightclub, Swing, Ballroom Dance Party**, Wednesday, November 30, 7:45 to 11 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance lesson by Mary Manzella included in admission fee (\$8). 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## FILM

**"Fear and Trembling,"** directed by Alain Corneau, screens for Sunday Matinee on November 27, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. The "spiky psychodrama of thwarted dreams" is in French and Japanese with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

**Native American Film Series** concludes with Chris Eyre's wonderful *Smoke Signals*, Monday, November 28, 6 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Screenwriter Sherman Alexie adapted his short stories for the flick. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

## OUT & ABOUT

### PUCKISH!

San Diego Gulls hockey, November 25-27, iPayOne Center.

(SEE SPORTS)



**All the Dialogue Is in Rhyming Couplets** and cultures clash in Sally Potter's *Yes* (2004), starring Joan Allen, Sam Neill, and Simon Abkarian. Film screens on Monday, November 28, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E

Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Pieces of April"** screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane), Wednesday, Novem-

ber 30, 6 p.m. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Going Downhill Reaches New Heights** in Warren Miller's *Higher Ground*, screening around county, December 1-4. Film features skiers

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### CHINESE CONCERT

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(SEE IN PERSON)



and snowboarders pushing their limits across the globe. Tickets: \$18, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

*Higher Ground* opens Thursday, December 1, 6 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-436-7469). Screenings at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2, and at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541). See flick at 4 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street; 760-729-0089). (ENCINITAS, LA JOLLA, CARLSBAD)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Santa vs. the Snowman*, *Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration*, *Mystery of the Nile*. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

### LECTURES

**Parrot Education and Adoption Center** offers seminars on variety

of topics on November 26 and 27. "Feather Abusive Behavior" is subject at 1 p.m.; "Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know" divulged at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Excessive Screaming" examined on Sunday at 1 p.m.; followed by "Parrot Personalities" at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Con-

ference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"The Flu Is Coming — Or Is It?"** Biochemist Elie A. Shneour examines central factors in assessing how a flu pandemic could occur and what's being done to lessen potential impact when Association for Rational Inquiry gathers, Sunday, November 27, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

**"Greece: Past and Present"** is topic when Bill Jordan addresses North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, November 28, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Jordan has just returned from tour of Greece. Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Egyptian Drum and Dance Class** for all levels taught on Monday, November 28, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Drumming lessons with Frank

**Jason Mraz** November 26

**Dave Koz** November 27

**Fiona Apple** November 28

**NFR** December 2-11

**Kanye West** December 4

**Trey Anastasio** December 6

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra** December 7

**Keith Urban** December 10

**Korn** December 11

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**"Recycling and Conservation Workshop"** offered for ongoing "Internet and Technology" series, Tuesday, November 29, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Instruction by environmental library staff. Free. Reservations: 619-238-6621. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Encumbered Estate Records of Ireland"** examined by Mary Russell, Wednesday, November 30, 10 a.m., for Irish interest class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, November 30, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Understanding Quakerism"** is subject for discussion, Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**"After the Slavers:** Law, Liberation, and Captive-Taking in the New Mexican Borderlands" presented by Robert Castro of CSU Fullerton, Wednesday, November 30, 3 p.m., in room 107 of Social Sciences building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

**"What Is Transgender? Uncovering the Myths"** — panel convenes Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. "Transgender 101" workshop by Tracie O'Brien; counseling/clinical research perspective by

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Here is my gift, not roses on your grave,  
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You lived aloof, maintaining to the end  
your magnificent disdain.  
You drank wine, and told the wittiest jokes,  
and suffocated inside stifling walls.  
Alone you let the terrible stranger in,  
and stayed with her alone.

Now you're gone, and nobody says a word  
about your troubled and exalted life.  
Only my voice, like a flute, will mourn  
at your dumb funeral feast.

Oh, who would have dared believe that half-crazed I,  
I, sick with grief for the buried past,  
I, smoldering on a slow fire,  
having lost everything and forgotten all,  
would be fated to commemorate a man  
so full of strength and will and bright inventions,  
who only yesterday it seems, chatted with me,  
hiding the tremor of his mortal pain.

— Anna Akhmatova (*dedicated to Mikhail Bulgakov*)  
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Carrie Sakai; question and answer; photo-documentary of Jana Marcus's work *Transfigurations: The Making of a Man*. Free. 619-368-2929. (SDSU)

**"Art, Architecture, and Ecology:** Reviving Our Social Environment" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series. Raoul Bunschoten, founding director of CHORA, London-based firm practicing "new forms of architectural and urban design," speaks Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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**"Russian and American Submariners:** Brothers Under the Sea" is topic when a panel of submariners convenes for ongoing "Undersea Stories: Submarines Through History" series. Training and qualifying, mission and philosophy, recreation and cuisine — all shared through personal stories to "dispel myths and expose realities of the submarine experience."

Lecture starts at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, aboard ferryboat *Berkeley* at San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. \$10. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Camellias: Sasanquas and Other Early-Blooming Camellias"** illuminated when horticulturist Tom Nuccio shares his passion for camellias with San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, December 12, 6:30 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

## IN PERSON

**San Diego Thanksgiving Dixieland Jazz Festival** continues through November 27 at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Participants include Reynolds Brothers Rhythm Rascals, Night Blooming Jazzmen, Titanic Jazz Band, Cornet Chop Suey, many others.

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**"Tortilla Heaven,"** a story of three generations of Mexican-Americans, is performed November 25–27, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). Piece was written by Celeste Angela Estrada, directed by

David Miguel Estrada, performed by Jade Esteban Estrada. Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$15. 619-584-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Number-One Selling Artist in the World?** Michael Godard visits Hallmark Galleries of La Jolla (1162 Prospect Street), Friday, November 25, 6 to 10 p.m. Free. Reservations: 858-551-8108. (LA JOLLA)

**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)

**Performers' Referral Network** hosts open-mike night showcase, Friday, November 25, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). 619-265-7287. Free. (SDSU)

**The New Musical *Peter Pan*,** with cast of 40 local professional

and amateur actors ranging from 6–65, was created by local playwright and director Paula Brandes. Music is combination of blues, rock, contemporary sounds.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on Fridays, November 25 and December 2; Saturdays, November 26, December 3 and 10; and matinees at 2 p.m. on November 27, December 4 and 11. Performances offered at John D. Spreckels Building, 3858 Front Street. \$18 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and younger. 619-291-4728. (HILLCREST)

**"New Grass" Music** by Richard Greene and the Brothers Barton, Saturday, November 26, 7:30 p.m., for AcousticMusicSanDiego, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**The Psalmist Hour** showcases poets Judah Israel and Rudy Francisco, singer/saxophonist Jason Brown, singer Aaron Markland, Saturday, November 26, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Open mike. Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

**Chinese Concert** by Winnie Hsin and Peggy Liu, Sunday, November 27, 2 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). \$30. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Singing for a Cause,** new series begins Sunday, November 27, 4 to 7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Featured on 27th: Evan Bethany, Brenda Panneton, Mark Peacock, host Heather Baker. Tickets: \$3, benefiting children in foster care. 760-747-1882. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Threads of Blue,"** soprano Judith Levy offers Jewish music in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and English spanning several centuries for mini-concert at noon on Monday, November 28, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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**Open-Mike Poetry** hosted by Greg Gerding, Monday, November 28, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. If interested, bring a poem for publication consideration. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Author** Stephen Burns signs *Advanced Photoshop CS2 Trickery and FX*, Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

**Author** Anne Wilson signs and reads from *Solea*, Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

**"A Mingus Among Us,"** compositions by Charles Mingus and members of UCSD Jazz Ensemble performed by ensemble, Wednesday, November 30, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**Life in a Grand Old Saloon** is illuminated in J.R. Moehringer's acclaimed memoir *The Tender Bar*, which he'll discuss and sign, Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Shakespeare's Macbeth** is performed by Saint Augustine High School thespians, December 1-4, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Performances begin at

7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. \$14. 619-895-0531. (NORTH PARK)

**Audience Members Help Decide Outcome of Trial** when Mount Carmel High School actors present *White Wash*, December 1-10, at Mount Carmel High School (9550 Carmel Mountain Road). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinee on December 10. 858-484-9617. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**"Garfield" Comic Strip Creator** Jim Davis visits Hallmark Galleries of La Jolla on December 2 and 3, during sale of his original comic strips, acrylic paintings, animation cells, pencil drawings. Davis will be on hand 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday; 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, at 1162 Prospect Street. Free. Reservations: 858-551-8108. (LA JOLLA)

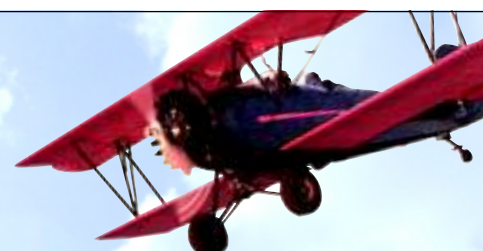
**"A Couple of Blaguards"** by Frank and Malachy McCourt combines the duo's experiences "into a vaudeville of comedy, Irish songs, and a gallery of relatives, rogues, and fools." Jarlath Conroy and Howard Platt star in production on Saturday, December 3, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). \$35, \$37. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

**Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author** Doris Kearns Goodwin discusses and signs her latest book, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, during dinner event, Saturday, December 3, 6 p.m., in Padres Auditorium at Petco Park. \$75 includes dinner, copy of *Team of Rivals*. Reservations: 619-687-3580. (EAST VILLAGE)

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Southern Author** Allan Gurganus reads from, discusses his work for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Thursday, December 8. His novels include *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* and *Plays Well With Others*. Reading starts at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

**"Disney's The Lion King"** hits stage at Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street) for performances at variety of times, November 9–January 15. Tickets range from \$24–\$78, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

**Funny Woman** Rita Rudner provides comic relief on Saturday, December 10, 7 and 10 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). \$40. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

## SPORTS

**Puckish!** San Diego Gulls play hockey against Long Beach Ice Dogs on Friday, November 25, 7:05 p.m.; Stockton Thunder on Saturday, November 26, 7:05 p.m.; and Fresno Falcons on Sunday, November 27, 5:05 p.m., at iPay-One Center. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

**U.S. Surfing Championships** take place 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday through Sunday, November 25–27, on south side of Oceanside Pier. 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

**A "25-Mile Ride That Feels Like 40"** is planned by Knickerbikers bicyclists, Saturday, November 26. Ride starts at Ross (at corner of I-5 and Lomas Santa Fe), heads into Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, Solana Beach for lunch at Fidel's (bring money). 760-754-1443. (SOLANA BEACH)

**San Diego Chargers** meet up with Redskins in Washington, Sunday, November 27, 10 a.m. Fu-

## ROAM-O-RAMA

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

**A**ll along Orange County's north coastal region (Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach), formerly environmentally abused wetlands and floodplains are in the process of being restored to some semblance of an original condition. Talbert Nature Preserve, which lies alongside the channelized Santa Ana River a couple of miles inland from the ocean, is one such place. It's a work in progress, with a north part already revegetated with native plants and laced with wide, smooth trails for hikers, horses, and bikers, and a south part currently "under construction."



Prickly pear cactus, Talbert Nature Preserve

The planting of native vegetation in the preserve is being guided both by protection of the remaining native vegetation on site and by efforts to recreate plant communities similar to those that existed in this region before nearly every available acre was put to use for agriculture, housing, and industry. Plant "zones" in the preserve are identified by means of trailside interpretive plaques. The zones include coastal strand, native grassland, alluvial woodland, and wetland vegetation. Thus the preserve serves as a native botanical garden, a refuge for wildlife, an educational resource, and a recreational resource for Orange Countians and visitors.

The main access to the north preserve is by way of Fairview Park in the city of Costa Mesa. Drive into the park's main entrance, on the west side of Placentia Avenue, one mile north of Victoria Street, and find a free parking space. From the nearby restrooms, walk a short distance west, and turn right on the paved bike path. Follow the path north and then west down a hill until you reach the Talbert Nature Preserve's entrance on the left, which is marked by a dome-shaped restroom building and an information kiosk.

A wide, flat, decomposed-granite path suitable for hikers, cyclists, and horses runs toward the south from the entrance for a short mile, beneath the brow of a steep bluff. It then connects with a segment of paved bike path leading to Victoria Street. Short of that juncture, there are opportunities to branch west and loop back to the entrance using unimproved trails. Those alternate trails may turn muddy after significant rainfall.

Talbert Nature Preserve is an extraordinarily quiet place, effectively

screened from traffic noise by the bluff rising on the east and levees on year, you can often spot 10,000-foot Mount San Antonio looming in the

### TALBERT NATURE PRESERVE

Ramble through an artificial yet salubrious native-landscape-in-the-making at Orange County's Talbert Nature Preserve.

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**Hiking length:** 1 to 2 miles round trip

**Hiking difficulty:** Easy

west which effectively deaden the din from the surrounding cityscape. During this late part of the north, its crest mantled with snow with the arrival of the first major storm of the season.



ture tickets: 619-220-TIXS. Broadcast on CBS.

**Bicycle to Ramona via Del Dios** with Bicycle Touring Society riders, Sunday, November 27. Hilly 80-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at

Nobel Drive). Lunch in Ramona. 619-579-5886. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**National Tennis Hardcourt Championships** run Monday, November 28 through Sunday, December 4, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club (2000 Spindrift

Drive). Free for spectators. 858-454-6500. (LA JOLLA)

**World Team-Tennis League** for adults begins in January at locations throughout county. Men and women compete in co-ed format; matches played Tuesday

evenings or Sundays during day. Entry fee is \$200 per team.

Tennis mixer and registration party, Sunday, December 4, noon to 4 p.m., at Surf and Turf Tennis Club (15555 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Free. 619-992-0023. (DEL MAR)

## SPECIAL

**San Diego Arts Festival** — with over 2225 contemporary craft and fine art exhibitors offering their wares — November 25–27, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 seniors, free for kids under 12. 775-832-6603. (DOWNTOWN)

**Blown-Glass Demonstrations** and annual sale, November 25–27, at Garry Cohen Glass Ranch (20307 Beech Lane). Work by Cohen, Cherrie La Porte, guest artists John Long, Jennifer O'Connor. Free admission. Hours: noon to 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 760-745-7020. (ESCONDIDO)

**National Geographic's Warehouse Sale** runs November 25–27 at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). On offer: globes, watches, books, maps, more. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 619-525-5000. (DOWNTOWN)

**It's C-Note Time!** Annual winter "C-Note Fundraiser" at San Diego Art Institute begins Saturday, November 26, 5 to 8 p.m. Original artwork by institute member artists offered for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art replaced on walls as pieces are sold. Continues through Monday, December 5. 619-236-0011. Admission: \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

**Time to Strum**, Deering Banjo Factory open house with banjo lessons (11 a.m.), banjo maintenance workshop (2 p.m.), factory tours, Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find Deering at 3733 Kenora Drive; 619-464-8252. Free. (SPRING VALLEY)

**Wildlife Art Weekend Sale**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, at San Diego Natural History Museum. Artwork in variety of media by local, regional, national artists. Included in regular admission (\$9 general). 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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December 4 and 11. 858-509-2580. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Knit a Flower-Shaped Washcloth** during workshop on Sunday, November 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Grove (3010 Juniper Street). Some knowledge of knitting required. \$25 fee does not include materials. Required reservations: 619-284-7684. (SOUTH PARK)

**Stamp-Collecting Show**, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, November 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Lands of Enchantment,"** exhibitions of gingerbread houses created by local artists is on view in lobby at Westgate Hotel (1055 Sec-

ond Avenue). "Gingerbread City 2005" opens with gala, Wednesday, November 30, 6 p.m., with gourmet food, wine, holiday music. Viewing is free. 619-557-3617. (DOWNTOWN)

### Looking for Unique Art Objects?

The 37th annual student art and pottery sale at Palomar College runs December 1-3, near Howard Brubeck Theatre (1140 West Mission Road). Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. 760-744-1150. (SAN MARCOS)

**December Nights**, crafts, carolers, music, refreshments, and free admission to museums in park-wide annual celebration, Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, 5 to 9 p.m. 619-239-0512. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**Vintage Paper Fair**, with 25 dealers offering many types of antique paper items including photographs, trading cards, postcards, labels, historical memorabilia, takes place December 4 and 5, at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Appraisals of old paper collectibles included in admission.

Show opens at 10 a.m. both

days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 Saturday, free Sunday. 626-665-9435. (KEARNY MESA)

**Holiday of Lights** at Del Mar Fairgrounds is display of seasonal festive lights, with holiday-themed displays and more than 350 displays on view through Sunday, January 1. Visitors view lighted creations from their vehicles, driving along 1.5-mile route through fairgrounds, around racetrack.

Hours: 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$12 per vehicle (up to five people), \$17 per vehicle with six or more people. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

**Skating by the Sea**, outdoor ice-skating rink overlooking Pacific Ocean at Hotel del Coronado

(1500 Orange Avenue) available through Monday, January 2. Three-hour skating sessions begin at 2 and 6 p.m. on weekdays, with additional 10 a.m. session on weekends. Fee: \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ten and younger; rent skates for \$5 per person. 800-468-3533. (CORONADO)

## FOR KIDS

**"Santa and the Ho! Ho! Thief"** performed by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, November 27, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble explores *The Magic of Ventriloquism*, November 30-December 1.

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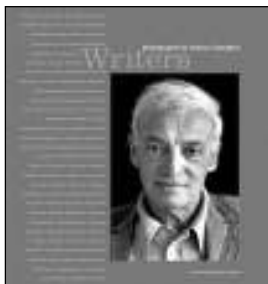
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## Writers: Photographs by Nancy Crampton



By Nancy Crampton; Introduction by Mark Strand  
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from their personal history, meditations on the civic importance of writing, and so forth.

Some of these photographs are well-known — Bellow, Mailer, Cheever, Wolfe, Singer, and Capote — and others have never before been published. Many were taken on location, from Tom Stoppard in London and James Baldwin in Provence to Gabriel García Márquez in Mexico City — one of ten Nobel Prize winners in the book. Closer to home, we have Eudora Welty in Jackson, Nelson Algren in Chicago, Philip Roth and Maurice Sendak in rural Connecticut, Anne Sexton and John Updike near Boston, Walker Percy in Louisiana, Christopher Isherwood in Santa Monica, Annie Proulx in Wyoming, and several writers in the Hamptons.

Whatever the setting, all are strikingly fresh and authentic. The pithy and idiosyncratic thoughts on writing are a perfect complement to the superb portraits; often words and pictures seem to exist in a magical rap-

port. For all of us who care about the American literary scene, Nancy Crampton's gift is an intimate look at our literary heroes, our *Writers*. One hundred and four duotone photographs.

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

*Library Journal*: Crampton, official photographer for the Unterberg Poetry Center at the 92nd Street Y in New York City, is best known for photographs she's taken of famous writers, which are featured on hundreds of book jackets.... Crampton must have had a warm rapport with these writers to have captured so many in seemingly unguarded poses. Opposite each portrait (all are single with the exception of the lively Studs Terkel's 12-image grid) are eloquent quotes from the writers offering personal recollection or thoughts on their craft.

*Los Angeles Times*: Crampton works most often with a Leica — because "it renders light very beautifully, the lenses are wonderful, and I love the feel of it." And she

puts great stock in the notion of serendipity.

*Publishers Weekly*: W.H. Auden, Edwidge Danticat, Susan Sontag, Norman Mailer, Alfred Kazin, Maurice Sendak, Joseph Brodsky, Lorrie Moore, Tom Stoppard, Chinua Achebe, Ian McEwan, Jonathan Franzen, Gayl Jones, Nelson Algren — the list goes to 104: the number of joyous duotones presented in this collection of exceptionally evocative photos of authors.... Her intimate, New York-centric photos (subjects are placed on streets, in offices, and in apartments rather than in a professional studio) of celebrated writers span more than 30 years.

From *Booklist*: In his introduction to this outstanding retrospective collection, poet Mark Strand muses over how intently we scrutinize photographs of writers and artists, "as if the face were the door to the darkroom of the imagination." He then praises Crampton for her avoidance of theatricality in her strongly composed, richly detailed, and wonderfully natural black-and-white

portraits of writers. The photographs — each accompanied by a writer's statement, taken in diverse settings, and often featuring cats and cigarettes — date back to the early 1970s and move into the present.

### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

On the day that we talked Ms. Crampton was at home in the Greenwich Village apartment from which she has come and gone for several decades. The apartment is in a building where Marianne Moore lived out her last years. Ms. Crampton long ago took my photograph for a book jacket and I had visited the apartment. I recalled the bookshelves, stacked with interesting titles, and a lovely glass-topped coffee table that started life as a jeweler's display case. Ms. Crampton had arranged various treasures beneath the glass. The table she has since given away. I sighed. I hated the thought of the table gone.

I remembered Ms. Cram-

ton as gracious, knowledgeable, comforting, and witty. She has not changed.

"Ah," she sighed, "it's nice to have a writer interview you. You understand the problems."

I asked Ms. Crampton the questions I usually ask — where and when were you born and raised, for instance. She laughed. "The *Los Angeles Times* interviewed me not long ago and the reporter said, 'Could I ask your age?' I said, 'I prefer not to give my age.' Annie Liebowitz doesn't give her age. And Annie's younger than I am."

Ms. Crampton was born in Philadelphia — "literally born in Philadelphia, at the hospital there in town. I lived in suburban Philadelphia. That suggests that I had some sort of posh upbringing, which was not exactly the truth, considering that times were a little hard in the beginning. But we always were comfortable. Had a nice house and all that. But it wasn't what you think of as 'Main Line.' It wasn't debutantes and all that sort of thing.

Crampton must have had a warm rapport with these writers to have captured so many in seemingly unguarded poses.

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)

## 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.

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

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum**, "The Fantasy of Chi Kang," on view in Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension through Monday, December 19, showcases traditional brush paintings by this nonagenarian, self-taught master painter. His huge panels decorated receiving halls of president of Re-

public of China and hang in CKS airport. Born in China, he now resides in San Diego.

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-Cen-

tury American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

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"So I grew up in the suburbs in Philadelphia and went away to college. I went to Vassar [as did her mother and grandmother]. I try not to date my years at Vassar too specifically just because I am still extremely active as a photographer and I guess I will be as long as I have work. I'm not in any position to retire if I wanted to, which I don't want to and so..."

"What was your first camera?"

"A Pentax. I took a trip to East Africa, a safari, and I ordered a camera, which happened to be a Pentax, from Hong Kong because you couldn't order a Nikon from Hong Kong. It was cheaper to order from there, directly. It arrived the day before I left. I went off with this camera. That trip converted me into a photographer. It felt right to me — photography.

"This was 1967 and I'd been some years out of college and working in book publishing. I right away came back and in the American fashion, it wasn't too long before I hung out my shingle that said 'Photographer.'

"I was fortunate. When I got back from that safari, a friend said, 'You should see this agency that handles the TWA account.' TWA flew to East Africa. They immediately bought the use of two or three of my pictures. I realized I could make money doing this. I was living in an apart-

ment that rented for \$150. So I didn't have a huge overhead.

"I learned darkroom work. There was no International Center of Photography or anything like that in those days. I found somebody who knew somebody who was a photographer from whom I learned darkroom work.

"It took me a year to locate it, but there was an organization called The Village Camera Club here in the Village. A number of professional photographers had come out of that. When I discovered them, I went and there were a half a dozen people there and they had nobody to do programming for them. So I did that for four years, inviting everybody you can imagine, to come. We met once a week.

"I started photographing neighborhoods in New York City, specifically kids in those neighborhoods. East Harlem, the Lower East Side. These were the days before crack cocaine, so it was perfectly safe.

"I started getting assignments. There was a magazine called *America*. *America* sent me to photograph Italians in New York — at Coney Island and neighborhoods in Brooklyn.

"I fell into working for the foreign press. Then a friend said, 'You should meet Ben Bradlee from the *Washington Post*.' I did and I worked with reporters from the Style section of the *Post* who

came up to New York. I was a stringer for *The Washington Post* and the foreign press.

"Sometimes they would be interviewing a writer and the writer would want to use the photo for her English jacket, let's say. At the time I was also photographing artists, because there were wonderful artists around. They were accessible in those days — Calder, Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns. Those photos of artists are used now even to open museum exhibits and stuff, but at the time I didn't know what to do with them. Except to exhibit them. I actually started exhibiting right away, in '71 or '72.

"These things happen by chance. There was an exhibit at The Museum of Contemporary Crafts of contemporary photography. I met a curator who invited me to exhibit. I was in various exhibits. It sort of follows from there."

"Did *The Family of Man* [organized by Edward Steichen and first shown in 1955 at the Museum of Modern Art] increase interest in photography?"

"Yes. Of course, there was Steichen. That exhibit had wide appeal. It's true. It called attention to photography. But when I got into photography, photojournalism in America was suffering already. I didn't start photographing writers until 1972. *Life* magazine and *Look* were folding. The advertising money was going

to TV, so general interest magazines were suffering. I didn't know the difference because I'd never been relying on these magazines to publish my work. I was discovering what I wanted to do with photography, and that which I wanted to pursue, was pursuing."

"Were you still using your Pentax?"

"No. I bought a secondhand Leica. I use it to this day. My favorite camera is actually a Ryka that hasn't been manufactured since 1964. You click quietly because there's no flipping over the way there is, say, with the usual Nikon."

"What makes a Hasselblad so wonderful?"

"It's a different format. I love the 35mm format, at least most of the time. I can still take a horizontal picture, if I want to make it more like a landscape and include more of the setting. At some point I've done a project where I will need at least a medium format camera. I have one, but I don't use it much. But that's not true of the work that I'm doing now.

"I can enlarge these pictures that I take with my Ryka to 20-by-24. Or 20-by-30, that's no problem. If the picture is sharp to begin with, which usually they are. The exhibit I have in L.A. is 11-by-14 stuff — standard photo paper size. That's a very nice size for looking at in the intimate situation of a gallery. You're going right up the photo."

## "Who else would I get to photograph with this cat peering out of a tree?"

### You can't art-direct cats."

"Nowadays, when you take pictures of authors, do the publishing houses call you or does the author call you?"

"Oh, it happens every which way. John Cheever used to call me up when he finished a book. He obviously enjoyed the ritual. I photographed him once, for *Time* in 1973.

"Phillip Roth regularly uses me. These arrangements are somewhat exceptional. Sometimes it's the publisher, the publicity person or the editor. More often probably the editor suggests me to an author. Authors mostly have friends who are writers and they get to you that way. Or who knows? Really, it seems to happen every which way. I'm not too good about showing my work around."

We talked, then, about the book. "There are 104 pictures in the book, which is all we could squeeze into the number of signatures that we used.

"You've got the text too. That was interesting. Forty-four of the pieces of text are taken from inter-

views in the *Paris Review's* Writers At Work interviews. The other 60 are taken from prefaces, lectures, essays, other interviews."

Often, Ms. Crampton, when taking photographs, suggests an author stand in front of a door. She recommended that I do so. I asked, "Why do you use doors so often?"

"Well, that's a good question. If you're using available light, sometimes the door provides you with a bit of a frame. Also, there's something evocative. I like to get dimension into a photograph. There's a suggestion, something evocative about a door. Or, a window.

"Also, you are on the street, looking for a background. I remember the doors in the photo of Tom Wolfe [Page 62 in Ms. Crampton's book], which was actually the door next door to Tom's then-townhouse."

"I can't stand those white suits he always wears."

"Well, that's his persona. It's funny. I remember him before he

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**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 mirabilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas. Through December.

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

**San Diego Archaeological Center**, "Moments in Time: An Exhibition of San Diego History"

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

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

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

**San Diego Historical Society Museum**, "Developing San

Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May 2006.

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

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

**San Diego Maritime Museum**, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the

building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado 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. "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.

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# Reading

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had that persona. He wore ordinary clothes, nothing that stood out. He's very comfortable with it — the persona. I've been told that's the first photograph of Tom taken that way [in the white suit]. It wasn't that easy a photo to take because there are a few little steps that go up there and I put the camera right in the top step of these three little steps. And I took my picture. I couldn't even see what I was taking. I did one frame and even so you have to tilt the easel when you print it to straighten out the lines a bit."

"Who was the last person of whom you took a picture?"

"Just last night there was a party for Studs Terkel that his publisher gave. I took some pictures of Studs at the party. And he signed an old edition I had of *Hard Times*. He wrote 'For Nancy...capturing creative spirits at their most unguarded and creative...with admiration and love, Studs Terkel.'

"I first met Studs in 1973 when I was on a whirlwind tour of the Midwest for *Publishers Weekly*, which is when I photographed Bellow, who is on the cover of the book."

"I'd never thought he ever looked so young in his whole life."

"He did then.

"I photograph — it's usually a Monday-night thing, at the Poetry Center at the 92nd Street Y. Louise Erdrich was there, Monday night. I had an Ojibwa medicine bag — a stunning thing from the late 19th Century. I photographed Louise holding it."

"Every week you photograph writers?"

"Usually, yes, during the school year. September through May. It's a Monday-night thing."

"Do you remember photographing Auden?"

"Do I remember? Yes. I can tell you a brief story about it. It was 1972. I had already connected with this German reporter with whom I went around for many months, covering the cultural scene for his huge German newspaper chain. Auden was in the Manhattan telephone book.

"He was in the East Village on St. Mark's Place. Bernard called him. He made a date with Auden, and we showed up. The three of us presented ourselves at Auden's front door. He said 'I don't know if I have four teacups.' But then he welcomed us in. He had a place in Austria. He completely flew into speaking German. He conducted his interview in German, which he didn't have to do. But he was having a great time with this interview and after I'd taken a few shots, he waved me away.

At that point, I was with the Pen-tax. Any single lens reflex camera makes a 'clunk' when you take the picture. But I already had my picture."

"Do you know when you have your picture?"

"Well, I didn't have much choice that time. I was still inexperienced. But yes, I think you do. Sometimes more so than at other times.

"I did have a memorable experience with Capote, memorable for me because it was a very late picture of Capote, taken three months before he died."

"Was he pleasant?"

"He was fine. I was flabbergasted when he telephoned me, but his editor put him up to it. I was having a show in The Hamptons. His editor [Joe Fox at Random House] had a house in Bridgehampton or Sagaponack. So I called up Joe and said I wanted to do Truman for this show. Joe said, 'If I see Truman...' I said, 'No, Joe, I need a photograph of Truman.' He was quite taken aback, but he said, 'I'll see what I can do.' Two weeks later, Truman called and said he would be sober at 4 o'clock that afternoon.

"He had the idea to go over to this park on the East River, which was quite nearby. He said that a photo of him had been taken on a park bench once. At that point I already had the invitation to my show printed and I

showed it to him. It had de Kooning's name on it. Truman said that they [Capote and de Kooning] were both out in Minnesota at the same time. 'Only it took with him and not with me,' Capote said. Referring to a stay at the Hazelden.

"But the mind was still there. I've thought about that. When I see that photo of him, I think of it sometimes. Even though he was a wreck at that point with his phlebitis and everything, he still could come through for a picture. That was really my picture of Truman. That was a very dramatic experience for me because it didn't seem as though it was going to be a promising session. Then he did come through. And we both knew it at the time. So that was a moving experience."

"Interviewing and photographing demand cooperation."

"Yes, the person has lent himself or herself to this, which they don't have to do and don't always want to do. They don't always consent to be photographed, but if they do, then they have agreed to cooperate."

"What happens if you take a series of photos for a publisher and the author and publisher do not like them?"

"It's extremely rare. It's even very rare to do a re-shoot — 'unusual,' I should say. Two instances which I think of right now, somebody had her hair

## "I can't stand those white suits he always wears."

done in a way that wasn't 'her,' in quotes. Or had worn something that didn't work out, or a combination of the two.

"I re-shot one person who was a friend. The second pictures were much more successful than the first. I never charged Knopf and I never charged her and I just let it go. It's very unusual though that that happens. And this type of photography, it's relatively low-budget."

"Do you have any tricks you use to make people relax?"

"It's purely instinctive."

"Who did you especially enjoy photographing?"

"Children's book writers. I did Maurice Sendak for an early *People* magazine, which he agreed to because he figured we'd get some good pictures out of it. We did, of course. He was an old friend. He got me my first apartment in New York, a couple of doors from my present one here on West Ninth Street. I lived in his building for many years, before Maurice moved. I moved myself. Maurice moved to the country.

"Maurice looks kind of like a wild thing. He is full of surprises. I last saw Maurice at the opening of his show at The Jew-

ish Museum — 'The Art of Maurice Sendak.'

"William Steig also. William Steig was just a kid. Who else would I get to photograph with this cat peering out of a tree? You can't art-direct cats. It was providing a little competition, but it worked out for the photo.

"Steig, at another moment, jumped up to pose on a rock that was probably the inspiration for his book *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*. There he is, standing on this rock. Like it's a pedestal or something.

"I sent him a few prints and I got a little tube in the mail with a drawing by him, stamped, 'To Nancy Crampton, Artist.' So, of course, he endeared himself to me."

— Judith Moore

*You can see Nancy Crampton's photographs at the Los Angeles Central Library, First Floor Galleries, 630 W. 5th St., Los Angeles. The galleries are open to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. There is no cost for admission. The exhibition ends on April 2, 2006.*

and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by

Alan Houser; more. Through Sunday, September 24, 2006.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social be-

havior 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 arti-

facts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hun-

dred 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 educa-

tional 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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**HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING:** Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number (including area code), and a phone number for public information to READER CLASSICAL MUSIC, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

**2005 Spreckels Organ Society Scholarship Winner** Alexis Cabral and civic organist Carol Williams perform in concert at Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, November 27, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Standard Classical and Romantic Music** for intimate ensembles performed by students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négyesy, Tuesday, November 29, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**"Mariinsky Romances"** — pianist Lariss Gergieva, soprano Irina Mataeva, tenor Dmitry Voropaev plan evening of Russian and Italian songs and arias, Wednesday, November 30, in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$30-\$50. 310-832-4684. (LA JOLLA)

**Solo Guitar Pieces from Spain and Italy** promised when Robert Wetzel performs for First Thursday Concert on December 1, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Palomar Computer Music Ensemble**, directed by Madelyn Byrne, takes stage for Concert Hour series on Thursday, December 1, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free.

Ensemble returns to Performance Lab to present "Sonic Sampler III" at 8 p.m. on December 1. \$5 general. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Unsung Heroes of the Orchestra"** showcased when Wind Ensemble at UCSD takes stage on Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Group is led by Robert Zelikman. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**Enjoy "600 Years of Music in an Hour"** when Novellus Ensemble performs for First Wednesday program at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library (2081 Newcastle Avenue) on December 7, 6:30 p.m. Free. 760-753-4027. (CARDIFF)

## ART LISTINGS

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## GALLERIES

**It's C-Note Time!** Annual winter "C-Note Fundraiser" at San Diego Art Institute begins Saturday, November 26, 5 to 8 p.m. Original artwork by institute member artists offered for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Art replaced on walls as pieces are sold. Continues through Monday, December 5. 619-236-0011. Admission: \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

## 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**, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino." Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time.

"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, *rose-maling* (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, Downtown**, WriterzBlok is a collective of artists offering youth of Southeast San Diego technical skills in visual arts, opportunities to learn about aerosol painting through educational programs. Through Sunday, December 11, view murals by WriterzBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

"Cerca Series: Michael Arcega" surveys artist's "diverse output from wall drawings" made from computer spam to delicate drawings made with human hair and his most recent project *El Conquistador*. Bay Area artist is "obsessed with ships and wordplay." Exhibit closes Sunday, December 11.

*Twelve* is a video installation by Barbara Kruger addressing themes of power, society, culture, family, and relationships. Experience the piece, projected individually on four walls, through Sunday, December 11.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla**, over four decades of work made by

artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through December. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is on view 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)

**Oceanside Museum of Art**, "OMA Regional 4," continuing through Sunday, January 8, is a juried exhibition featuring paintings, prints, and sculpture by artists in the region. The art by 31 artists showcases "a provocative selection reflecting recent trends in contemporary art." Jurors were Mary Beebe, Derrick Cartwright, Arthur Ollman. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art**, "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting" 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.

More than 250 works of photography revealing "tumultuous history of the representation of race in America" gathered in "Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self," concurrently at San Diego Museum of Art and Museum of Photographic Arts. Exhibition spans wide range of genres and movements, with pieces dating from mid-19th Century to present, continuing at both museums through December.

Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2.

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**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.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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# Missed the Play but Read the Title

“...Saint or a blood-sucking totalitarian swine?”

The full title of Peter Weiss’s *Marat/Sade*, one of the greatest plays of the 20th Century, is *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade*. When first produced in 1964, people joked, “I missed the play, but I read the title.”

From 1801 to 1814, the Marquis de Sade was an inmate at Sainte-Pelagie, Bicetre, and finally at Charenton, a catch-all asylum for the insane, political prisoners, and thinkers who thought too freely. Bloated from a life of libertine excess — “What we do is just a shadow of what we want to do,” Weiss has him say — Sade staged plays at Charenton, using the inmates for actors. “In exclusive Paris circles,” Weiss wrote, “it was considered a rare pleasure to attend Sade’s theatrical performances in the ‘hiding-place for the moral rejects of civilised society.’”

Weiss imagines a play about the murder of Jean-Paul Marat by Charlotte Corday d’Armont. A leader of the French Revolution, Marat may have advocated dictatorship. On July 13, 1793, Corday stabbed him to death as he bathed.

For the movie version, Sade explains, “Our play’s chief aim has been to take great propositions and their opposites, see how they work, then let them fight it out.”

Weiss doubles the complications by having the Marquis de Sade write and stage the drama at Charenton in 1808. Though he gave a testimonial at Marat’s funeral, Sade became profoundly disillusioned: by the revolution and the Napoleonic

regime that followed it. Thus he triples the complications by casting against type: he has a paranoid play the idealistic Marat, a somnambulist Corday, and other inmates recreate the French Revolution. The patients don’t have names. But their traits — the Marat may forget his lines; Corday may fall asleep; the patients could revolt — threaten to subvert Sade’s production.

As does M. Coulmier, director of Charenton and spokesperson for bourgeois values. Given to Napoleonic gestures, Coulmier’s what the French Revolution became. He considers himself enlightened (prides himself on letting the inmates perform plays for therapy) and often intrudes on scenes to object that “we’re more civilized now.” Should he choose, at any point Coulmier could stop the proceedings. He thinks.

When the play begins, a slight gesture by Sade controls the patients’ impulses. But as *Marat/Sade* evolves into baroque complexities — dazzling debates about human nature and social justice; blazing theatricality — Sade’s grasp becomes less firm, and the play within the play threatens not only to consume itself, but also the audience.

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Marat/Sade

**Marat/Sade** by Peter Weiss

**Ion Theatre**, in association with Intermission Productions, Academy of Performing Arts, 4580-B Alvarado Canyon Road, East Mission Valley

**Directed by Claudio Raygoza**; cast: John Antonov, Eusevio Cordoba, Robert Cox, Audrey Delgado, Byron Diffenderffer, Desiree Echaves, Daeg Faerch, Monica Flores, Jade Folia, Kim Hawkins, Jennifer Jonassen, Trina Kaplan, Celeste Martinez, Patrick Mayuyu, Bogar Pacheco, Kym Pappas, Claudio Raygoza, Walter Ritter, Jule Sachs, Matt Scott, Anahid Shahrik, Brian Taraz, Brandon Walker; costumes, Sarah Schneider and Kate Stallons; lighting, Mitchell Simkovsky; sound, Eusevio Cordoba; choreographer, Al Germani

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Two years ago, with almost no fanfare, Claudio Raygoza and the newly formed Ion Theatre staged Samuel Beckett’s difficult *Endgame* with impressive results. Undaunted by demanding theater (which doesn’t get more demanding than

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asylum, past rooms like prison cells and down a claustrophobic hallway to the theater space, where guards herd patients into position. Everyone's dressed in institutional white, off-white, or dull gray. Some smocks have drops of blood.

Typical of the play's stark contrasts, the drab look's almost monochromatic, but the people wearing the costumes range from hyperactive to downright insane. Peter Brook said, "Shakespeare seems better in performance than anyone else because he gives us more, moment for moment, for our money." Brook, who directed the first English version, said the same for *Marat/Sade*.

This plurality of focus creates problems that Ion doesn't always overcome. So many things happen at once — shrill inmates going berserk, characters within characters, songs, parades, and up-to-the-minute debates about war, economics, and abuses of power — the stage at times becomes a blur. The eye doesn't always know where to go.

A second problem: the young actors cast as the inmates can't conceal how much they relish trying to scare the audience (which is infecting: I was in a production of *Marat/Sade* on a loading dock at Santa Cruz long, long ago and have never performed in a more exciting atmosphere). Oftentimes, however, we get the actor's glee — a kind of pseudo-Halloween horror — rather than the real deal.

If the production doesn't make audiences extremely uncomfortable, on as many levels as the play's, then it hasn't done its job.

In one of Ion's best scenes, Duperret, a moderate republican Girondist, meets Charlotte Corday. She gives a mystical speech about harmony for all beings. Nicely played by Brandon Walker and Julie Sachs, the scene's supposed to be platonic: a Joan of Arc moment of purity above the fray. But the inmate playing Duperret's an erotomaniac (even wears a chastity belt). He can't keep his hands off the narcoleptic Corday.

Two figures bookend the stage: half-naked in a tub, his eyes rolling from the agony of a skin disease (or is it the inmate's paranoia?), Jean-Paul Marat; across from him on a chair, stage right, Sade gazes upon his ersatz creation like a demigod.

Claudio Raygoza gives Sade a precise, almost inhuman stillness. He speaks carefully, as if either in supreme control, or barely hanging on. The play is his revenge against all illusions. He has mental patients playing historical figures and reciting speeches. Then he argues with them. Is Raygoza's Sade the craziest one of all?

Tended by Simone Evrard (a madonna-like Ahahid Shahrik), Matt Scott's Marat has more layers than a geological dig. He speaks of liberty for all, but — remember who wrote his speeches — he also

makes the egomaniacal claim that "I am the revolution!" Was Marat the peoples' saint or a bloodsucking, totalitarian swine? In one of the best performances of 2005, Scott makes both interpretations possible. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

### 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



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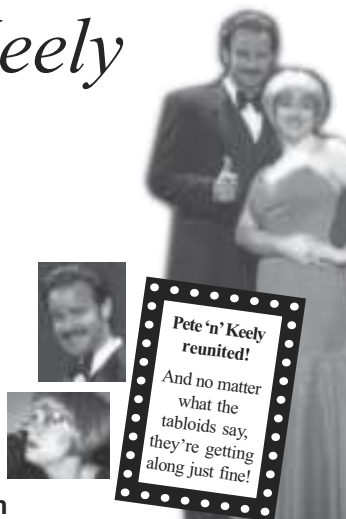
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shirt, punch a stomach, learn to shake hands) and a tacked-on, maudlin conclusion. For 6th@Penn, when he isn't trying to turn Samuel into King Lear, Ralph Elias does solid work as the brash boss and gentle/brash father. Max Macke combines Hampson's 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 conflicted reactions do more for the play's themes than anything in the script.

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**A Bright Room Called Day**  
"The tyranny of a prince in an oligarchy," wrote Montesquieu, "is not so dangerous to public welfare as the apathy of a citizen in a democracy." As if to illustrate the point, Tony Kushner's early drama takes

place in Berlin, 1932-33 (a period, he says, when choices still existed). As the Nazis rise to power, artists/close friends haggle, deny, and eventually fall away as brown-shirts steadily encircle them. Composed of 25 scenes and blackouts, *Bright Room* has both inventive insights and dramatic predictability. Although director Brendan Fox gives scenes the whiff of melodrama, which tempers the raw emotion Kushner favors, the Diversionary/Backyard Productions staging has impressive design work (Michelle Hunt's period costumes and Francis Thumm's knockout background music) and a top-notch local cast: especially Darren Scott as Baz, a gay man; Priscilla Allen as a starving ghost; Jessica John as a self-centered actor; the amazing Richard Baird as Satan (who could be a CEO or hold high public office); and Amanda Sitton as Zillah. She's a 2005 grad student who draws telling parallels between Hitler's Germany and our era of corporate globalization and erasure of civil liberties. Some may find Sitton's character, who speaks as if Starbuck'd to the gills on gonzo lattes, too paranoid. Zillah might reply by quoting William S. Burroughs: "Paranoia means having all the facts."

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How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

The Old Globe Theatre presents its popular holiday show about the de-monsterizing of an erstwhile meanie. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES, NORTH PARK, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

Killer Reunion

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion that doesn't go according to plan. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

The Little Foxes

Cygnnet Theatre stages Lillian Hellman's steamy drama about familial greed. Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH DECEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

Marat/Sade

Reviewed this issue. Worth a try. ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, MISSION VALLEY; THROUGH DECEMBER 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-245-4958.

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. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (NEXT TO THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING), THROUGH DECEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

On Golden Pond

The Thayers summer at a rustic house in Maine, and have for 48 years. Scenic designer Marty Burnett replicates the stained-wood home so splendidly—including a massive rock fireplace and the pond out the window—you'd swear that, instead of being at Vista's Avo Playhouse, you've made a diagonal leap across America to the northeast coast. Props (by Burnett) and Justin Hall's sound design cinch this impression. Ernest Thompson's play, about an elderly couple nearing their end, moves at a Maine (as opposed to Southern California) pace. But director Kathy Brombacher often turns this into a plus with choreographed, farcical movement and attention to detail. If you saw the movie, the performances by Katharine Hepburn and the Fondas are probably indelible. Charlie Rieneau ("tough old buzzard" Norman) and Sandra Ellis-Troy (upbeat Ethel) use the movie actors' accents, which feel borrowed. Nonetheless both do impressive work, especially their comic timing and chemistry (they interact as if they've been together for five decades). Designer Burnett heads the supporting cast as Charlie, a local yokel whose old age may not be blessed like the Thayers'.

Worth a try.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Pete 'n Keely

The Ramona Mainstage Theatre presents a musical comedy revue, featuring original songs and standards, about America's "swinging sweethearts"—or so they were, once. Brian Wells directed. RAMONA MAINSTAGE THEATRE, 626 MAIN STREET, RAMONA, THROUGH JANUARY 22; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-789-7008.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports"—two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre"—five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469.

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold

The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of Maripat Donovan's sequel to *Late Nite Catechism*. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

6th@Penn Classic Reading Series: The Birds

6th@Penn continues its new reading series with *The Birds* by Aristophanes.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, ONGOING RUN; SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun." LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES, NORTH PARK, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SELECTED FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

The Sum of Us

6th@Penn Theatre stages David Stevens' comedy-drama about a widower and his son. Douglas Lay directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AFTER DECEMBER 5: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Taking Leave

Lamplighters Community Theatre offers Nagle Jackson's drama about Eliot Pryne, in the early stages of Alzheimer's "taking leave" of the real world. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, BEN POLAK FINE ARTS THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH DECEMBER 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

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.

Tortilla Heaven

Korbett Kompany Productions offers Celeste Angela Estrada's story of three generations of Mexican-Americans "celebrating life, love, and making tortillas the American way." David Miguel Estrada directed. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NORMAL HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, THROUGH NOVEMBER 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

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.

Welk Musical Christmas

The Welk Resort Theatre presents its 11th annual Christmas show, featuring traditions from many cultures. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

William Shakespeare: Benefit for NCRT

For one night only, the North Coast Repertory Theatre stages a benefit starring local Shakespearean actors. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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**If You Hold It, They Will Defile It** The Pacific Beach Block Party is over, according to Benjamin Nicholls, executive director

fight, vandalism, and a drop-off in business.

Marcie Beckett, a member of [savepb.org](http://savepb.org), collected a survey of what residents and businesses think about the event.

"In summary, it was a huge negative impact on residences and businesses. Bars may make \$100,000 that

Nicholls says a workshop was held on November 21 to determine what events residents, businesses, and community organizations could support. It's been determined that the PB Block Party name won't be used and any other event may not include organizer Kevin Hellman.

"In the past, the block party was created by Kevin

PB to be like La Jolla. But it's not going to be as long as [homeowners] rent out to college students."

Hellman gets paid for organizing the event but would not disclose the amount.

— Ken Leighton

**No Living — Sister Fannie** James Brown, 71, did his thing for almost an

woman her name. "Fannie Brown...I'm James's sister."

I'm no autograph seeker, but there she was...and she didn't question my request. She took out a black Sharpie and began to write on the back of the white T. She signed her name at the top; below that, she wrote an e-mail address that may never be deciphered. It's tough to write on fabric with a felt marker, so the shirt started to look ugly...ruined. Under the e-mail address, she wrote a telephone number, each character four inches tall. I assumed it was a number with recorded Bible verses or something similar. Underneath the phone number (in smaller characters), "May You Be Blessed," and then my name.

When I got home around midnight, I punched in that phone number with the 815 area code (Illinois). I think I woke up a woman on the other end of the line.

"Is Fannie there?"  
"No."  
"Where is she?"  
"She's out of town."

— Shannon Price

**Will Rock for Clothes** "We picked up a sponsorship with [shoe company] Osiris," says Flight Risk singer Jesse Blanton. "They kicked us down some shoes, shirts, and jeans. They said they'd get us on all the [2006] West Coast [Warped Tour] shows."

San Diego-based Osiris

Shoes will launch a music division in January, following the lead of shoe companies such as Vans and Audio. Downspell is on the Osiris roster as well.

"Surf and skate videos

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the inside track

of Discover PB, an association that includes 1200 PB business owners. Discover PB was granted the party permit by the city for the past two years.

Nicholls says his board declined to host the event, and "We requested the city not issue a permit to anyone for the [2006] PB Block Party."

An estimated 105,000 turned out to see 43 bands play at the 30th annual festival on May 14.

"On balance, the block party had a negative impact," says Nicholls. "It gave PB an image as a place to get drunk." Locals against the event say the block party attracts public urination,

day, but other businesses, like Henry's and Trader Joe's, lost \$40,000. This year the Hells Angels and gangs showed up, and the police



2005 PB BLOCK PARTIERS

were just trying to keep fights from breaking out. They admitted they couldn't keep up with misdemeanors like urination." She says she wants the event moved. "It just got too big. The last Street Scene in Gaslamp drew 130,000. Because they got too big, they had to move to Qualcomm."

behind closed doors. When does a community get to participate in its own street fair?"

Jim Moore, president of the PB Town Council, says his board is split on the issue.

Meanwhile, Hellman says he is moving ahead with plans for a scaled-down event: the PB Street Fair, to be held April 29 and to include two or three stages (compared to last year's seven).

"If the community doesn't want the event, we won't do the event," says Hellman, noting that there were only four block-party-related arrests last year. Regarding the huge crowds: "We are a victim of our own success." And regarding those who want the block party out of PB: "They want

hour and a half last week at 4th & B (no encore, but no one seemed dissatisfied). Before the show, at his merchandise table, a woman directed her assistant to pull different shirt sizes from green '70s-era zip-up suitcases. They sold panties (with Brown's face and the words "I'm Real"), hand towels (imprinted with "The Man Who Took the Wet out of Sweat"), and T-shirts with other lines from The Man with Ants in His Pants. I bought a "Mr. Please Please Please!!!" T-shirt for \$25 (and the panties for \$8).

I spoke with the vendor about sizes, costs, and whether James Brown had sat down to autograph the color-copied photos with his signature (she said yes). Before I left, I asked the



BROWN: NOT SINGLE, BUT READY TO MINGLE



FLIGHT RISK: PREPARED FOR TAKE-OFF

used to use a lot of Lagwagon and Pennywise," says Blanton. "Then they moved into mellow Jack Johnson stuff. Now I think the industry is moving into hardcore again. Times change."

Blanton mentions how he's changed.

"All five of us [in Flight Risk] partied. Some of us got into other things," Blanton says, mentioning heroin and crystal meth. "I saw other people around me crashing and burning, and I figured it was about time to distance myself. One of my best friends robbed my house the day before he went to prison. That's what made me think it isn't for me." Blanton says he's been clean for five years.

Flight Risk appears Saturday at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad.

— Ken Leighton

**"The cops killed Francisco,** plain and simple, and they'll probably put me in jail for saying so," says Hoover High student

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Amanda M. She claims she was arrested for “obstruction” after being questioned about her 17-year-old friend Francisco Lopez. He and two accomplices allegedly stole a 1994 Acura Integra in La Mesa on November 13 and drove to Inferno (formerly Club Infusion), an all-age Escondido nightclub. Lopez died later, after he jumped off a Rancho Bernardo freeway overpass while running from police; likely he was unaware of the 120-foot drop due to thick fog on the bridge. One of the other teens who jumped is critically injured; the third was taken to juvenile hall.

“The cops didn’t have to chase them down like that; they could’ve arrested them at the nightclub,” says Amanda. “They were watching the car to see where they’d go. They let [Lopez and his friends] climb in and drive off and didn’t try to pull them over until they hit some fog and they were afraid of losing them, so they hit the lights.”

The police report states that officers traced the stolen vehicle via a theft-recovery device to a parking lot near Inferno at 12:30 a.m. Officers were conferring with Escondido police when the teens entered the car and drove off. Approximately a half hour had elapsed between the stolen-vehicle call and the drive-off toward Highway 78. A stop was attempted about a half mile from the club, but the Acura

sped off and a police supervisor called off the 100 mph chase after it ran onto Highway 15 south and officers reported thick fog. Police then spotted the car near West Bernardo Drive and Pomerado Road. The car was smoking and pulling over to the roadside. The two teens emerged and jumped from the bridge before police got out of their car.

Amanda says she saw Lopez and his two companions inside Inferno around midnight but that none of them discussed a stolen car.

“Because someone else there said [the trio] were talking to me about stealing it, the cops accused me of lying about [knowing this] and arrested me.” She thinks the arrest was punitive. “I’ve been one of the people saying, ‘The cops killed Francisco. It was their fault,’ but nobody seems to care. It’s open season on kids, and I don’t think the cops want me going around saying this.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

**San Diego Audiences Still Suck** North County band Faceles was named Best Hard Rock Band at the 15th annual L.A. Music Awards last Sunday. Vocalist Roger Baca says Faceles plays twice a month in L.A. at either the Roxy, the Whiskey, House of Blues, Dragonfly, and/or the Viper Room.

No Doubt, Everclear, Korn, Sugar Ray, and System of a Down won L.A. Music Awards before achieving major-label success. In spite of their award and the L.A.

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gigs, Faceles struggle in their hometown.

“We get no love here,”



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FACELES: BEST HARD ROCK BAND (IN L.A.)

says guitarist Mark Reveles. “When we play a new venue, people are withdrawn. It’s like they are afraid to applaud because of what others may think. In L.A., if we blast out a set, people immediately respond. Down here, people are stuck either in old-school punk or the old-school metal.... We tried like hell to get into Soma and the Epicentre. But down here it’s who you know, not how good you sound.”

How is it that a San Diego band can get an L.A. Music Award?

“We accept artists from all over the world,” says LAMA founder Al Bowman. “We got a call from the guy at the San Diego Music

Awards who wondered why San Diego musicians are allowed [to win awards] at the L.A. Music Awards. It’s because we’re an international city and we don’t shut out music from anywhere.”

In January, Faceles performs at the Sundance film festival in Utah followed by a show at the Winter X Games in Aspen.

— Ken Leighton



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WASHINGTON WORKS EVERY INCH OF THE ROOM

**As the Fog Lifts** “Hey, I know that guy from somewhere,” a dude at the Casbah claimed last

Wednesday night. He was talking about Ted Washington, onstage with his group Pruitt Igoe (more “performance art” than rock and roll).

“He works here,” another dude said.

“No, no, I know him from somewhere else. I’ve seen him in O.B.”

“He’s the bouncer at Winstons,” a woman with long red hair said.

“I knew it!” the dude said, stamping his foot down.

“Three months ago, I was really drunk, and he tossed me out of Winstons.”

“A lot of people say that about Ted,” the woman replied.

— Michael Hemmingson

**You Are What You Eat...**

When Fiona Apple appears at the House of Blues on Monday, November 28, her contract states she “presents an extremely dynamic, yet subtle show and consequently will require a state-of-the-art sound system.” She wants her dressing room stocked with a 12-pack of Naya water, four bottles of Snapple lemonade, a six-pack of ginger ale (“iced”), a bowl of mixed nuts, four red Fuji apples, four ripe bananas, one kiwi,

one ripe papaya, pita bread with organic hummus (“covered”), and chips with



FIONA APPLE LIKES FRUITS AND NUTS

fresh salsa (“not from a jar”). She’d like her tour bus stocked with six sodas (“three Pepsi, three Coke”) and “unless otherwise instructed, no piano tuner will be required for this show.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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On her website Karin writes: "I have always had a passion for music, but in the years I was growing up I was exposed to very little real jazz music. I would sing in church, in school choirs...although there was plenty of passion in the music, as well as expression, I felt unmoved."

Karin Carson will be singing jazz standards Friday, November 25, at Scalini Restaurant in Del Mar.

## TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"To me, jazz is a *live* music. It is for the people. Since there are varied impressions on what jazz is, there is a level of expectation that may or may not be met in a live setting. I have tended to play more traditional styles of jazz, but I'm moving into a more creative space.... In playing jazz, every experience is different due to constant improvisation. Dave Holland said it best: 'You have to let go of expectations and allow the magic to happen.'"

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## BEST GIG?

"Had to be my very first show. I played a tribute to Nina Simone at Dizzy's and sold the show out. We played two of the most frightening and exhilarating sets of my life. Dr. Carroll Wymon [Nina Simone's brother], a San Diego resident, graced us with his presence."

## WORST GIG?

"One of the first bands I joined, appropriately called Mis-led, rehearsed at this place called the Pelican Pub in Lemon Grove. Led by a guitarist straight out of the Big Hair Era, the band included me doing backup vocals, a lead female vocalist, a female drummer, and my friend on



Karin Carson

bass. We would play every week for tips, and the same ten people would dance to the same set of Blondie, the Motels, 4 Non Blondes, Alanis Morissette, and No Doubt covers. The first night we made \$5 in tips. I made my first musical dollar playing there."

## WEIRD GIG DREAMS?

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**Slightly Stoopid** [352]: House of Blues, Friday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 25, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

#### SATURDAY

**Jason Mraz** [824]: Copley Symphony Hall, Saturday, November 26, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Babyface**: 4th & B, Saturday, November 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Slightly Stoopid** [352]: House of Blues, Saturday, November 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### SUNDAY

**Dave Koz** [656]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, November 27, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

#### MONDAY

**Fiona Apple**: House of Blues, Monday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Saves the Day** [218]: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

### EXTENSION 4001

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### DECEMBER

**The Bangles**: House of Blues, Friday, December 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"Jingle Ball 2005" featuring **Los Lonely Boys**, the **B-52s**, **Alanis Morissette** [265], **Switchfoot**, **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.

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**Thomas Conner Band**

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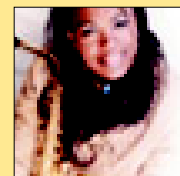
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# Calendar

## CONCERTS

**Gwen Stefani:** Cox Arena, Sunday, December 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

**Bob Schneider** /168/: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

**Kanye West:** RIMAC Arena, Sunday, December 4, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Sean Paul** /116/: House of Blues, Sunday, December 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Dwight Yoakam** /777/: Pala Events Center, Sunday, December 4, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

**Trey Anastasio:** 4th & B, Tuesday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**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.

**Bob Weir:** 4th & B, Friday, December 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Keith Urban** and **Deana Carter** /774/: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, December 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

**Korn** /275/: 4th & B, Sunday, December 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Unwritten Law** /261/: House of Blues, Tuesday, December 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Bauhaus:** 4th & B, Tuesday, December 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Don Edwards:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, December 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Unwritten Law** /261/: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Nickel Creek** /817/ and **Andrew Bird:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Nickel Creek** /817/ and **Andrew Bird:** House of Blues, Friday, December 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Riders in the Sky:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, December 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**The Brian Setzer Orchestra** /475/: House of Blues, Sunday, December 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Neil Diamond** /610/: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, December 21, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

**Ozomatli:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Peter White** /650/, **Rick Braun** /654/, and **Mindi Abair:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday, December 23, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

**Ozomatli:** House of Blues, Friday, December 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

No one can say whether it was the standing backflips, the cartwheels, or the searing guitar that first caught Jimi Hendrix's attention, but listen to enough **Guitar Shorty** recordings and you will hear the rudimentary licks that Hendrix later fleshed out in songs of his own. Jimi was a good student: "Hey Joe" and "Purple Haze" bear the clean slash-and-burn ruminations of Shorty's guitar styling. In the '60s, Shorty was married to Jimi's sister Marsha. Jimi was in the military at the time and was said to go AWOL to attend Shorty's gigs.

Shorty's real name is David Kearney. He earned his musical stripes as a teen on a couple of road tours with Ray Charles. But his years with the Genius have little

bearing on the hard-rocking outlaw blues Shorty is currently making. When I was in college, for those who had even the slightest interest in guitar, hearing Shorty either made one want to quit the instrument or ditch school and start a band. His fingers never falter in finding the right notes, and his tone hangs on the edge of distortion. He is of the blues-rock school of guitarists, meaning that he is a killer riff factory with the overactive glandular sense of charisma that goes with that territory.

There is another difference between him and most blues-guitar rockers: Shorty can sing, and he does so with passion and force equal to the fireballs coming out of his amplifier. Rather than reduce his guitar to a bag of parlor tricks, Shorty uses his fretboard vocabulary to say what his voice cannot. In the only concession to age that I can detect, Shorty's not so acrobatic onstage anymore.



## GUITAR SHORTY

But at 65, his sound is meaner and nastier than when he was a young man. "Oh, I still might do [a backflip] now and then," he says. "But my manager and my label, they don't want me to. They're afraid I'll hurt myself."

**GUITAR SHORTY, Saville Theater, San Diego City College, Tuesday, November 29, 8 p.m. 619-388-3037. \$10.**

**Social Distortion** /481/: House of Blues, Monday, December 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Social Distortion** /481/: House of Blues, Tuesday, December 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Tevin Campbell:** 4th & B, Wednesday, December 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Reverend Horton Heat:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**The Rugburns** /263/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 30, 143

South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

**Karl Denson's Tiny Universe:** 'Canes, Saturday, December 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

**Chris Isaak** /466/: House of Blues, Saturday, December 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

## JANUARY

**G Love & Special Sauce:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

**Pennywise** and **No Use for a Name** /216/: 4th & B, Thursday,

January 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Eliza Gilkyson** /504/: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Pennywise** and **No Use for a Name** /216/: Soma, Friday, January 20, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

**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.

**Social Distortion** /481/: House of Blues, Friday, January 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Social Distortion** /481/: House of Blues, Saturday, January 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**The Dead Kennedys:** House of Blues, Sunday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

## FEBRUARY

**Air Supply** /611/: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 3, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Little Feat** /459/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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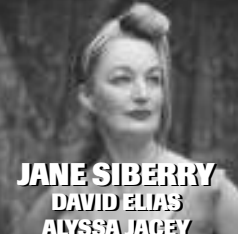


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ALYSSA JACEY

Thu 12/1 • 8:00 PM



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TRAVEL AGENTS

Sat 12/3 • 9:00 PM



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Sun 12/4 • 8:00 PM



AN EVENING WITH  
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McGEE**

Thu 12/8 • 9:00 PM



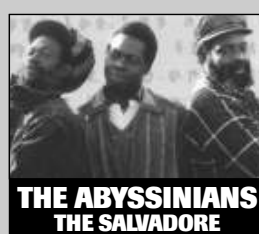
**SHOOTER JENNINGS**  
ROCK & ROLL SOLDIERS

Fri 12/9 • 9:00 PM



**JUDY COLLINS**  
WITH GUESTS

Sun 12/11 • 8:00 PM



**THE ABYSSINIANS**  
THE SALVADORE  
SANTANA BAND

Mon 12/12 • 9:00 PM



**PATO BANTON**  
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Wed 12/14 • 9:00 PM



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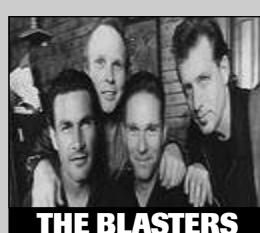
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12/21 **DIRTY SWEET**  
1/20 **RODNEY CROWELL**  
1/21 **TOMMY CASTRO**

1/27 **WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK**  
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**Azariah's Dream:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**The Black Letter Days:** Dreamstreet  
**Building a Better Spaceship:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Bullfighter:** Dreamstreet  
**Cage:** The Casbah  
**Camu Tao:** The Casbah  
**Clear Static:** Soma  
**The Clockwork Army:** The Casbah  
**Con Job:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Cure'd:** Brick By Brick  
**Deep Rooted:** The Casbah  
**Desire:** Brick By Brick  
**d.fRost** /389/: 'Canes  
**The Donkeys:** The Kensington Club  
**The Doomsday Device:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**Downspell:** Brick By Brick  
**The Downtown Moneywasters:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Drifts:** The Kensington Club  
**The Earlies:** The Casbah  
**The Ellipses:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Emery Byrd:** The Kensington Club  
**End of Eden:** Soma  
**Fear Factory** /212/: House of Blues  
**Fishbone** /177/: House of Blues  
**Floetry:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Freshly Squeezed:** Winstons

**The Goodmen:** Hot Monkey Love Cafe  
**The Grams:** Blind Melons  
**Hargo:** Blind Melons  
**His Irate Life:** Soma  
**Hollywood Begg:** The Casbah  
**Hornswaggled:** Soma  
**I Matador:** Brick By Brick  
**In This Moment:** Brick By Brick  
**Innocent Noise:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Jade Shader:** The Kensington Club  
**Jurassic Rock:** Brick By Brick  
**Kavena:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Kicking K8:** 'Canes  
**Kill Fast Casino:** Soma  
**The Kobbs:** Brick By Brick  
**Lagwagon:** Soma  
**Last Amanda:** Brick By Brick  
**Lawrence Arms:** Soma  
**New Dead Radio:** Brick By Brick  
**Noise God:** Dreamstreet  
**Of Hearts & Shadows:** Soma  
**Off Track:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Reeve Oliver:** Soma  
**Parkhurst:** Soma  
**Payton March:** Soma  
**Plastic Explosive** /270/: The Casbah  
**The Pocket Protectors:** Brick By Brick  
**Rasputina:** The Casbah  
**Reason to Rebel:** Soma  
**Revolution Smile:** Brick By Brick  
**Sabrosa Purr:** Brick By Brick  
**7K:** The Jumping Turtle  
**The Sleeping People:** The Kensington Club  
**Slightly Stoopid** /352/: House of Blues  
**The Slip:** Winstons  
**Slow Suicide Stimulus:** The Casbah  
**Soil Work:** House of Blues  
**Split Finger:** 'Canes  
**Spoken Gun** /131/: Blind Melons  
**The Spots:** The Kensington Club  
**Spread the Ashes:** Soma  
**Strapping Young Lad:** House of Blues  
**Surprise Me Mr. Davis:** Winstons  
**Sushijos:** The Kensington Club  
**Tailgunner:** The Casbah  
**10:Thirty 7:** 'Canes  
**The 25th Hour:** Soma  
**Vinyl Radio:** The Kensington Club  
**Vitro:** The Kensington Club  
**W.E.F.O.T.:** Soma

## EXTENSION 4003

## ROCK

**Aberdeen City:** The Casbah  
**Blind Date:** Pounder's

**Chasing Heaven:** Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), Blind Melons  
**The Children of Bodom:** House of Blues  
**The Thomas Conner Band:** Humphrey's  
**Devil Driver:** House of Blues  
**Down with Leo:** The Casbah  
**The Duotones:** The Calypso Cafe  
**The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons  
**Erroneous Funk:** Dizzy's  
**The Farmers:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Five Alarm:** Surf N'Saddle  
**Forget the Joneses:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Sam's by the Sea  
**The Kyle Frost Band:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)  
**The Fryday Band:** Blind Melons  
**Mike Gardner:** Mas Fina Cantina  
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**Ron's Garage:** Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado  
**Rule of Thirds:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery  
**Eve Selis** /410/: Belly Up Tavern  
**Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Santee)  
**619:** Second Wind (San Carlos)  
**Spell Toronto:** The Casbah  
**The Steely Damned:** Humphrey's  
**The Stilettoes:** Riley's Sports Bar  
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**Viva Santana:** Humphrey's  
**Whole Hog:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**The Wombats:** Coyote Bar and Grill

## EXTENSION 4004

## POP / TOP 40

**B Natural:** Bahia Belle Cruise  
**Diva Soul:** Jimmy Love's  
**Doug:** The Calypso Cafe  
**Fran Loskota:** The Westgate Hotel  
**The Love Rangers:** The Alley  
**Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House  
**Sweet James:** Tiki House  
**X-Cel:** Jimmy Love's

## EXTENSION 4005

## JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Agua Dulce [711]:** 'Canes  
**Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze  
**The Archtones:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

**The B-Side Players [649]:** 'Canes  
**The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies  
**The Big Easy Jazz Band:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse  
**Tom Bishop:** Rancho Bernardo Inn  
**Blue Largo [636]:** The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II  
**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado  
**The Lee Brown Perspective:** Magnolia's  
**John Cain [703]:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado  
**The Jorge Camberos Quintet:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille  
**Bruce Cameron:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze  
**Karin Carson:** Scalini Restaurant  
**Gilbert Castellanos [667]:** Onyx  
**Sandy Chappel:** Cafe LaMaze  
**Jo Dark:** The German-American Societies  
**Nick Fiore:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The Jim Gala Jazz Trio:** Kitima Thai Restaurant  
**Joe Garrison:** Cafe LaMaze  
**John Giulino:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The Jim Guerin Duo:** Jack & Giulio's Italian Restaurant  
**Jeanette Harris:** Humphrey's  
**The High Society Jazz Band:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra:** Winstons  
**Daniel Jackson:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Barbara Jamerson:** Hotel del Coronado

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There was always something disturbing about **Fiona Apple**. She entered the public eye almost ten years ago as a skinny teenager singing with a husky voice that seemed to belong to someone much older. MTV went nuts for her video "Criminal," which was modeled on an infamous pornography-chic Calvin Klein ad campaign. In interviews, Apple would talk freely about how she had been raped. She became famous for freaking out onstage and declaring, "This world is bullshit" while accepting a Grammy. When she came out with a second album, she gave it a ridiculously impractical 90-word title. By supporting her career, it sometimes seemed her fans

were complicit in the exploitation of a troubled young woman.

Apple has slowly returned to the public eye in the past couple of years with one of those music-industry stories that is probably too good to be true. Someone leaked an early version of Apple's third album on the Internet, and the rumor went around that Sony had refused to release it, even though her two previous albums had gone platinum. Led by an unofficial website campaign, fans started mailing fake apples to Sony's offices, demanding that the record company release the album. Last month Sony released *Extraordinary Machine*, but most of the leaked songs had been rerecorded with a different producer. Apple said she wanted it that way.

Whatever the real story, the hubbub had the long-overdue effect of taking atten-



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tion away from Apple the troubled woman and placing it where it belongs, on Apple the talented artist.

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**Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel  
**Stellita Lindgren:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Dave Lindgren:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Luna Llena:** The Calypso Cafe  
**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 Top Hat Bar and Grille  
**Mystique:** Jimmy Love's  
**Mike Nelson:** The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill  
**Sue Palmer [641]:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Blind Melons  
**The David Patrone Quartet [647]:** Riley's Sports Bar  
**Ben Powell:** Tomiko Bar & Grill

**Primo:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Belly Up Tavern  
**Ritmo Caliente:** Sevilla  
**Rick Ross:** La Valencia Hotel  
**Dave Scott:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Pasquale on Prospect  
**John Scott & the Magnificents:** The Calypso Cafe  
**The Second Avenue Jazz Band:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse

**Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time:** Jimmy Love's  
**The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love's  
**The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet:** Buon Giorno Restaurant  
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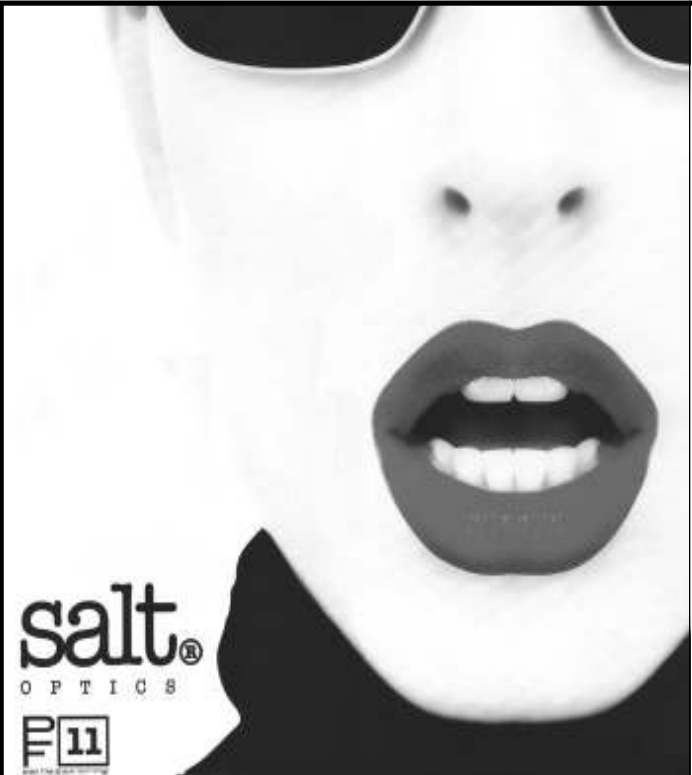


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REGGAE / SKA

**The Blaze Mob:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Burnt:** Dreamstreet  
**Don Carlos:** Belly Up Tavern  
**The Devastators [731]:** 'Canes  
**Diego Roots:** Sam's by the Sea  
**The Dub Shack:** Blind Melons  
**Dub Station:** Belly Up Tavern  
**Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels:** Winstons  
**Tippa Lee:** Winstons  
**Magnusen:** Dreamstreet  
**The Jerry McCann Band:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**The Mystic Roots:** 'Canes  
**NZ Rough:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)  
**Qwiksand:** Rosie O'Grady's  
**Shaka Black:** World Beat Center, Belly Up Tavern  
**Sister Nancy:** Winstons  
**Stranger:** 'Canes  
**Tibo:** World Beat Center  
**The Tribe of Kings:** 'Canes  
**West Bound Train:** Dreamstreet  
**Andrew Wright:** Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

**The Band in Black:** Dizzy's  
**The California Rangers:** McCabe's Beach Club  
**The High Rolling Loners:** Winstons  
**George James:** Don's Cocktail Lounge  
**Shoestring Strap:** Winstons  
**Whiskey Ridge:** Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

**Alex Arndt:** Dreamstreet  
**Carra Barrett:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill  
**Reeve Carney:** Lestat's Coffeehouse  
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**Steve Poltz [815]:** The Casbah  
**Andrea Reschke:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**Jamie Robb:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company  
**Sendra:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub  
**Sheila Sondergard [846]:** 'Canes  
**Sue Anne:** 'Canes  
**Jack Tempchin:** The Calypso Cafe  
**2 Guys Will Move U:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

**Blue Rockit [955]:** Island Sports & Spirits, Tio Leo's Lounge  
**The Blues Brokers:** Patrick's II, The Kraken  
**The Blues Invaders:** Pal Joey's  
**Tommy Budd & Windy City [957]:** JP's Pub

**The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]:** The Kraken  
**Chet Cannon & the Committee:** Patrick's II  
**The Corvelles:** Humphrey's  
**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]:** Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe, Chateau Orleans  
**The Fremonts [923]:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**The Greasy Petes:** Tiki House  
**Chris James & Blue Four:** Patrick's II

**The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]:** Patrick's II  
**Magic Slim & the Teardrops:** Humphrey's  
**Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]:** The Kraken  
**Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]:** Patrick's II  
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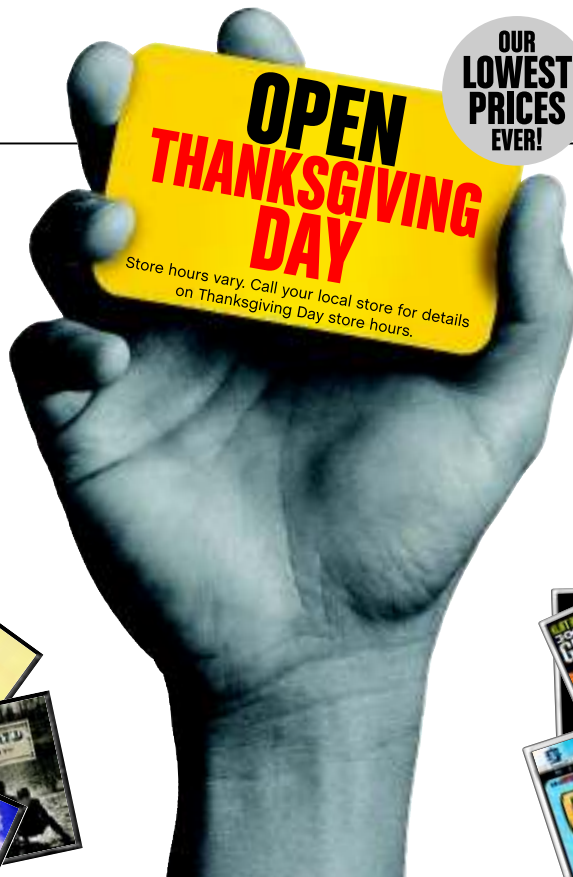


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Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

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**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., *Blue Largo*, blues.

**The Calypso Cafe**, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Wednesday, November 23, *Tres Sapos*. Friday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Saturday, *Luna Llena*, Latin jazz. Sunday, *the Duotones*, rock. Monday, *Doug*, pop. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, November 30, *John Scott & the Magnificents*.

**Carvers**, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *West of Memphis*, blues.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Wednesday, November

23, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*, classic rock. Thursday, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, rock/blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Free Martin*, folk rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae/R&B, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Wednesday, November 30, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wombats*.

**Game Time Tavern**, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton*, R&B/jazz/dance.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)**, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Wednesday, November 23, and Friday, November 25, DJ events. Saturday, *the Kyle Frost Band*, rock.

**The Jumping Turtle**, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Saturday, 5 p.m., *Off Track, Building a Better Spaceship, Con Job, 7K, the Ellipses*, the *Downtown Moneywasters*, and *Imnocent Noise*.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday and Friday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Saturday, *Married by Elvis*, rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

**Longshot Saloon**, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, 9 p.m., DJ event with *DJs Stakka Jayvon, XYZ, and D.K.S.D.*, drum 'n' bass/breakbeats.

**Mas Fina Cantina**, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

**McCabe's Beach Club**, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

**The Metaphor Coffeehouse**, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Wednesday, November 23, 8 p.m., hip-hop. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *the Second Avenue Jazz Band*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Hellfire Trigger*, rock. Sunday, 11 a.m., open mike, 4 p.m., *Singing for a Cause*. Monday, 6:30 p.m., *the Big Easy Jazz Band*.

**Pounders**, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Blind Date*, classic rock.

**Scalini**, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Friday, 8 p.m., *Karin Carson*, traditional jazz.

**Surf N'Saddle**, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Wednesday, November 23, 9 p.m., open mike. Friday, *Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones*, rock. Wednesday, November 30, open mike.

**Tomiko Bar & Grill**, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

**Wynola Pizza Express**, 4355 Highway 78, Julian. 760-765-1004. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Kev*, acoustic rock/folk.

## BEACHES

**Blind Melons**, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Wednesday, November 23, *Podunk Nowhere, Intercept, Jess Klein*, and

*Venice Maki*, acoustic/folk/rock. Friday, *Strive and Spoken Gun*, rock/alternative. Saturday, *the Fryday Band* and *Gadfly*. Sunday, *Dub Shack*. Monday, *Chasing Heaven*, pop/rock. Tuesday, *Sue Palmer*, jazz. Wednesday, November 30, *Hargo* and *the Grams*, alternative/pop rock.

**'Canes**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Wednesday, November 23, *Split Finger, Diego Roots*, and *dJfrost*, alternative. Friday, *the B-Side Players, the Devastators*, and *Tribe of Kings*, Latin/reggae. Saturday, *Agua Dulce, Stranger, Mystic Roots*, and *DJ Buddha*, Latin/reggae. Sunday, *Ameca Park, Vanessa Juarez, Alyssa Jaycee, Sue Anne*, and *Sheila Sondergard*, folk/acoustic. Wednesday, November 30, 8 p.m., *Buckley's Ghost, Super D, Kicking K8*, and *10:Thirty 7*, rock/alternative.

**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. Wednesday, November 23, *Master Guru* and *Noise God*, metal. Friday, *Burnt, the Debonairs, West Bound Train, Magnusen*, and *Alex Arndt*. Saturday, *Bullfighter, the Black Letter Days*, and *J.D. Romance*. Sunday, open mike. Wednesday, November 30, *the Metal Brigade*.

**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

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9 p.m., *the Rob Thorsen—Jaime Valle Jazz Duo*.

**Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)**, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, 9 p.m., *Chasing Heaven*, rock.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, live 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.

**The Lodge at Torrey Pines**, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

**Pasquale on Prospect**, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *Nick Fiore, John Giulino*, and *Dave Scott*, jazz.

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**Sam's by the Sea**, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Diego Roots*, reggae. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *D.P.I.* and *the Greedy Bastards*, rock.

**Sandbar Sports Grill**, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-

1274. Wednesday, November 30, 10:30 p.m., *m.e.l.d.*, rock/blues/funk.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *the Greasy Petes*. Saturday, *the Nards*, rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Sweet James*, acoustic/jazz/pop. Wednesday, call club for information.

**Turquoise Cafe**, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Wednesday, November 23, *the Slip* and *Surprise Me Mr. Davis*. Friday, *Sister Nancy, Tippa Lee, Andrew Wright*, and *Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels*, reggae. Saturday, *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz, and *the Underground Orchestra*. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Joey Bowen*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Shoestring Strap* and *the High Rolling Loners*, bluegrass/rockabilly. Wednesday, November 30, *Freshly Squeezed*, alternative.

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**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Wednesday, November 23, *Revolution Smile*, *Sabrosa Purr*, *Last Amanda*, and *the Kobbs*. Friday, *Media Lab*, *Downspell*, *In this Moment*, *Awaiting Samsura*, *New Dead Radio*, and *I Matador*. Saturday, *the Aqua Nets*, *Desire*, *the Pocket Protectors*, and *Jurassic Rock*. Wednesday, November 30, *the Cure'd*.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Rule of Thirds*, rock.

**Harry's Bar & American Grill**, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe**, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Monday, 7 p.m., *the Goodmen*, acoustic rock.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *Slightly Stoopid* and *Jack Mannes*. Saturday, *Slightly Stoopid* and *Fishbone*. Sunday, *Fear Factory*, *Soil Work*, and *Strapping Young Lad*. Monday, 8 p.m., *Devil Driver*, rock/metal. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Trivium* and *the Children of Bodom*, hard rock.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Wednesday, November 23, 8 p.m., *the Steely Damned*, rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Corvelles*, 9:30 p.m., *Rising Star*, original rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Thomas Conner Band*, rock and roll, 9 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jeanette Harris*, smooth jazz. Tuesday,

9:30 p.m., *the Soul Persuaders*, funk/soul. Wednesday, November 30, *Magic Slim & the Teardrops*, blues.

**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

**JP's Pub**, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City*, blues.

**Jack & Giulio's Italian Restaurant**, 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town. 619-294-2074. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Jim Guerin Duo*, jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Bob MacLeod*, pianist.

**The Kava Lounge**, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Thursday, *DIG with DJs Mark E. Quark*, *Red Sonya*, and *Andy Boswell*, house music.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative/rock. Wednesday, November 23, *Emery Byrd*, *Sushijos*, and *Vinyl Radio*. Friday, *Vitro*, *the Spots*, and *the Donkeys*. Saturday, *the Sleeping People*, *the Jade Shader*, and *the Drifts*.

**Kitima Thai Restaurant**, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

**Lestat's Coffeeshouse**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Wednesday, November 23, *Emersen* and *Molly Jensen*. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Gene Johnson*. Saturday, *Matt Jordan*. Sunday, *Jenn Grinels* and *Erin McCarley*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, November 30, *Trevor Davis* and *Reeve Carney*.

**Magnolia's**, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

**Mister A's**, 2550 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-1377. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Jason Weber*, jazz saxophone.



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**Album:** *Raise Hell, Raise Babies* (2004)

**Artist:** Jeffrey Beringer

**Songs:** 1) The End of the Ugliness 2) Raise Hell, Raise Babies 3) Part of Me 4) Wisdom 5) Tiki Tike Tembo 6) Naughty Boy 7) Life's Design 8) The Way I Like to Live 9) Rosy Roses 10) Real Love 11) Narcissus

**Price/where available:** Available for \$12 (plus shipping and handling) through a mail request to Jeffrey Beringer, P.O. Box 6185, Chula Vista CA 91909-6185.

**Band:** Jeffrey Beringer (vocals, arrangements)

**Extra info:** Beringer can be seen every Sunday at Caguamamas Bar in Tijuana, every Monday at Lestat's Coffeeshouse, every Tuesday at Hot Monkey Love Café, and every Wednesday at Twiggs Coffeeshouse.

**Website:** [www.jeffreyberinger.com](http://www.jeffreyberinger.com)

The piano-backed ballads "Part of Me" and "Real Love" sound as though they could have come from Gary Jules. Sadly, these tracks are the only

two that suggest singer/songwriter Jeffrey Beringer isn't devoid of musical talent. The rest of his album plays out like some kind of bad futuristic acid trip.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Whole Hog* and *the Holloway Brothers*, hard rock. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Northstar Session*, *Tramps & Thieves*, *Sendra*, and *Jefferson Jay*, rock/acoustic. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Podunk Nowhere*, acoustic. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Kavena* and *Forget the Joneses*, rock. Wednesday, November 30, *Alex Esther*, *Christopher Cash*, *Azariah's Dream*, and *Carra Barratt*, acoustic/folk/rock/pop.

**The Ould Sod**, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live acoustic/folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session. Wednesday, *DJ Andre Fraire*.

**Pal Joey's**, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*, blues/swing.

**Riley's Sports Bar**, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz. Saturday, acid jazz. Wednesday, *the Stiletto's*, rockabilly.

With samplers, synths, drum machines, and vocal distortion, Beringer creates a fusion of techno, hip-hop, funk, and new wave. The 11 tracks were recorded on his Mac G4, using Propellerhead Reason and Steinberg Cubasis. Most tracks would be listenable were it not for the shrieking and moaning that make certain songs laughable.

Beringer took a big chance by avoiding traditional instrumentation and compositional skills, but he misses the mark. Beats are repetitive and annoying, especially on "Tiki Tike Tembo," the worst song on the disc. The entire track rests on the words "tiki tiki tembo no sa rembo cheri beri ruchi pip berry pembo." With a bewildering lack of melody and sense, this one is too far out there.

Beringer says that the songs all are "somehow con-



Jeffrey Beringer

nected to the idea of destruction and construction." When he's not spouting gibberish, he does achieve something. In "Life's Design" he sings, "There is no fault/ there is no blame / just a beginning and an end. I pause the swirl of life's design to remember you, my friend."

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**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Wednesday, November 23 and November 30, *the High Society Jazz Band*. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Rockit*, rock/blues, and *Ayanna Hobson*. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco.

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## DOWNTOWN

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Wednesday, November 23, *live wire and One Nation Under a Groove*. Friday, *Spell Toronto, the Transit War, Plastic Explosive, and Tailgunner*. Saturday, *Steve Poltz, Julie Mack, and Tom Freund*. Sunday, *Cage, Camu Tao, Slow Suicide Stimulus, and Deep Rooted*. Monday, *Rasputina and Aberdeen City*. Tuesday, *the Clockwork Army, Down with Leo, and Hollywood Begg*. Wednesday, November 30, *the Earlies and the Noise Media*.

**Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Music is jazz. Wednesday, November 23, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*. Friday, *Sue Palmer*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Wednesday, *the Atomic Cowboy*.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Band in Black*, Johnny Cash tribute band. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Afro Rumba*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Erroneous Funk*. Wednesday, November 30, 7:30 p.m., *the Legacy Big Band*.

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**Princess Pub & Grille**, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

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**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.


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Down Mexico way, El Biz is pronounced “Elvis,” and that’s the kind of star power you’ll find in El Bizcocho’s dining room. Like the King, it’s both charismatic and oddly elusive. To reach the restaurant, you must first locate Rancho Bernardo Inn. While waiting at the porte cochere for the Lynnester to show up, we overheard the parking valets giving directions on the phone several times (including, twice, to Lynne). Once inside the Inn’s door, you pass through “a maze of mousetraps,” as she put it — sideways, downstairs, and upstairs again, along the Persian rugs, past board-game tables and antiques and ancestral portraits gracing a series of beautiful period rooms.

The restaurant itself resembles a posh French country inn, with plushy chairs, imposing vases, and a pianist tinkling ballroom tunes. The service is always legendary, but on this visit it was exceptional. Delving into the weighty tome the staff has nicknamed “the Bible,” a.k.a. the wine list, I sought a bottle I expected to find here, and almost nowhere else: Château Grillet (from Condrieu, a tiny pocket of the Rhone district) is the definitive Viognier — the wine that put this grape on the map. It was listed for the relatively reasonable price of \$120. After five years of ordering from the bottom third of every list for reviews, I succumbed to temptation. The sommelier seemed initially disbelieving, then shocked, then thrilled: The wine is one of his favorites, but obscure enough that few diners plough through the 60-page list looking for it. From then on, the servers seemed to dote on our table. I can guarantee from past experience that even if you order lesser wines, or none at all, the service will still be the best in the county — but this time it was beyond perfect. That’s not to say that it was stuffy or smothering, but friendly, funny, and full of “yeses” to our every request.

How, then, is the food? A year ago, El Bizcocho was on the verge of earning my first five-star rating, but I needed one more visit to make sure. Just then, the management and French-born chef Patrick Ponsaty parted ways. (Ponsaty is now at La Bastide in Scripps Ranch.) “El Biz has left the building,” I moped for a while. Then I started hearing raves about his former sous chef, Gavin Kaysen, who became his replacement. I decided to give the restaurant a fresh try.



The menu begins with appetizers, goes on to second-course soups and salads, followed by entrées, and then desserts (by pastry chef Taylor Costa). It changes seasonally, but odds are you’ll find many of the same autumn dishes that I tried still on the list through the winter.

A perfect “amuse” of tiny heirloom tomatoes and microgreens on a *crostata* awakened our mouths for the appetizers. The sautéed dayboat scallops were a knockout — not only perfectly cooked, but enhanced by a new-fangled technique that produces a “foam” rather than a sauce. Golden in color, the bubbles had a mysterious sweet-tart flavor that turned out to be gooseberries blended with verjus (sour grape juice, currently enjoying a culinary revival 500 years after it last graced the cupboard). English peas and tiny diced carrots floated on an ivory-white sauce, a creamy cauliflower purée studded with diced Virginia ham crisped to a baconlike consistency. The flavors were startlingly good, the combination a triumph.

A halved tail of Maine lobster, the size of a

slipper lobster, was festooned with microgreens and perched on toasted house-made brioche, a crouton that soon dissolved under the sandwiched layer of mashed Haas avocado. The kicker was a Tahitian vanilla-orange vinaigrette, making pointed use of comforting vanilla to smooth out a tangy dressing.

Last and least of our appetizers was a red-wine risotto with rabbit loin cooked *sous-vide*, a technique of marinating and/or gently poaching foodstuffs inside airtight wrappers — nowadays, plastic heat-sealed by a Cryovac machine. The bunny was tender but needed something more to liven up its bland meat. The risotto was heavy and, to our tastes, rather dull, the red wine giving it the look (and even the texture) of hippie-era brown rice. Overall, the dish was good but less thrilling than we’d hoped.

Our second-course choices brought a return to excitement. A roasted chestnut soup with duck-confit crostini flaunted bits and shreds of duck meat and diced croutons in a velvety

## REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

### El Bizcocho

★★★★ (Good to Very Good)

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500.

**HOURS:** Monday–Thursday 6:00–9:00 p.m., weekends until 10:00 p.m., Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Weighty wine list starts at about \$35 per bottle, with relative bargains at higher end; some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices just okay.

**PICK HITS:** Appetizers of dayboat scallops, Maine lobster on brioche, roasted chestnut soup, Belgian endive salad, Kobe beef short ribs.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Directions: From Rancho Bernardo Road (toward the south edge of town), take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurantgoers). Once inside, follow signs to restaurant. Disabled access: specify when you reserve, and they’ll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, many short staircases to negotiate from public entrance. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance.

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cream soup flavored by puréed chestnuts that had been precooked *sous-vide*. The waiter delivered the soup in a tall, narrow glass tube

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planted in a soup bowl. “I hope I have a small enough spoon,” said my boyfriend. Then the waiter slowly lifted the tube straight up, unleashing the liquid into the bowl. It doesn’t add to the flavors (which were good already), but it’s great showmanship.

A lobster bisque with not too much cream was smoky and powerful, scented with aged Armagnac. Lynne and I loved it, but my partner found the liquor flavor too strong. Belgian endive salad, stacked like a Napoleon, offered a multitude of flavors in every mouthful — from a winey, vibrant sherry vinaigrette to a lively Spanish blue cheese, *queso de Valdeon*. The garnishes included walnuts and spheres of port-poached pear. Although the combination isn’t novel, the presentation and choice of cheese were fresh and full of fun.

As is often true in restaurants, the entrées weren’t quite up to the opening act. The *sous-vide* technique reappeared with lamb, browned on the surface and then slow-poached. “Love Me Tender” was its theme song — the meat was toothsome, moist, and so lacking in sheepishness, it could have passed for beef tenderloin. It was plated atop wilted spinach, and on the side pearl onions sat atop a thick porcini cream mousseline. Yet these separate elements, each tasty in itself, never seemed to talk with each other, like neighboring tables at a Vegas nightclub.

Kobe beef short ribs were very tender and nearly free of

fat. The “natural braising juice” noted on the menu was a combination of port, dry red wine, and veal stock. Lynne and I felt that the rich sauce somewhat masked the superior flavor of the premium beef, while my partner was happy that it cloaked the taste of cow meat — he’s not a big beef fan. The accompaniments were braised cipollini onions (flatter and larger than pearl onions) and a creamy mousse-line of celeriac (celery root) that highlighted the sophisticated flavor of this vegetable, which looks like plain mashed potatoes but reveals, within a few mouthfuls, its earthy, rooty undertones.

New Zealand John Dory, by nature a “fishy” fish, was fresh and perfectly grilled, but none of us cottoned to the bland “saffron pearl pasta” served alongside, nor could we detect the note of anise in a “tomato Ricard” juice that dressed the fish. Zucchini was present, too.

Desserts were the meal’s downfall. Those we tried all tried too hard. For example, pear *clafoutis*, normally a simple French fruit-studded custard, was gussied up like a Parisian tart. Resembling upside-down cake more than pudding, its batter was so sweet it overwhelmed the pear; superfluous garnishes included pear sorbet, whipped cream, slivered almonds, and bourbon caramel sauce. A goat cheese *mille-feuilles* piled on a similar excess of ingredients, while the “soufflé du jour” — blueberry with Meyer lemon — suffered from second-rate berries and too much cream.

But that’s all right, mama, because El Biz is nothing like a hound dog, and the Inn will never be Heartbreak Hotel. Just a couple of weeks ago (after I’d already eaten there, darn it!), the bill of fare got all shook up when chef Kaysen devised five new “tasting menus” to entice every taste bud — these range from four courses of veggies or seafood up to an eight-course “Grand Tasting” of luxury grub. If you’ve got the money, honey, and want to dress up and celebrate with a special meal in a country setting, you’ll find much brilliant cooking here, and service fit for a king.

**ABOUT THE CHEF**

Gavin Kaysen, now 26, got into cooking early: “When I was six I asked for an Easy-Bake Oven, and my mother thought two things at that point — ‘Either he’s gonna be a great baker, or he’s gonna want to go to school.’ I’d bake with my grandma all the time. We used to do traditional Norwegian and Swedish Christmas cookies. Even at a young age, cooking was something I always knew I wanted to do. My father’s business involved a lot of travel, and I thought to myself, ‘I want to be able to travel around the world, too,’ and I realized that cooking was going to be the thing that allowed me to do that.

“And when I was 15, I met the right guy to make it happen — named George Serra. He was born and raised in France, and he did a lot of Italian cooking, Mediterranean cooking. I met him when I was

working at a Subway in Minnesota, where I’m from. I don’t know what he saw in me — maybe that whenever I saw a regular customer coming in, I’d have his favorite sandwich ready before he reached the counter. Every Saturday, George would come in and order a tuna fish sandwich — and he hates tuna fish. He would buy the sandwich, walk out of the store, and throw the tuna fish in the garbage. I finally asked him, ‘Why do you always come in and buy that sandwich if you’re never gonna eat it?’ And he said, ‘I’m trying to get you to come over and work with me. But you always wear your hat backwards. You need to turn your hat around before I can hire you.’ So he came in the next day, and my hat was turned around frontwards, because I thought it would be a lot more fun to work with him. He was opening up a new Italian restaurant next door, and I thought it would be really cool to learn to cook pasta and Mediterranean food.

“So I took the job for a dollar more an hour, and I was the dishwasher. I didn’t do anything I thought I was going to do. He said, ‘You can’t cut until you’re 16.’ So two weeks later I lied and said it was my birthday. He knew it wasn’t, but then he wanted to let me cook... George taught me about passion. He didn’t teach me techniques, he didn’t teach me the proper way to dice an onion or a carrot, what he taught me was to love food, love the people who come in and eat, love the job for what it

is... Because you may have seen a dish a thousand times, but for that guest, it may be the first time, the only time, they ever see that dish. When I asked him for my pay, he’d say, ‘First, you must learn to have it in your heart before you have it in your pocketbook.’ I thought that was intriguing. After three years, when I graduated from high school, he finally paid me everything he owed me in a lump sum.

“I’d promised myself to at least try college, to make sure that cooking was what I really wanted to do. I went to University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, for a year. After that year, I knew that I wanted to be a chef — a cook, that is, because a chef is what you get to be after years and years.

“I went to the New England Culinary Academy in Montpelier, Vermont, where you have six months of class alternating with six months of internship; the first internship is national and the second international. My first one, I went to Domaine Chandon in Napa Valley under chef Robert Curry... The second externship I did at L’Auberge de Lavaux in Switzerland, working under chef Jacky Vuillet, a protégé of Freddy Girardet [ed. note: the legendary Swiss chef, now retired, regarded by many as the world’s best]. ... That was tough, because he doesn’t have a set menu, he cooks different things for each group. The workday was both lunch and dinner, starting at 8 in the morning, with a break from 4 to 5, and then until 11 at

night... But I lived right on Lake Geneva, and on my days off I’d travel around Switzerland.

“I’d do *stages* — which means, working for free for a few days or months in order to learn — at Freddy Girardet’s restaurant. I think it’s very important to *stage*... This past year, I did a *stage* at Alinea in Chicago... Grant [Atchaz, the chef] has picked up, from El Bulli in Spain, doing a completely new type of cooking, serving tasting menus with up to 22 courses. I did pick up the foam-making technique there... And I just got back from doing another *stage* in New York City with Daniel Boulud. That was incredible — he has 220 people in the kitchen. It’s like a machine, a theater. I love to learn, and to train my cooks.”

After Switzerland, Kaysen continued learning in London at the Michelin-starred L’Escargot under Marco Pierre White. In 2002, he returned to the United States and began working under chef Patrick Ponsaty at El Bizcocho. The following year he represented the United States at the International Trophy of Cuisine and Pastry in Paris, finishing first in the fish category and third overall. When Ponsaty departed about a year ago, Kaysen was promoted to executive chef.

“But I’m still on the line every night,” he says, “sweating it out with my guys. I do it because I love to cook, and when I’m there it’s easier for them to produce the dishes that I have in my mind.” ■



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*“Man, you are so woulda-coulda-shoulda. You can’t enjoy anything anymore.”*

‘Chinese?’ I say.  
“Indian!” says Carla. “Please, please.”

It’s around four in the afternoon. We’re on Fourth, up in Hillcrest. Carla’s just out from having an MRI done on her knee. Leg’s mending well, but the knee ligament’s giving her hell.

So yeah, I really do want to spoil her a little. Now she’s giving me the opportunity. “Oh look! India Princess. They have a lunch deal. ‘Daily lunch buffet.’ We can afford \$8.95!”

We poke our noses in. This Indian guy comes toward us up a long, red hallway.

“Lunch buffet still going?” I ask.

“I’m afraid not, sir.”

“So...we’d have to have the regular dishes, like, 15 bucks or so?”

“That’s right, sir. À la carte.”

That means a \$45–\$50 bill. I ain’t handing over no Ulysses S. Grant for a late lunch.

So I frog-hobble Carla out and along to the only other reasonable place I know around these parts. Ye olde, unchanging Hong Kong. I’ve noticed it from the bus stop across Fourth for years — ’specially late at night, when everything else is closed and it’s packed — this smoky blue-and-mustard-colored frontage next to Column One, by the statue and stone fountain at Fourth and University.

Right now, it’s just waking up for the evening session. Staff is humping plastic bags of veggies and other supplies. Couple of solo folks

hooped over their noodles. Rows of dark cherrywood chairs waiting to be sat on. Half-dozen empty booths.

We get a table near a couple of black-and-white Chinese brush paintings on the walls. A horse, a rooster. I look at Carla. Is she mad ’cause I cheated her of her Indian lunch? Suddenly, she leans over the big, rigid menus we’re holding, and smiles.

“Remind you of something?” she asks.

“Uh, every Chinese eatery in every downtown...”

“No, my love, no. The New American.”

She looks at me. I’m drawing a blank.

“The *New American*, dummy. Singers, Bangers, Honkers...”

Ah! Heck, we’re talking a dozen years back. We had come up from Singapore and Bangkok to Hong Kong. Singers, Bangers, Honkers. We were both wet behind the ears, new to this world, new to each other, staying in the YMCA, cheapest joint in Hong Kong. Caught the ferry across the Fragrant Harbor (“Hong Kong” means that) to the island, collapsed into the “New American” eatery — one of the oldest li’l ol’ restaurants on the island — and discovered northern Chinese foods. Basically grains, not rice. And dragon-breath hot ’n spicy. Oh man.

“So let’s see what they have in the way of northern,” Carla says. “But please, don’t let me order Kung Pao anything.” Yeah, right. Carla has this problem. Whenever she eats Chinese, she ends up eating Kung Pao. North or south,

that’s her default meal. She likes the heat, the ginger, the peanuts, the green onions.

Course the menu’s not laid out by geography but by ingredient. Like, chicken, pork, beef, seafood, vegetables, egg, noodles, and rice. Oh, and rice noodles. So it’s hard to separate Mandarin from also-rans. I start scanning, from Number 1 (“Pu Pu Tray,” an assortment of just about everything, snack-size, \$11.95 for two) to Number 905 (licees, \$2.00).

We start off with Number 6: eight fried, pork-filled wonton on raw cabbage, (\$3.00). Kinda delish with a spot of mustard. I order a pot of Chinese tea, too, with the little cups. Love its tart taste. And the endless pouring. Makes you think of Chinese tea ceremony.

We notice that our server comes quick, reacts quick, and brings stuff pronto, even though the place isn’t crowded. Carla approves. “Remember the old Chinese saying,” she says. “Get ’em in, get ’em out. Keep ’em moving.”

“Right,” I say. “And the kitchen is always up front so everyone can see it’s busy and hear the action.”

“And no lingering — workers or customers.”

Course Carla goes for — what else? — Kung Pao chicken and rice (\$8.50). I spot Number 807, “Singapore Style Rice Noodle, \$10.50.”

“Ooh yes, take that one,” says Carla. “Remember? It’ll have curry, right? Singapore. Raffles Hotel, taking *tiffin*, late-afternoon tea, with those curry sandwiches? God bless the

British. You’ll eat Indian after all.”

The food comes quick. The slight curry flavor to my noodles tastes great, and not very Chinese. Well, Muslim-Chinese, maybe. But man, it works with the shrimp and pork. While we eat, the place starts filling up. Couples, students, IT-types yacking about viruses, medical lab techies talking about other viruses. “You should see us at midnight,” says our server guy as he hands us the bill, \$24.83. “Crazy busy. It’s been like that for 25 years.”

“Oh Lord.”

“What?” says Carla.

I’ve just spotted the back page. “We could have ordered Combination Lunches. Your Kung Pao chicken would have come with egg drop soup, egg roll, fried wonton, and fried rice for \$5.50!...I can’t stand it.”

She looks at me. “Man, you are so woulda-coulda-shoulda. You can’t enjoy anything anymore, can you? You’re always looking for the better deal.”

“Well, if you just want to throw money away,” I start. But I suddenly wonder: Is she right?

We head out. It’s dark now. Her voice is seductive again.

“So, my little Kermie,” she says, doing Miss Piggy, “Indian lunch next week?”

“Hey,” I say. “What for? I just had pretty decent curry, right here. Can’t say I’m exactly dying for more.”

“Wanna curry favor? Say yes, and live.” ■

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# Stress the Vines

*"Irrigation comes from the river that runs down from the mountains, bringing minerals to the soil."*

**T**here's a museum in London called Vinopolis," says Omari Mikaberidze, CEO of San Diego-based Georgian Wine Imports. "And the first room in that museum is dedicated to Georgian winemaking. It says that Georgia is the birthplace of wine. Some historians suspect that the word 'vino' came from the Georgian 'gvino.' And in the Sixth Century, Georgia became the first country to establish viticulture as an academic major."

A couple of hundred years before that, says my *Oxford Companion to Wine*, Georgia adopted Christianity, and "the first cross was made of vines to show that the Christian faith and the vine were the most sacred treasures of the nation." To this, Mikaberidze adds, "Christianity has a very strong root in Georgia. There's a saying, that people become true friends after they break bread and have a glass of wine together. It's almost like Communion. That's another reason why wine is such an integral part of the culture."

"Integral part of the culture" has a nice ring to it; it gets at the way I'd like to see wine treated: not as the sole province of sensual aesthetes, but as the completion of the table's joys. Sublimity is possible but not required. And in this case, that integral quality seems to be holding. Mikaberidze tells a story about a chef who visited his home and

tackled the family ramhorn. "When Georgians have a feast, they call it the Georgian Table. It's very organized — there's a master of ceremonies, and he toasts.

"There are seven toasts that have to be said at any feast. It doesn't matter whether there are 2 people sitting there or 165 — always, there have to be those seven toasts. Three of the toasts are major toasts. Those are for the mother — who is usually the hostess — for the country, and for the prayer houses. For those, you have to drink the horn,

and when you drink the horn, it's bottoms up. You have to show the empty horn after you drink, and however many drops fall out, that's how many enemies you have left. The horns vary from family to family, depending on how brave their feasts are. Our family horn actually takes one and a half bottles." Now there's a country where wine snobbery probably isn't rampant. It's hard to consider the hints of stone fruit and *garrigue* as you chug your way toward the one-liter mark.

Of course, all this could be regarded as a collection of extraneous fun facts, the sort of thing the tour guide tells you as you settle in at a winery's tasting bar. They have no necessary connection to what's in the bottle — Georgian wine could be purest plonk, and all of the above could still be true. Mikaberidze's account of the weather in his

home country is a little more germane. "Georgia is actually the ultimate wine-growing climate. The wine country is surrounded by two mountain ranges, so there's almost no precipitation. Irrigation comes from the river that runs down from the mountains, bringing minerals to the soil. They stress the vines, so that the roots have to go way down, searching for water. That's why you have such concentrated fruit."

Happily, Georgian wine — at least, the Georgian wine I've tasted — is not plonk. Mikaberidze started Georgian Wine Imports at the urging of friends, one of whom ran the wines by some local chefs and sommeliers and got their nods. Nor is it the same old thing — just now, Mikaberidze is bringing in three wines from Georgia's Telavi Wine Cellars: two very different Saperavis and a Tsinandali, which is blended from Rkatsiteli and Mtsvane. The wines hit some familiar notes. Surely there's an obscure Italian white that tasted to me much like the Tsinandali, and the Napareuli is plush and rich in a way reminiscent of some Napa Merlots. But it's not a Napa Merlot. You can tell by the \$12.99 price tag — and by the Napareuli appellation.

Appellation is a relatively new concern in Georgia, taken up as the country's industry tried to rise once more from the political forces that plagued it throughout the 20th Century. Until recently, says Mikaberidze, "There were a lot of false Georgian wines. People would take Romanian wines, Ukrainian wines, Moldavian wines, and they would stick a Georgian wine label on there. That hurt Georgian wines, because people weren't sure what they were getting. Now, there's an effort from the government to actually estab-



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lish a standard. They borrowed from France — the way they divide the wine regions. Each wine from Telavi wine cellars carries the name of the region the grapes were grown in. They're all estate bottled; that's how we differentiate ourselves from the 'fake' Georgian wines."

Pedigree is important for maintaining a reputation, but Mikaberidze's main pitch to the American market is more along the lines of the Georgian Table than the French *Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée*. "Our message is clear — we try to make wine as non-intimidating as possible." Easy to buy, easy to drink. "Wine is there to be the companion of a good dinner and a good conversation. The start of it is the price. We want to help Americans understand that there is nothing mystical about wine." Georgia's Most Favored Nation trade status helps in that regard. "There's a new government, one that's a lot more open, more oriented toward the West. The US and Georgia are strategic partners; the US is kind of the guarantor of Georgia's stability. We have it a little easier than some European countries when

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## RESTAURANTS

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Still, even without the mystery of what exactly makes 750 ml of wine worth \$75 or more, there is the problem of obscurity. Vowel-starved words like “Mtsvane” can be trouble for a public still wrapping its tongue around “Viognier.” Mikaberidze turned to local PR firm Nuffer-Smith-Tucker for help. Explains account executive Jesse Lovejoy, “Our marketing strategy has been to develop descriptions that reference familiar wines.” The Tsinandali has “a little of that creaminess of Chardonnay, but also the crisp acid of a Sauvignon Blanc.” The Saperavi gets compared to the Sangioveses of Chianti, while the Napareuli is paired with Cabernet.

The result? A number of local shops have started carrying Telavi wines, including the Wine Bank and Holiday Wines in Escondido. “We’ve had a very good response in Washington state,” says Mikaberidze, “because there is a significant Russian population there, and a very good distributor picked us up. And we’re reaching out in Texas, because they are more open to imported wines.” California still tends to drink its own, but Georgia has made local inroads. “We’re on the list at Pomegranate, which is a local Georgian restaurant. And the Marine Room and Thee Bungalow. We’ve also

targeted some Asian restaurants, because we feel Georgian wine has the capability to be a good companion to Oriental cuisines. They have a similar background to Georgian cuisine — the richness of spices, the use of curry and other exotic flavors. And we’re expanding to some of the Hispanic restaurants. We don’t want to limit ourselves to our home base.” ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

*The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.*

*Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

### NORTH COASTAL

**Bistro Soleil** 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too “Frenchy,” in the sunny Provençal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barre, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you’d find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached *foie gras*, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a

luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — N.W. (8/03)

**Fidel’s Carlsbad** 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It’s not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel’s menu — but who gives a flyin’ fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it’s gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you’re going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you’re set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

**Firenze** 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

**Hill Street Coffee House** 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: “Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar” in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O’side’s past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* (“Greek eggs”), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that’s French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**I Trulli Trattoria** 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there’s no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled “Nouvelle Italian Cuisine,” resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically “northern Italian” bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest’s Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour’s wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

**Johnny Manana’s** 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it’s such good

value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There’s a Caribbean chocolate, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.’s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

**Tomiko** 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant’s seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as “salmon tower tartare” and “drunken black cod” are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

**Tuscan Sun Italian Deli** 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You’ll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the “Caprese” (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

### NORTH INLAND

**Ashoka the Great** 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don’t overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**Athens Market Cafe** 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**Bistro 221** 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a “blonde” Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A “Louisiana” bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

**La Tapatia** 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You’ll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and

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veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

**The Wayside Cafe** 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

GOLD COAST

**Arterra** Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

**Barone's Trattoria Del Mare** 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken

dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — S.M. (4/04)

**Red Tracton's** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

**Spices Thai Cafe** 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

**Barbarella** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the

friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

**Beach House Brewery** 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

**La Jolla Cantina** 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**The Marine Room** 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

**P.F. Chang's China Bistro** 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

**Sushi on the Rock** 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-*

*maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**King's Fish House** 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potstickers

appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

**The Philadelphia Sandwich Co.** 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

**Pho Tau Bay Restaurant** 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alli-



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gator, and “Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry.” Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**San Tong Palace** 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong’s hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions’ tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong’s dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

**Tofu House** 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

## THE BEACHES

**Cafe Athena** Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you’ll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, un-

usual desserts. There’s plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**Cantina Panaderia** 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself “Food Girl,” has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed “lazy cook,” she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious omelets, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Costa Brava** 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for week-end evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

**Go Greek Cafe and Grill** 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio’s (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for addi-

tional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**Kaiserhof** 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

**Red Sails** 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city’s oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**El Comal** 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and

onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *muez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**El Morelense** 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelo-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**Island Spice** 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there’s fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it’s moister), but don’t overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what’s available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**Mailo’s Cafe** 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo’s is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren’t Greek, they’re Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There’s also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo’s cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread.

Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Sister Pee Wee’s Soul Food** 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister’s special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Greek Town** 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, mousaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it’s the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you’re hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves’ tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don’t forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**Mario’s de la Mesa** 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant’s sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on

the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the “machaca sonora style” (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

**Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine** 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There’s nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle (“Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions”). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It’s a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you’re only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that’s what you want you’ll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *musaman*, labeled “medium spicy,” is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: “chicken green.” Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

**Woodstock’s Pizza** 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It’s a college pizza joint, but the fare rates



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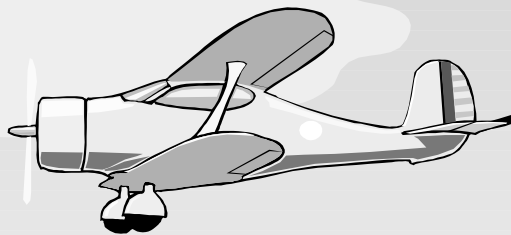
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well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

## FAR EAST

**The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon** 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**The Mount Signal Cafe** 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north

of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bull-fighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Owl Cafe** 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Alex's Brown Bag** 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. Closed Saturday and Sunday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

**Busalacchi's Ristorante** 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble

columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

**Extraordinary Desserts** 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-crusted salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

**Gulf Coast Grill** 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the

soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Harney Sushi** 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Jimmy Carter's Cafe** 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Prado** House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly ten-

der, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

**Region** 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

**Saffron Noodles and Sate** 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch

and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Zocalo Grill** 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those some-things are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

## DOWNTOWN

**Assaggio** 835 Fourth Avenue (near F Street, between the two Bandars), Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Sit on the sidewalk patio and you'll feel like you're in Italy at this authentic Italian trattoria, which started out as a bakery and evolved into a full-scale eatery. Soups and pastas are usually wonderful (try the *penne ubriache*); however, entrées are more pedestrian and seafood isn't a strong suit. Every meal here has a happy ending: the delightful desserts are made in-house and baked fresh daily. Match them with some of the best espresso in the city (even the deaf tastes the way coffee smells) and you've got the perfect spot for capping your evening after the movies or show. Narrow wheelchair access to rest room. Beer and wine. Brunch/lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Chowtown Chinese Buffet** 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982

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and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**Downtown Johnny Brown's** 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

**Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India** 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertoire of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge** 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring greasy Cantonese-American fried classics, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly until 11 p.m.; weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Old World Restaurant** 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

**Osetra** 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud am-

bient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., to midnight on weekends. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Po Pazzo** 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on weekends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. weeknights and 1 a.m. weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Top of the Market** 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**El Dorado** 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the ziestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chanchó*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious din-

ner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Flamingo Cafe** 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**Island Pasta** 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**La Bella Pizza Garden** 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

**Mary J's Cafe** 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

**Miguel's Cocina** 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from

the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

**Tin Fish** Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch

at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

## BAJA

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**Chiki Jai** Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a mator's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

**El Nido** Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**La Diferencia** Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when

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**La Espadana** Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they

clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (11/04)*

**La Fonda Roberto's** Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camaron seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — *E.B. (2/05)*

MULTIPLE  
LOCATIONS

**Fish House Vera Cruz** 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)*

**The Fish Market** 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-

fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W. (9/01)*

**Il Fornaio** 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering

around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisteccchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

**Oggi's** At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more ad-

venturous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill** The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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## MOVIES

### MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd.

Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed.

**Bee Season** — Co-directors Scott McGehee and David Siegel, fresh from *The Deep End*, turn to a novel by Myla Goldberg. And on the evidence it's difficult to see how anyone could have thought there was a movie in it, even someone in the full flush of the spelling-bee documentary, *Spellbound*. Fictional spelling bees, about which we must speak intuitively rather than empirically, are bound to be low on suspense, and the ones here are so telegraphed that you always know what's going to happen before it happens. The principal speller is an Oakland sixth-grader (Flora Cross) whose eyes-closed technique permits her to "see" the word, often with the help of computer animation, the letters swirling around her head like a flock of tiny seagulls. Her father, a Judaic scholar, amounts to the type of fantasy figure for whom the female addicts of Lifetime movies would be willing to kill. He's Richard Gere, to begin with (designer eyeglasses, ermine coiffure); and he does all the cooking around the house; he plays the violin to his son's cello in after-dinner duets; and when the neglected daughter shows an unexpected aptitude for spelling, he volunteers to be her full-time coach ("I'm pretty good at this sort of thing, you know"), filling her head with occult lore about letters being a conduit to the ear of God. Despite all this, and to the hair-pulling exasperation of the Lifetime addict, no one in the family is happy with him, especially his wife, the exhaustingly tense Juliette Binoche, who lost her parents in a



Chicken Little

childhood car wreck, and who now goes off on mysterious errands, staying out till all hours of the night, breaking into anonymous houses for unknown reasons, having flashbacks to the fatal crash, and eventually serving to illustrate her husband's classroom lessons on "tikkun olam," the repair of the shattered. The newly neglected son (Max Minghella), in what could have been a rich source of humor, finds an alternative path to God's ear, that of the Hare Krishnas, lured there by a Veggie Barbie played

by Kate Bosworth. (Neither the son nor the daughter appears to have a friend in the world.) The entire thing attains a degree of pretension that might have been amusing if it weren't so boring. 2005.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 11/23)

**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** — "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.

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**The Constant Gardener** — An adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel, and a long stride for filmmaker Fernando Meirelles (*City of God*) from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Le Carré, to be sure, has always had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely 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 “show-

ingness.” 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 sour-ball. Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, Pete



Get Rich or Die Tryin'

Postlethwaite. 2005.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Derailed** — A Chicago family man with a

diabetic daughter strikes up a risky flirtation with a woman on the commuter train, ultimately takes her to an out-of-the-way fleabag, but before any passion can be con-

summated they are beset by a sneering robber, beaten and raped respectively, and subsequently blackmailed. Nasty, twisty, un-stomachable thriller, teaching the elementary lesson that when you are robbed and beaten, you should call the police. Don't wait for blackmail. Oh, and when you're married, don't date. That, too. With Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston, Vincent Cassel, Melissa George; directed by Mikael Hafstrom. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

**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; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA PALOMA; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Flightplan** — Airborne thriller gets off the ground in good shape, and while aloft adds another variation to the infinitude of locked-room mysteries. After taking her six-year-old daughter to stretch out in the empty back rows of a double-decker jumbo jet, the mother nods off and wakes up, mid-flight, to find her daughter gone. “Well, she can't have gone far,” one of the flight attendants points out the obvious. But before long an announcement over the P.A. system must concede, “Seems our aircraft is big enough to lose a child in,” and a thorough search is undertaken, granting us access to such unfamiliar sights that we may think we had left the airplane and entered a dreamland. The girl's backpack happens to be missing from the overhead bin, too high for her to have reached by herself, and she would never have left behind, as she seems

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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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Get Rich or Die Tryin'** — The slight transformation of a mere gangsta into a gangsta rapper. Notwithstanding the biographical parallels to the life of its star, Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson (the internecine drug wars, the prison stint, the nine bullet wounds, etc.), it is lethally banal. “50 Cent,” a two-bit actor, supplies an unarticulated, uninflected, unfelt narration, and his on-screen demeanor mirrors the guarded, the standoffish, the self-conscious public persona of a Mike Tyson, unconducive to intimacy. Irish-born director Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot, In the Name of the Father, The Boxer*, and others) would seem, ahead of time, to lend the project what we might call “art cred,” but outside of the robust photography of Declan Quinn and a near-death montage in the more mystical vein of *In America*, the cred doesn't survive inspection. With Terrence Howard, Joy Bryant, and Bill Duke. 2005.

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**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 reactionary-ism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in 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 unaccept-

able 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** — Fourth in the series of screen adaptations of J.K. Rowling's children's books,

with Daniel Radcliffe again in the title role, and a new director, Mike Newell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**A History of Violence** — Further un-

pleasantness from the always unpleasant David Cronenberg. Despite the pretentious-sounding title, this is in no sense an historical record of violence as a human fundamental (dating back, say, to Cain and Abel, or farther back to the appearance of the monolith among the apes in *2001*), but merely a history in the archaic sense of a story, as in H.G. Wells's *The History of Mr. Polly*, and also in the sense of a past: a violent story, that is, about a man with a history of violence. More exactly, the bloody chain of events unleashed when the family-man proprietor (Viggo Mortensen) of the Main Street diner in Small Town, U.S.A., is

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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 recog-

nized 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)

**The Ice Harvest** — Harold Ramis’s caper comedy with John Cusack, Connie Nielsen, and Billy Bob Thornton.



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**In Her Shoes** — Curtis Hanson’s han-

dling of the Jennifer Weiner book, lightly, mildly, breezily entertaining in a second-rate, best-sellerish, chick-lit kind of way: the seriocomic story of two mismatched Jewish sisters, one an overweight, high-achieving Philadelphia lawyer whose private life consists of romance novels and a shoe fetish, and the other a rootless mooching dyslexic sexpot. (Or, in their traded insults, a “fat pig” and “pretty but real stupid.”) After they have a major falling-out and a parting-of-the-ways, the first finds love with a too-good-to-be-true emasculated dreamboat (albeit a 76ers fan), and the second finds self-worth shopping for the old ladies in a Florida retirement community and reading poetry to a blind professor, while conquering her dyslexia, at the Assisted Living Center. And they then find their way back to each other. Yay, team. The scene of a man and a woman reading aloud from a romance novel as sexual foreplay is good for a laugh; and the sight of a Bikini Babe around the old folks’ swimming pool is good for a few; and Shirley MacLaine, as the long-lost grandmother, can still handle a line and a look. The casting of Toni Collette and Cameron Diaz as the sisters, on the other hand, is somewhat hard to swallow. Forget, if you can, their ostensible Jewishness and their supposed sisterhood. Collette, though she’s reported to have packed on twenty-five pounds for the part, still looks well under the national norm and nowhere near her *Muriel’s Wedding* weight. And Diaz, though she wears her clothes well, especially the eensy-weensy ones, fails to reveal any depths beneath. Even she can’t quite botch the lump-in-the-throat recitation of E.E. Cummings at the wedding, but she’s more in her element when she gets to kick up her heels afterwards. 2005.

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**Jarhead** — The Gulf War through the eyes of Marine Pfc Anthony Swofford (a somewhat desensitized Jake Gyllenhaal), on whose memoir the script is based. Fundamentally this is a lot of old stuff made over for a new war, a new era, a new age in film-making. 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 voice-over; a surplus



of four-letter words; a bluntness in the depiction of piss, shit, puke; a nose-rubbing focus on the physical, the palpable, and a blindness to what we might blushingly call the spiritual; a spotlight, taking its cue from the recreational screening of *Apocalypse Now* at Camp Pendleton, on the absurdity, the futility, the brutality, the insanity. (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 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. In the final tally it doesn't add up to much. With Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx, and Chris Cooper; directed by Sam Mendes. 2005.

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**Just Friends** — Romantic comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Amy Smart, directed by Roger Kumble. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/23)

**Kiss Kiss Bang Bang** — Self-reflexive, self-indulgent, self-congratulatory, and self-mocking pastiche of the private-eye genre, the directorial debut of screenwriter Shane Black (*Lethal Weapon*, *The Last Boy Scout*, *Last Action Hero*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, in chronological rather than alphabetical order). The hard-boiled first-person narrator, the chronically insouciant Robert Downey, Jr. ("I was tired, I was pissed, I was wetter than Drew Barrymore at a grunge club"), refers to himself as "your narrator," and knows full well he's in a movie. The title is lifted from a collection of Pauline Kael's film criticism, a title lifted in turn from an Italian movie poster. And the chapter headings — "Trouble Is My Business," "The Lady in the Lake," "The Little Sister," "The Simple Art of Murder,"

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“Farewell, My Lovely” — are all titles of works by Raymond Chandler, although it’s highly doubtful that anyone knowledgeable enough to recognize them would, in the first place, be susceptible to flattery over such knowledge, or, in the second place, be susceptible to this filmmaker’s brand of sophomoric bluster. The touches of black comedy are of slapstick breadth. The decadence scarcely seems subject to further decay. With Michelle Monaghan, Val Kilmer, and Corbin Bernsen. 2005.

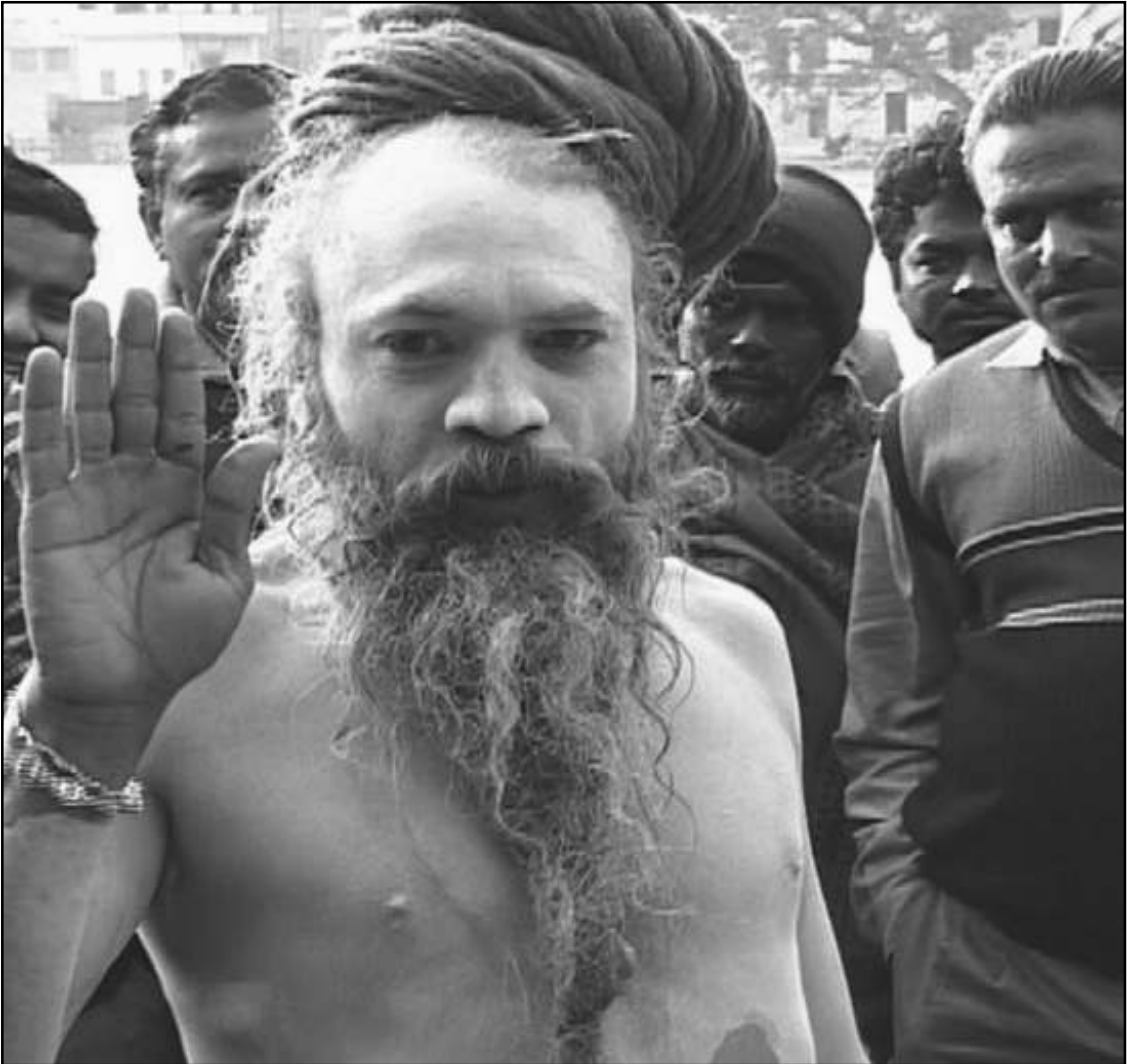
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**The Legend of Zorro** — Zero. The obligatory sequel finds our mid-19th-century Batman in marital trouble, continually called away to fight for California statehood and never able to get away on a vacation with the wife and kid, now ten years old even though it’s only seven years since the previous installment. “If you walk out that door,” hears the henpecked Fox, “you are not sleeping here tonight!” (Post-9/11, the villain is a foreigner, French in origin, with a secret lab of WMDs.) The camera cannot seem to get close enough to the two stars, Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-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.

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**Naked in Ashes** — Documentary on India’s holy men, directed by Paula Fouce. (KEN, 11/25 THROUGH 12/1)

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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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**The Passenger** — To begin at the end: the renowned seven-minute single-take represents a merge, of sorts, of the basic camera movements of two Michael Snow experiments, *Wavelength* and *La Region Centrale*, plus a bit of extra hocus-pocus at the precise point of the merge. But whereas Snow’s camera movements each had the virtue of defining the shape of the film as a whole, Antonioni’s maneuver, something to stumble over, sticks out spectacularly from the overall surface of his placid, cryptic suspense story. The didactic script by Mark Peploe and Peter Wollen has to do with an uncommitted journalist who switches identities, when the opportunity presents itself, with a corpse in the adjacent hotel room. The corpse turns out to be a gunrunner involved in the insurrection the journalist is covering, and the latter, suddenly transformed from impartial onlooker to imperiled participant, keeps the appointments somewhat imprudently listed in the dead man’s datebook and bluffs his way through a ridiculous rendezvous in a German church with an African revolutionary, who flips through some Xeroxed illustrations of firearms and muses aloud, “A pity about the anti-aircraft guns.” The actors seem unsure how they are to play their roles and to say their loaded lines (“I prefer men to landscapes.” “I never used to notice coincidence; now I see it all around me”); and their insecurity is catching. Among the certainties of this movie: some fine color work, some striking images, some sophisticated sound effects. With Jack Nicholson and Maria Schneider. 1975.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/25)

**Pride and Prejudice** — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author’s mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is sufficiently feisty, sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It’s a tightrope

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she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.

★★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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, bean-baggy 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 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; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Rent** — Chris Columbus’s screen treatment of the Broadway musical, with Rosario Dawson and Taye Diggs. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; FROM 11/23)

**Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic** — This video concert film, directed 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. 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” for her, personally, not just in watching the Towers go down but in finding out just beforehand the number of calories in her daily latte), you never quite know where you stand with her. It’s best to be sitting down. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

**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, maladroitness 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; HILL CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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 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

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### MARK WILSON

Freelance writer

*Requiem for a Dream* has really vivid images and striking characters. It’s about drug use, both prescription and non-prescription, and how it ruins lives. I think the dream is happiness, and whatever form people see happiness as being. But they use drugs to try and achieve that dream and it has the opposite effect. They end up losing everything. It’s very disturbing and powerful. It was just such a mixture of real life and fantasy because it seemed like they were living in their heads a lot. I guess to express what was in their heads in the real world, they saw drugs as that path or that doorway. But it ended up coming back around to destroy their dream.

*REQUIEM FOR A DREAM* (USA) 2000, Artisan Entertainment  
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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)

**Walk the Line** — The same line, that would be, as the previous year’s *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix’s impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective “uncanny” to the noun “likeness.” Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker’s air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn’t help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon’s June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash’s cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON

### MARK GABRISH CONLAN

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The silent version of *Peter Pan* stars Betty Bronson, who was personally selected by the author James M. Barrie. It’s a marvelously charming film.

The 1929 musical *Applause*, directed by Robert Mamoulian and starring Helen Morgan, is the darkest of backstage musicals. Morgan dreams of Broadway stardom, but, as she gets older and tied down to horrible men, that dream gets farther and farther away. It’s fascinating for its advanced use of sound.

The 1943 German version of *Titanic* is an utterly fascinating movie. Some of the special effects footage was used in *A Night to Remember*. It’s quite a good movie and it ranks with *A Night to Remember* and James Cameron’s *Titanic* as good films about the disaster.

*PETER PAN* (USA) 1922, Kino  
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*APPLAUSE* (USA) 1929, Kino  
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*TITANIC* (Germany) 1943, Kino  
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**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

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If I get home at two in the morning and *Grosse Pointe Blank* is on, I guess I’ll be up till four. Reminds me of returning to my hometown after a ten-year absence, only I never became a hired assassin. A great movie, beautiful plot, sweet action sequences, and one of my favorite soundtracks.

*Fandango* is a funny little movie starring Kevin Costner back when Kevin was cool. I like a little irony in my diet.

First time I saw *Apocalypse Now* there was a ’Nam vet walking out of the theater alongside me. He looked over and sadly said: “Perfect.” I’ve never forgotten that. Every time I watch this perfect movie I truly appreciate that I never had to participate in the madness of any war.

*GROSSE POINTE BLANK* (USA) 1997, Hollywood Pictures Home Video  
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*FANDANGO* (USA) 1985, Warner Home Video  
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*APOCALYPSE NOW REDUX* (USA) 1975/2001, Paramount  
List price: \$29.99

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 mooney 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

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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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Yes** — No. (That would be the one-word review.) No, in specific, to the formulation of modern-day dialogue in rhyme (yes, rhyme, as in "So many lies" answered by "I guess that's what happens when love dies" or "I can't go on like this" answered by "Why? What did I say, what did I miss?" as well as uncollaborative rhymes such as "Is it me you're talking to? What do you know of my point of view, and come to that, of what I do?" and "I'm not the lying kind. What can I do to purify your mind?"), as if to elevate, to Shakespearean heights, the earnest talk about the battle of the sexes, the clash of cultures, the conflict of religions, Mideast vs. West, etc., but having the effect instead of getting the viewer to listen more for sound than for sense. No, too, to the insistence of "invisible" working women on

inserting themselves in front of the camera, looking directly into it, and addressing it aloud in catty, confidential, conspiratorial tones. No to blown-up digital video which, while worrying the viewer that he is going blind, will no doubt look better in the DVD release, and which, in the meantime, reduces the big-screen theater to a mere way station en route to the store shelf. No to a postmodern patchwork of visual styles and textures. No to outsized ambition outrun by pretension. No to Sally Potter, the writer-director (and sympathy to Joan Allen, Simon Abkarian, Sam Neill). No, no, no. 2005.

● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/28, 6:30 P.M.)

**Yours, Mine, and Ours** — Raja Gosnell's remake of the 1968 family comedy, starring Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 11/23)

**Zathura** — 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 "dreamlike," albeit in ways

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very dissimilar to those of Winsor McCay. The loudness, the violence (nonlethal, non-sanguinary), the tons of special effects, and the dearth of visual skills (Jon Favreau, director) are simply to be endured as condi-

tions of existence in the 21st Century. They are particularly worth enduring for 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. With Jonah Bobo, Josh Hutcherson, Dax Shepard, Kristen Stewart, Tim Robbins. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;

ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16;

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#### Del Mar Highlands 8

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#### Flower Hill 4

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Good Night, and Good Luck (PG); Pride and Prejudice (PG); Rent (PG-13); Shopgirl (R)

### ENCINITAS

#### Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)  
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#### La Costa 6

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#### Mission Marketplace 13

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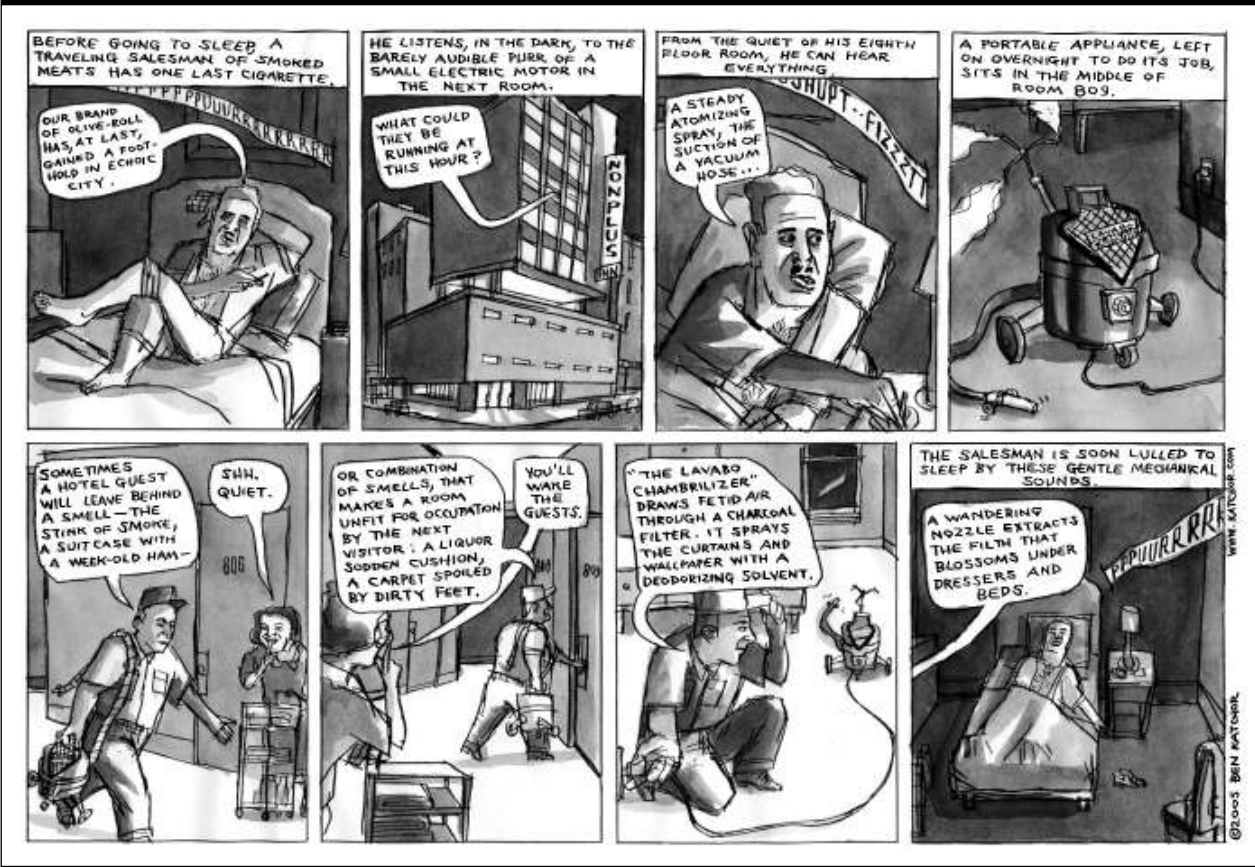
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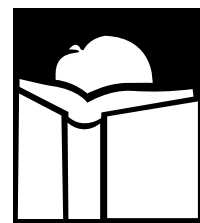
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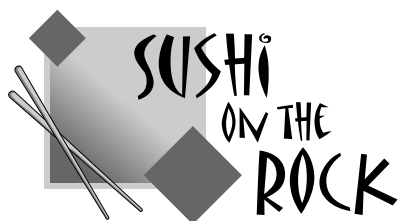
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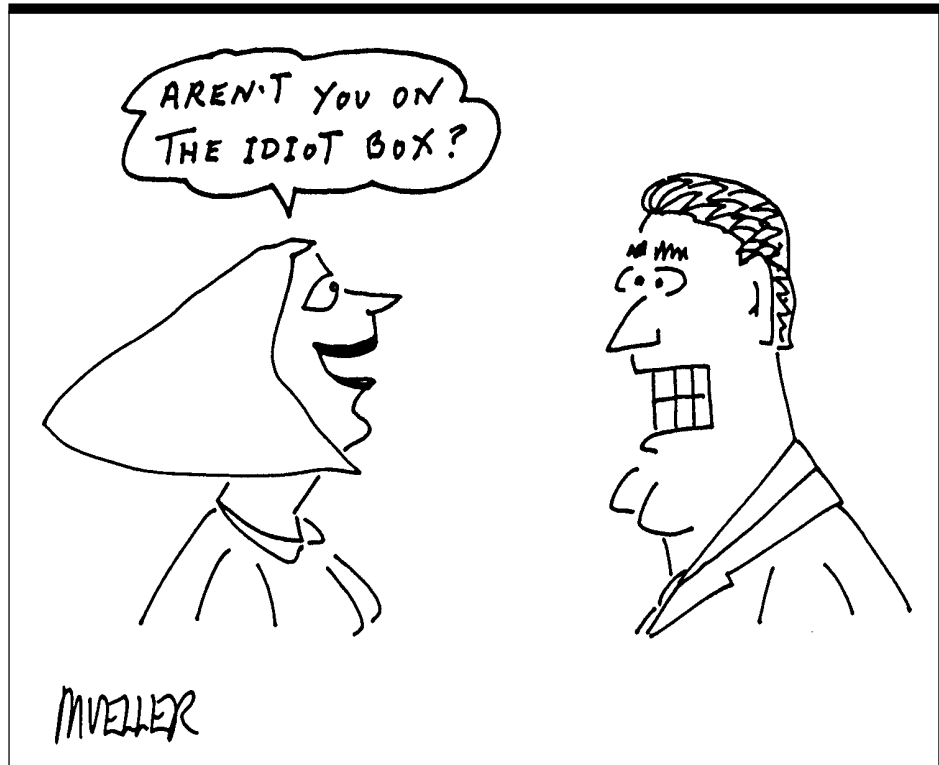
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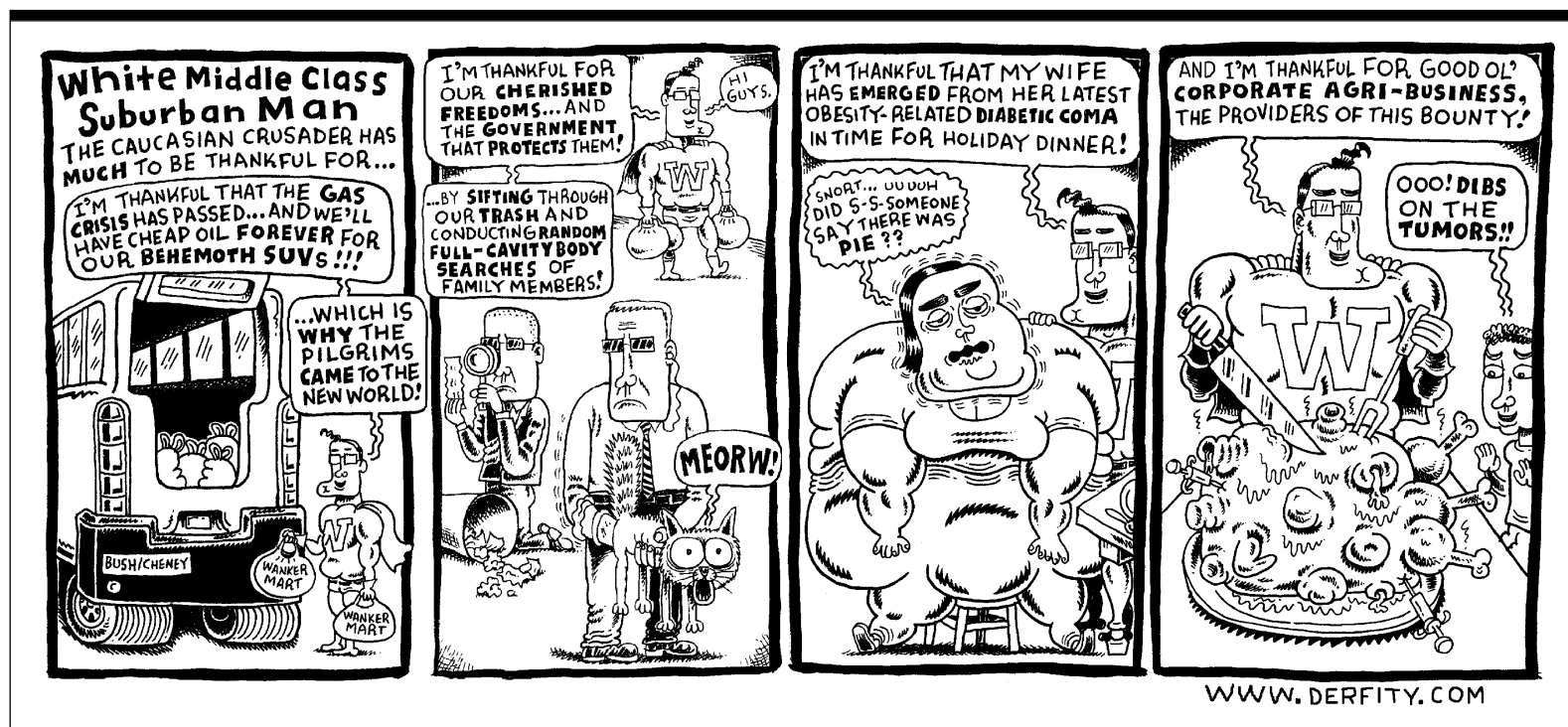


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Jeffery Smith  
*Student*  
*Santee*

I actually don't. They live in the San Luis Obispo area. I haven't seen them for a couple months. I talk to my mom all the time though; we probably talk, like, once a day. My mom's pretty cool; I don't talk as much with my dad. I talk to my little sister mostly online; she's still in high school. When I graduate, I'll probably go back to San Luis Obispo because I want to be a teacher and it's a little easier to find jobs up there. I only see my grandparents during holidays; they're up in the Bay Area. I have a few cousins down here and I'm not 21, so I can't go out and do stuff with them.



Tate Phillips  
*Student*  
*El Cajon*

Well, I have a sister who lives down here in San Diego and I see her three or four times a week. The rest of my family is in Northern California, and I do not see them enough. I moved to San Diego in August, so I've only been down here for, like, three months. It was easier for me to adapt because my boyfriend and my sister were down here. I have to work during the holidays, so I don't think I'll be seeing them. My dad's come down to visit, but my mom hasn't yet. I'll probably stay down here; I don't plan on moving back up north. My parents plan to move back east; I was born in New Hampshire, and that's where they're planning on going. It's cold and green there; the high school I would've gone to had a graduating class of 67. It's sad not being able to see your family as much.



Tyler Maclair  
*Student*  
*College Area*

I'd say "no" only because I'm down here for school all the time and they're up in Los Angeles. It's not too far; I can do the kamikaze run at 11:30 if I need to. I was actually up there a lot during October because my brother had his wedding and my grandparents had their anniversary; this past month I've seen them a lot. They don't come down here too much; I have family in Vista, and sometime we meet halfway. All of my immediate family is in L.A. or L.A. County; I'm the one who moved the farthest for school. My family is all for me getting out there and experiencing the world. I want to go back to L.A. for my law degree, but it doesn't get much better than San Diego.



Patrick Healy  
*Student*  
*Mission Valley*

Yeah. I see my mother's side of the family enough; I hardly ever see my father or my sisters. They're all spread out down here. My dad's in El Cajon, but he's busy all the time. I see my mom about once a week. I'm not sure where I'll end up; I've considered getting out of the San Diego area. All of my friends and family live here, but I don't necessarily like the climate. I'd like to live someplace like Monterey with a few more clouds. I went to school there for a few months, and I just like the climate better there.



Amber Walters  
*Student*  
*Mission Valley*

No. My family lives in Las Vegas; I came to San Diego for school. It's been three months since I last saw my parents. I plan to see them during the holidays. It's a good idea to move away from your family because you learn a lot about who you are and how to take care of yourself. I've always done stuff like laundry, but things like paying your own rent is good to learn. In the three months I've lived away from my parents, I've learned a lot about myself. My boyfriend lives out here, and that helps me to be less homesick. If you're independent like me, people should try moving out on their own. You miss your family a lot more, so the time you spend with them is a lot better.



Trent Borts  
*Student*  
*Mission Valley*

No, I only see them about once a month; they live up in Corona. I talk to my mom probably about three times a week; she calls me and I call her. I call her just to see what's new. She sends me recipes once a week; if I have time to cook, I'll use them. I talk to my sister about once a week; she's busy with work and school. I used to work where she works now, so she keeps me up to date with everything that's going on with everybody. I don't like hearing gossip about other places because it's easy to get enough of it where I work now.

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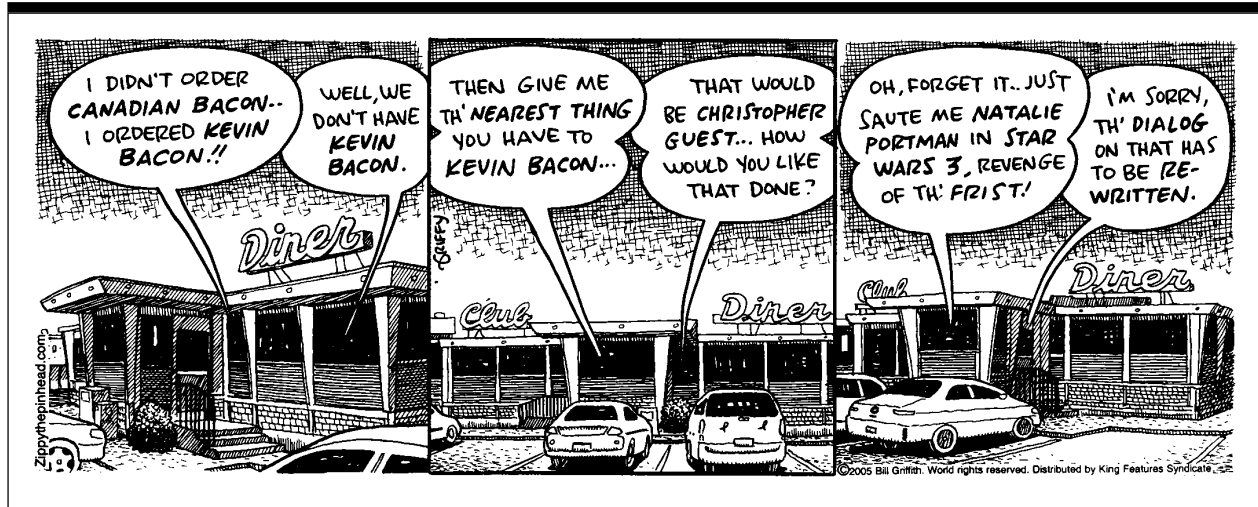
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- 1. Part of an academic yr.
- 4. "Poor Poor Pitiful Me" singer Clark
- 9. Ahab and Cook: Abbr.
- 14. "Out of the Blue" rock grp.
- 15. Arkin and Alda
- 16. Ancient Greek marketplace
- 17. Actor Fonda's kitchen cabinet item?
- 19. "\_\_\_\_ c'est moi"
- 20. Drippers in an ICU
- 21. Verdi's "\_\_\_\_ tu"
- 23. Again, in music
- 24. Stuck out like \_\_\_\_ thumb
- 25. "My Favorite Martian" actor Ray
- 27. Director Stone's surprise ending?
- 31. Lines on city maps: Abbr.
- 34. Darks or whites
- 35. One who hears "You've got mail"
- 36. "Must've been something \_\_\_\_"
- 38. Agreement
- 41. French port on the Mediterranean
- 42. Hall of Fame football coach Hank
- 44. Clobber
- 46. Trio before U
- 47. TV personality Fuentes's producer of flour?
- 51. Barely makes, as a living
- 52. Led Zeppelin's "Whole \_\_\_\_ Love"
- 56. Parisian article
- 57. When repeated, "For shame!"
- 58. Comedian Gottfried who provides the voice for the AFLAC duck
- 60. Roman tunic
- 62. Actor Cruise's aching for Katie Holmes?
- 64. Franciscan or Dominican
- 65. Senator who wrote the bestseller "Dreams From My Father"
- 66. First thing an Indiana cheer leader calls for
- 67. Singer Lovett and others
- 68. Gunpowder component
- 69. Year that Botticelli died

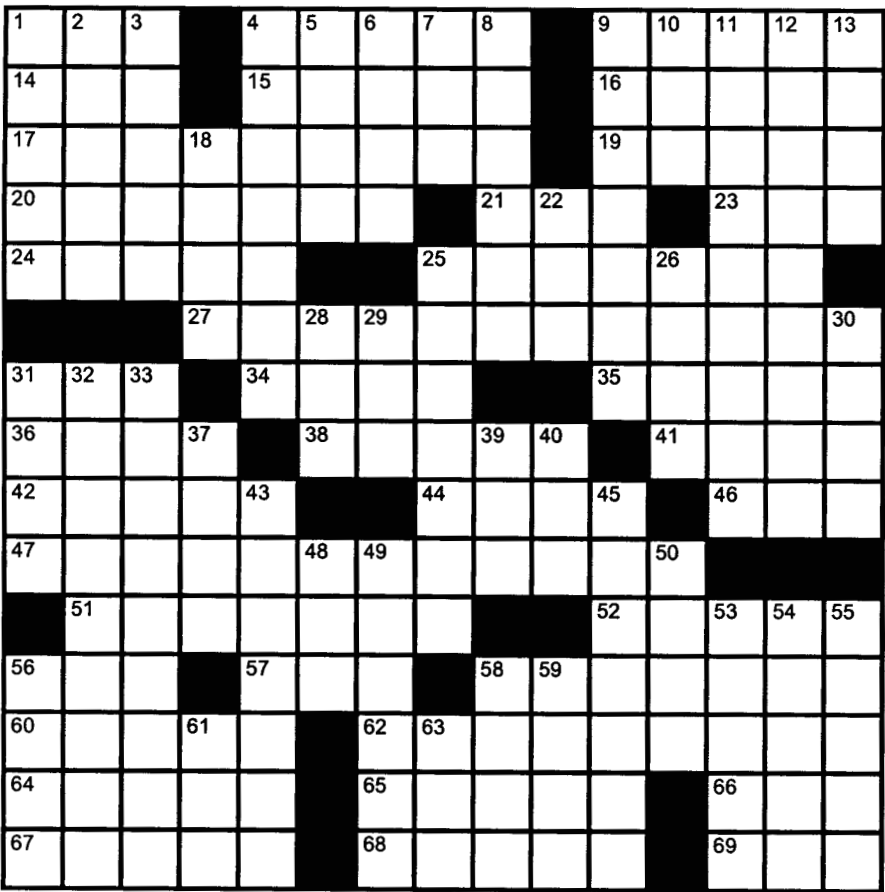
Down

- 1. Brown shade used in old photos
- 2. Mtn. stats
- 3. "Semper Fidelis," to a Marine
- 4. Muckraker Ida
- 5. Otherwise
- 6. Knocks
- 7. Molecular biologist's study

- 8. "The end \_\_\_\_!"
- 9. She played Ally on "Ally McBeal"
- 10. Grow older
- 11. Quickly-churned-out novel
- 12. They may come with bells and whistles
- 13. College entrance exams
- 18. Prefix with trash
- 22. "Treasure Island" inits.
- 25. "Hooray for us!"
- 26. Ark units
- 28. Debtor's note
- 29. It often has sliding doors
- 30. Waste allowance
- 31. College in Providence, RI
- 32. Common temp work
- 33. Succeed during a drill?
- 37. Slip (into)
- 39. Afternoon MTV fare
- 40. Broadway's Brynner
- 43. "Glory be!"
- 45. Sylvia Plath novel, with "The"
- 48. Paltry amount
- 49. In India, the meat used in a McDonald's Maharaja Mac
- 50. Cyborg movie prefix
- 53. Coffee break time, perhaps
- 54. Everybody's doing it
- 55. When cocktails may be served
- 56. Unsuccessful '80s gridiron org.
- 58. Exam for MBA hopefuls
- 59. "Woe \_\_\_\_!"
- 61. New Guinea seaport
- 63. \_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi

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**BUY A \$25 TICKET TO WIN** a new car! Help the Mira Mesa High School Class 2006 fundraiser for Grad Night. Call: 858-603-3516 or 619-384-9261.

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**CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS** is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. For information, [www.sdcocoda.org](http://www.sdcocoda.org) or 619-222-1244.

**CREATIVE WRITING CLASS.** Free, every Monday 10am-1pm, Joyce Beers Community Center, Hillcrest, Vermont Street near University, 858-457-8477.

**CROSSDRESSER/TRANSGENDERED?** Nonprofit support group. Monthly meetings/newsletter. Education, socializing, friendship. Neutral Corner, PO Box 19008, San Diego 92159, [www.geocities.com/neutral-corner](http://www.geocities.com/neutral-corner) or 619-685-3696.

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**FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS!** "How to Start a Business" for people with disabilities. 12/6, 1pm-4pm, State Department of Rehabilitation, 7575 Metropolitan #107, 92108. (Bus #928 from Fashion Valley Mall.) Sponsored by Able-Disabled Advocacy, 619-231-5990 x315.

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**MOVIE BUFFS.** Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like book clubs? Ages 25 to mature welcome. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727.

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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.

**PATHWORK DISCUSSION.** "Manifesting What You Want," December 8, 2005, 7-9pm, 1221-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available, for more information 619-259-1880.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** UCSD's Doula Program needs women to help other women during labor. Be a part of this special time and make a difference in women's lives. 619-543-6269, #3.

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**DIXIE.** Thanks for reading my notes of love, always inspired from above. Still hoping to make her mine, today and for all time. Brother Michale.

**I'M NOT AS GOOD** as I once was, but I'm good once, as I ever was. Peace and Love, my brothers and sisters!

**OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE.** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Beware of false teachers who say Jesus Christ is not going to return bodily to the earth. Matthew 28:19.

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**AMAZING ALL IN ONE** Latina doll. No children, nonsmoker, no drugs. Looking for same healthy no games here, relationship. You: Secure, 35-45 years old. (12/7) ☎49277

**HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN.** Integrity, model, artist, author, dancer, love mountain cabins, animals, never married. You: never married, handsome, integrity, quality, 40-59, military experience a plus. (11/30) ☎49272

**COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN,** attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (12/7) ☎49279

**ATTRACTIVE, PETITE** Latina, looking for Mr. Right, somebody who's caring, sincere, romantic, sense of humor, 5'3 -5'9, 150-160lbs, healthy for friendship, possible relationship. (12/7) ☎49286

**ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY,** healthcare professional, nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 110lbs., childless, properties owner. Seeking fun, fit, handy, nonsmoker, financially stable, 35+, Asian/Caucasian bachelor. (11/30) ☎49255

**THE PICTURE FRAME HANGS** empty on the wall. Designed to embrace image of my absentee soulmate, kindred spirit. I await thee! The ageless romantic! (11/30) ☎49266

**CHARMING, SLENDER, 60s,** North County. Inquisitive, discerning, attractive, sensuous, confident, integrity. Honest, funny, monogamous. Desire: tall, 5'10"+, smart, accomplished, independent, healthy, kind principled, happy, equal. (11/30) ☎49254

**HOLIDAYS AROUND THE CORNER** 50, Latina, nice personality, enjoy movies, dining, quiet times, romance. Seeking 50-60 gentleman, serious relationship, no games, someone to share life. (12/7) ☎49282

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR YOU** and yours. Kind, caring, Caucasian, senior woman always going somewhere. Seeking tall Caucasian, 70+, retired, nonsmoker male. Possible long-term relationship. (11/30) ☎49268

**PICKY BUT ATTRACTIVE** Asian lady, kind, caring, loyal hardworking, tall, slim, proportionate. Seeking financially/emotionally stable gentleman, loving, loyal, attractive, with good sense of humor. (11/30) ☎49271

**Pie And Ice Cream**  
Average lady in Pacific Beach wants to meet a man over 40. I am 5'2", 125lbs. I like writing, mental health, pie, ice cream. (12/7) ☎49280

**CREATIVE, WARM, INTELLIGENT,** Spiritual, attractive, blue/blonde, navy widow, retired, enjoys healthy lifestyle, cruises, swimming, cultural activities. Seeks Christian gentleman, friendship, companionship, British background. (12/7) ☎49284

**SPECIAL DOWN-TO-EARTH** Lady, full figured, 53, still searching for my prince to enjoy life together permanently. Enjoy movies, walks, dinners, romance, cuddling. (11/30) ☎49262

**WANTED: FOUR WHEELING** motorcycling. Outgoing, honest, funny, happy,

successful, healthy man. 45 years, look 35, honest, friendly, blonde, green eyes, former Hot Rod magazine model. (11/30) ☎49270

**OUR HAIR MAY TURN GRAY,** our skin may wrinkle but we're never too old for romance. 60s, slim, pretty, successful, educated, lifetime companion sought. You? (11/30) ☎49269

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR YOU** and yours. Kind, caring, Caucasian, senior, women always going somewhere. Seeking tall Caucasian, 70+, retired, nonsmoker male. Possible long-term relationship. (11/30) ☎49268

**LOOKING FOR AN ATTRACTIVE** Italian, 6' or taller between 40-50 for the reasons a woman would want an Italian in her life. (11/30) ☎49263

**SEEKING EASYGOING,** 23-30, Caucasian male for casual relationship. Enjoy the city, movies, experience new things. (11/30) ☎49259

**PRETTY REDHEAD** Great smile, curvaceous full figure, seeks romance. Affectionate, sense of humor, established, positive attitude, loves family, friends, baseball/fun. Wants relationship, 50+-. (12/7) ☎49281

**PHOTOS ONLINE** Attractive, smart, cheerful, affluent, Chinese, 53, 5'3", slim/toned, retired pharmacist. Seeks intelligent, flat-ab, nonsmoker male, in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling friendship. (12/7) ☎49289

**EUROPEAN WHITE CHRISTIAN.** Seeking Caucasian, financially/emotionally stable man for relationship. Must be honest and kind, between 51-63. Me: 51, educated, kind, honest, blue eyes. (11/30) ☎49258

**ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED** Black, slender, sexy, exotic, 25 years, seeks a refined, honest, loving, cultured, financially stable, generous gent, 35-65 years, race open, for a romance. (12/7) ☎49283

**BROADMINDED, BALANCED** Optimistic, vivacious sensitive, mischievous, kind, caring, sensual curvy shapely black female, 36. Seeks white male 30-45, for hiking, movies and more. (12/7) ☎49290

**(619), TALL, ATTRACTIVE** lady with various interests. Seeking boyfriend who's humorous, intelligent, average build, passionate, respectful, 40-50, no additions. (11/30) ☎49261

**NORTH COUNTY COASTAL.** Pretty widowed lady, 60s, slim, healthy, intelligent, successful, nature lover, adventure traveler. Seeking lifetime companion, caring, sincere, honest, educated, financially successful homeowner. (12/7) ☎49287

**NICE LOOKING EUROPEAN LADY,** 50, 5'5", blonde, educated with huge travel experience in Europe. Seeking soul mate, 60-65, good looking, educated, to enjoy travel together. (12/7) ☎49274

**38-YEAR-OLD, TALL,** blue-eyed, black-haired female. Seeking you for dating, possibly relationship. Like swimming, movies, dancing, dining, walking, touring my own city. (11/30) ☎49265

**CLASSY, SENSUOUS,** intelligent, 57, lady would like fun and adventure with handsome, witty, sense of humor gent 48-60. Are you ready for fun, friendship/romance? (12/7) ☎49288

**SEXY, SENSUAL, SMART,** cinnamon colored sister, artist, political, passionate, tired of games. Need honest, loyal, respectful, strong man for joyous, committed, monogamous, loving relationship. (11/30) ☎49257

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**SPIRITUAL WOMAN DESIRED**, good looking, spiritual, growth oriented, educated, holistic lifestyle, compassionate, communicator, heart connected, your best friend, fit, 5'10", 178lbs., 60 years, North Coastal. (11/30) ☎49692

**TALL, HANDSOME, CEREBRAL** writer, 39 and financially secure. Seeking warm-hearted, spiritual, intellectual girl, 25-35, for meaningful romance. I wish to entertain and enlighten you. (11/30) ☎49703

**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. (12/7) ☎49719

**HOPELESS ROMANTIC** 50, 5'6", white, financially secure, seeking sweet, honest, caring lady who enjoys travel outdoors, for lasting relationship. Age, race open. (12/7) ☎49721

**BIG BOY WANTS BIG GIRL,** 27-39, to share the good things in life. You are intelligent, outspoken, fun, wild, sexy, sentimental. Just like me. (12/7) ☎49732

**SINCERELY SEEKING** a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, just having fun at home, and more. La Mesa. (11/30) ☎49712

**HANDSOME WIDOWER,** tall, great looking, healthy, educated, virile, retired businessowner, homeowner, financially secure. Seeking nice, affectionate, sensual, curvaceous lady, 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing. (12/7) ☎49717

**I'M 49, ATTRACTIVE,** bright, and I'm seeking a basically happy, sensitive, trim woman (any race), who needs to be needed. You won't be disappointed. (12/7) ☎49718

**HANDSOME, KIND, CARING,** affectionate 35, college-educated, homeowner, nonsmoker. Seeking Asian female for quality time, meaningful friendship leading to relationship. (11/30) ☎49705

**RETIRED MARINE** in search of female pilot, military, commercial, private. Attractive, 5'5"+. (11/30) ☎49691

**53, SLENDER, FIT,** divorced, father, degreed, fun, mannered, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, nonsmoker, sincere, feminine, trim, North County, for conversation, outings, laughs, possibly more. (11/30) ☎49690

**LA MESA AREA.** Serious relationship wanted. Please be honest, caring, thin, and like kids, family and outdoors. I'm seeking 21+, and ready for lasting relationship. (11/30) ☎49700

**SEEKING HONEST** relationship with a good-hearted woman. I'm 24, Caucasian, 175lbs., clean cut. Seeking a mature woman. No games. Race, age, weight unimportant. (11/30) ☎49710

**GIRLFRIEND WANTED** by healthy, educated, sensual man. Enjoy adventure, hiking, dinners, cultural events, interesting conversation. Seeking 65-75-year-old woman. (11/30) ☎49709

**PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN,** 6'1", 165lbs., 53, red/blue, swing dancer, road bicyclist, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection. (11/30) ☎49702

**57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8",** medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy music, film, metaphysics, dining out, teacher, author, student, joyful. (11/30) ☎49688

**I WOULD LIKE TO MEET** an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (12/7) ☎49727

**FRIENDSHIP LEADS TO** Relationship. Black male, 51, fit, 5'9", 160lbs. Enjoys dinner, movies, walks, bicycling, open to other activities. Seeking fit white female, 38-50, slim to average. No smoking/drugs. (12/7) ☎49715

**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! (12/7) ☎49723

**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. (11/30) ☎49695

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**SEEKING THOUGHTFUL LADY.** Late 70s male enjoys Bridge, dancing, theatre, dining out. You are cheerful, sincere, tall, heavyset, up-to-date. (12/7) ☎49730

**STILL SEEKING A BLACK** female, age 30-45, 4'11"-5'5", nonsmoker, down to earth, must be understanding. I'm a single Mexican-American with no kids, never married. (11/30) ☎49708

**SEEKING RESERVED, GENUINE,** 50s, good-hearted, slim, petite figured woman. Unaccustomed to answering personal ads by tall, handsome, fit, young 60s, easygoing Italian man. (11/30) ☎49711

**LATINO WOMAN WANTED** Tall, handsome, American, divorced father, La Mesa. Seeks sexy, passionate, romantic lady. Enjoy quiet evenings, kisses, soft music, candles, cocktails, dinner/me. (12/7) ☎49734

**CARING, FUN, FIT,** romantic, stable white male 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeks special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel, bye for now. (12/7) ☎49725

**MIDDLE AGED ITALIAN MAN.** Seeking sexy grandma for fun, romance and sunsets on the beach, maybe more! (11/30) ☎49697

**LIKE HARLEY'S.** Goog hearted biker. Looking for fit woman, you: nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (11/30) ☎49701

**ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY,** 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (11/30) ☎49706

**58 AND FREE.** Talk to me, you younger gals, and let's see what develops. Take a chance on an honest guy. (12/7) ☎49724

**NO DOG, SO I NEED A WOMAN!** Humorous, creative, fairly good looking, thin, 5'10", 53. Enjoying: nature, quiet, plants, dogs, motorcycles, exercise, classic rock, country. (11/30) ☎49699

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**OUTDOORSY FEMININE LADY** needed. Cure my all work no play blues. Me: 45, act 25, 5'8", 160lbs., reliable, casual lifestyle. You: one-man woman, nonsmoker. (11/30) ☎49687

**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. (12/7) ☎49732

**ITALIAN-AMERICAN, 6',** 183lbs., 51, athletic, professional. Enjoy biking, tennis, walks, karaoke, dancing, arts, films. Seeking slim, athletic, Asian female, 40-48, North County for relationship. (11/30) ☎49714

**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. (12/7) ☎49726

**858, WHITE, HANDSOME,** San Diegan, 56, 5'9", 172lbs., silver gray, blue eyes, healthy, fit, romantic gentleman. Want tall, attractive, professional, positive outlook, long-term relationship, 44-60. (11/30) ☎49684

**WANTED:** Supersize, tall, mature lady between ages of 40-55, for casual dating and fun. Please call, let's go dancing. (11/30) ☎49704

**56, SEEKING GIRLFRIEND** for long-term relationship. I'm 5'10", 173lbs. I like working out, movies, dining, quiet times together. Nonsmoker, light drinker. (11/30) ☎49685

**SEEKING SWELL BABE** with great sense of humor. Open to age/looks, just be smart, articulate. I'm 49, decent shape, honest, with morals. (11/30) ☎49713

**COOLEST OF THE COOL.** Great looking, fit, financially secure, 44, 6'1", 195lbs. Looking for you: slim beauty, 30-40, for solid relationship and romance. (11/30) ☎49682

**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. (11/30) ☎49693

**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. (11/30) ☎49694

**BLACK GENTLE GIANT,** down to earth, hard working, honest, mature, loves life. Seeking Latina or American lady for dating, hopefully more. Will answer all calls. (11/30) ☎49696

**WANTED: FEMALE, 45-49,** white, nonsmoker, slender, active, smart, playful, caring. Love music, movies, animals, great food, for fun and more for attorney, 54. (12/7) ☎49728

**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. (12/7) ☎49720

**PLEASE HELP ME!** Get me out of this ad. White male, professional chef. 45, 6'4". Are you looking, one on one only. Jazz, dancing, food. (12/7) ☎49716

**59-YEAR-OLD MAN** seeks nice woman, nonsmoker, who lives in North County, has good sense of humor, who would like nice man. (11/30) ☎49683

**SEXY, LOVING, MATURE** Older woman, sought by tall, attractive, white male, 54. I'm warm, loving, caring, very affectionate. Enjoy fun times, quiet times, closeness, intimacy. (12/7) ☎49722

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**CARLSBAD.** Room for rent \$500, plus utilities, walk to beach, washer/dryer, \$200 deposit. No smoking, no animals, available 12/1, or sooner, female preferred, 760-720-9316.

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— by Robert Mizrachi

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**CHULA VISTA.** Southwestern College. \$800, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, immaculate attached cottage. Walk to shops/restaurants, private entrance/yard, no pets/smoking, utilities included, deposit. 619-933-7007.

**CHULA VISTA.** Eastlake. \$2500. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, huge yard. Available 12/1/05. Pets OK. Lake/pool. \$1000 move in bonus with lease. Deposit negotiable. 619-316-2348.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, four parking spaces. 850 square feet. New carpet, appliances, paint. Across from park. (3742 Wightman corner 38th). 619-698-4915.

**CITY HEIGHTS.** \$1100. 1 bedroom. Eat-in kitchen, walk-in closet, washer/dryer. Tiled backyard/patio area, Berber carpet. Gardener/water included. 4162 Sycamore Drive. 619-294-8989.

**CITY HEIGHTS/ AZALEA PARK.** \$1800. 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. On canyon, gardener included. Quiet neighborhood. Extras. 2119 Tulip Street. Carol. 619-282-2617.

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**COLLEGE/ROLANDO.** \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upgraded house. Fenced yard. Available December 1. Pets OK. Call: 619-557-4523.

**DEL CERRO.** \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2-car garage and large yard. No smoking. 1 year lease. 7515 Rowena. Call Michael, 858-597-6100 x321.

**DEL CERRO/SDSU.** Available now, lovely home, landscaped, beautiful view, master suite with 2 additional bedrooms, 2 bath. Amenities, dishwasher, washer/dryer, refrigerator, 2 car garage, with extra parking for RV. Walking distance to Hearst Elementary, \$2400/month. Please call anytime, 619-972-9033.

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**DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL.** \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, new cabinets, tile, appliances. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Remodeled and upgraded. Available 12/1/05. 845 21st Street. 619-293-0330.

**DREAM TENANT.** Physician moving to area late December, needs house, 2 bedroom to lease. Have mellow older dog, rent negotiable, Caroline, 617-504-1620.

**EASTLAKE/CHULA VISTA.** 2 bedroom house with attached garage. \$1800/month. 1 month free with signed 1-year lease. San Diego's Best Rentals, 619-696-7368; www. sandiegobestrentals.com.

**EL CAJON.** Blossom Valley, 5 bedroom, 3 bath home on 5 acres. \$3250/month. Beautiful pool and service, 3455 square feet, 3 car garage. Agent, 619-624-2031.

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**ENCINITAS.** Beautiful 3 bedroom plus office, 2-1/2 bath. Quiet neighborhood. Near shopping. Pool, tropical landscaping. All appliances. Maintenance included. Pets considered. Available 12/19. \$2795. 619-985-2687.

**ENCINITAS.** Swamis ocean view. 2 bedroom plus den, 1-1/2 baths. Walk to beach, landscaped, patio. 2-car garage. No smoking/pets. 1075 Cornish Drive. \$2395. 760-753-1678.

**ENCINITAS.** \$2650. 4 bedroom, 3 bath in quiet neighborhood. Freshly painted, new carpet, garage, fenced yard. 370 Chapalita. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

**ENCINITAS.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in planned community. \$2000. Just reduced!! \$500 off first month! 2-car garage, front and back patios, gas fireplace, fenced yard. Pool, clubhouse, playground, picnic/barbecue areas. Cat or small dog ok. 396 Trailview Drive. 760-439-3588.

**ESCONDIDO.** Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, peaceful gated community. Very clean. Ceiling fans, tiled kitchen. No pets. \$1700. Available now. Jean, 858-335-2619. Ruthlyn, 858-653-0128.

**ESCONDIDO.** Beautiful lake view, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, newly remodeled. Manufactured home \$1050/month, call 760-739-5451.

**FLETCHER HILLS.** \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Family room. Pool. Cabana. Barbecue. Large fenced yard. RV parking. Remodeled. Newer carpet/paint. 2649 Chatham Street. 619-281-0030.

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**HILLCREST.** \$1750. 2 bedroom, dishwasher, washer/dryer, large quiet dogs. French

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**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.

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**HILLCREST.** \$1195, 2 bedroom house. Laundry available. Available now. 4320 Campus Avenue #6. 619-295-1100; www. cethron.com.

**IDEAL TENANT.** M.D. relocating to area, looking for house, 2 bedroom, to lease. Prefer Kensington/North Park/Mission Hills. Have older mellow dog, Caroline 617-504-1620.

**IMPERIAL BEACH.** \$1995/month, \$1995/deposit, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. New home, washer/dryer hook-up, pets on approval, tile/carpet flooring. 922 Imperial Beach Blvd. 619-423-1290.

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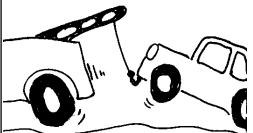
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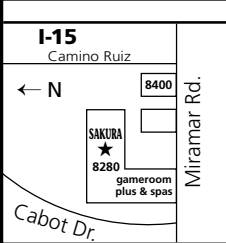
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**NORTH PARK.** \$795. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. laundry on-site. 4615 Hamilton. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment with laundry. New carpet. Block to beach. No pets! 5123 Longbranch. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificreality.com.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$875. Large 1 bedroom with balcony. Quiet courtyard setting. 4861 Del Monte #8. 619-223-0338.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1095. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to beach. Will consider small pet. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-272-7368.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1050. 2 bedroom (1 bathroom, remodeled) apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 2743 Camulos Street (near Nimitz/West Point Loma Boulevard). 619-222-6427.

**OCEAN BEACH.** \$1250. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Carpet, no pets. 4974 Muir Avenue. 619-222-6427.

**OCEAN BEACH.** Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, \$1035. Close to beach. New carpet, ceramic tile, and all appliances. Gated community, courtyard setting, laundry, parking and more! Cats OK. No dogs. 4955 Narragansett. 619-226-3171. www.rasnyder.com.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** Newly remodeled 1 bedroom. \$1000. Close to beach. Gated community. Laundry. Parking. Bike room and more! 4929 Del Monte Avenue. Cats OK. No dogs. 619-221-8158. www.rasnyder.com.

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**OCEAN BEACH.** \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Off street parking. Near beach/park. No dogs. \$700 deposit. 5029 Lotus. Agent, 619-225-8673.

**OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA.** \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors. \$995, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carpet upstairs, view, laundry. No dogs, John 619-239-9140.

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**OCEANSIDE.** \$895. Must see! Spacious 1 bedrooms. Private yards/balconies. Great location. Pool. Laundry. Barbecue. Free garage, gas utilities, heat. Large closets. No pets. 760-757-4641.

**OCEANSIDE.** \$1250. Spacious upstairs 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 1 car garage. Enclosed patio. Washer/dryer. Pool. 5 miles from ocean. No pets. Call Ben, 760-583-9660.

**OCEANSIDE.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage condo. Washer/dryer. New carpet, paint & blinds. Pool and jacuzzi. Pets OK. Available now. \$1595. 760-230-2508. **OCEANSIDE.** \$700. Large, remodeled studio. Nice, quiet, small complex. 1 mile/beach. Secure parking. No pets. Near Oceanside Boulevard and I-5. 1973 Apple Street. 760-754-1708.

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**OCEANSIDE.** Studio, \$765; 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1050. Pool, laundry, gated, covered parking. Quick access to freeways, beaches, shops. Cat OK. 760-722-6421.

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**OLD TOWN.** \$650-\$695. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoves on

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**OLD TOWN.** \$815. Large 1 bedroom, all utilities paid, lower, view. Off-street parking, on-site laundry. No pets. 2069-1/2 San Diego Avenue. Leave message, 858-270-9086.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$740/\$775. Studios, furnished or unfurnished. No pets. Nonsmoking. Off-street parking. See at 4160 Ingraham Street. 858-274-4344.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** Great move-in special! \$1350. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently renovated, tile floors, dishwasher, microwave, large closets, security complex, laundry, lease. Cats OK. Available now. Single-car garage available. 1955 Thomas. 858-205-2397.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Sparkling 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs, fireplace, dishwasher, walk-in closet, laundry, patios, extras. No pets, nonsmoking. \$1750. 1683 Thomas. 858-272-9204.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$845, 1 bedroom. \$995-\$1150, 2 bedrooms. Quiet. Security gated building. Laundry room. Near bay/bike trail. Available now. No dogs. 858-454-3841.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$1450. Gigantic, upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment near bay. Hardwood floors, lots of closets, light and bright. Quiet "Leave it to Beaver" neighborhood. Gated courtyard. Laundry. Squeaky clean! No pets/smoking. 3732 Yosemite. 858-454-2024.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1450. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. All appliances. 950 square feet. New carpet/paint. 2 parking spaces, laundry room. No pets. Nonsmoking. 858-272-7616.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$100+ move-in special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1500/month. Second floor, small complex. Laundry facilities. Parking. No pets. 1152 Oliver. 619-405-5379. www.melroyproperties.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** No deposit, on approved credit! Resort-style living. Studios from \$895. 1 bedrooms from \$1025. 2 bedrooms from \$1525. Heated pool with aerobics. 2 spas. Weight rooms. 5 lighted tennis courts. Basketball courts. Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham Street. www.progressmanagement.net. Toll free: 1-888-759-7435. www.sdreader.com/rent/2081.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$985. Quiet and spacious downstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$300 off first month! Off-street parking. Laundry. No pets. 1920 Felspar. 858-459-1102.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 4th floor unit. Underground secured parking. Pool, jacuzzi. Noyes Street. Agent, 619-692-4121.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1100. Upstairs unit, duplex. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off street parking. Laundry on premises. Available 12/15. Contact Holly or Grant. 858-488-4804.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Studios, \$800-\$945. 1 bedrooms, \$965-\$1075. 2 bedrooms, \$1350-\$1450. Great location, minutes from shopping and freeways. Cedar Shores Apartments. 858-274-9680. Sun-riselling.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1225/month. 1 year lease. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2124 Grand

Avenue. No pets. Nonsmoking. Call Michael, 858-597-6100 x321.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$910/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with parking. 1524 Missouri Street. 1 year lease. Nonsmoking. Call Michael, 858-597-611 x321.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$2595. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, washer/dryer hookups, 2 car tandem garage, patio. Close to beach. 1134 Felpar #3. AMI Property Management. Broker, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$1450. Sunny, upstairs 2 bedroom over private garage. Hardwood floors. Appliances. Bay view. Freshly painted. 3959 Haines Street. 858-272-9547.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$800 studio. All utilities paid. Parking. Patio. Walk to bay. No pets. 1604 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-270-4674.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$2190. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher, laundry on-site. Must see! 3924 Shasta Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1295. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Great freeway access. Available now. 2329 Grand Avenue. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1095. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upgraded, laundry, aprking. Close to all! 4613 Fanuel. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1630. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage. One block to beach. Year lease. 834 Emerald. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, two story, parking, 2 blocks to beach. 915 Diamond. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1195. 1 bedroom condo. Community pool/spa, tennis courts, gym, laundry room, 1801 Diamond Street. 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$100+ move-in special! 1 bedroom, \$890/month. Second floor. No pets. 1971-1/2 Grand Avenue. 619-405-5379. www.melroyproperties.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Meow here! Cats welcome. Large studios/1 bedroom, \$769/up. New Kitchen. Assigned parking. Laundry, pool. Thankful deals! 858-536-1900.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$885. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets. 1 parking. New carpet/paint. Share courtyard. Nice. Clean. 1550 Hornblend Street #1. Juno, 619-275-3455.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1025. 1 bedroom plus den. Third floor, deck view. New carpet. Parking. No pets. 6-month lease. 4467 Dawes. 858-483-4553.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$900-\$925. Large 1 bedroom with fenced area or balcony. Laundry room, off-street parking. Near bay. 3933 Jewell Street. www.palmtreareally.com. 619-461-3546.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1025. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 parking space. Laundry on-site. Courtyard, upstairs unit. No pets. 3985 Riviera Drive. Please call for appointment. 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$795. studios. Move-in special: \$500 off first month's rent! Utilities included. Parking. Newly refurbished. Laundry. 3755 Ingraham Street. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1090. 1 bedroom. Remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Coin laundry. Parking. Shared courtyard. 4 blocks to ocean. No pets. Available now. 1542 Diamond. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Big 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with parking. Washer/dryer. Great complex close to beach and bay. 1528 Grand Avenue. \$2200/month. 714-323-9317.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, downstairs. Stove, refrigerator, coin laundry, parking. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. 2-1/2 blocks to ocean. Available now. 945 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$995-\$1050. 1 bedroom. Large, downstairs. Completely remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher,

microwave. Pool. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. Available 12/10. 1433 Oliver. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$1400. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath downstairs. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace, garage. Coin laundry. No pets. 1 year lease. Available 12/20. 4122 Jewell. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** 3852 Lamont Street. Studio. Large upper unit with bay view. Recently remodeled bathroom. No pets. 6 months minimum lease. \$875 rent, \$450 deposit. 858-483-3221.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$995. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, coin laundry, parking. No pets. Available 12/10. 1448 Thomas. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** 3854 Lamont Street. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus garage. Beautiful, large upper unit with bay view. 6 month minimum lease. No pets. \$1495 rent, \$750 deposit. 858-483-3221.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1475 plus \$1475 deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, courtyard, water/gardener paid. No dogs. 2241 Garnet. Available now. Open house Sunday, November 27, 10am-11:00am. 619-224-7583.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1090. Large 1 bedroom, downstairs with 2 patios, carport parking. Upstairs with private balcony. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Nice shared courtyard. Garage plus space. Coin laundry. No pets. 4 blocks to ocean. Available 12/20. 1190 Grand Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Downstairs condo in 4-unit building. Appliances, laundry hook-ups. Attached garage plus extra space. Fireplace. New carpet. No pets. 1 year lease. 956 Sapphire. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit. Balcony, courtyard, laundry. Available 12/16. No dogs. 2239 Garnet Avenue. Open house: 11/27, 10-11am. 619-224-7583.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$995. Deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated, stove, refrigerator. Blocks from beach. 4751 Mission Boulevard #7. 619-804-3325.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet 4-plex near Cass and Diamond. No pets. \$1500/month. Leave message at 858-483-6547, calls will be returned in evening.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1150. 1 bedroom. Large, downstairs, remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Coin laundry. Pool. No pets. Available 12/20. 812 Tourmaline. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Studio. \$610/month, utilities included. Laundry facilities, off-street parking. Near Mission Bay and transportation. 3010 Glendora Street. Call 858-272-2889.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in small, quiet community with parking, laundry on site. Large kitchen and living room. \$1395. Ask about move-in special! 1519 Missouri. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrowar.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$995. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment home with skylight, extra closet space, breakfast nook and more! Assigned parking. 1542 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrowar.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1050. Just one block to the beach! This charming 1 bedroom has a private patio and is within walking distance to both Garnet Avenue and the beach! 4688 Bayard. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrowar.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1400. Extra nice. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint. New appliances. Front and back patios. In quiet fourplex. 2 blocks to beach. No pets. Nonsmoker. Garage available, \$100. 926 Tourmaline Street. 858-453-3004, 858-349-3215.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1250. \$200 off 1st month's rent! 2 bedroom, 1 bath with new carpet. Close to beach and bay. On-site laundry. Stop by 1433 Grand Avenue #1. If interested, call 619-226-7368.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1950/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo near bay. Secured complex. Swimming pool/sauna.

Washer/dryer on premises. Underground parking. 408-782-7767.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Studio apartment, \$795. Utilities paid! Cat OK. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-272-7368.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$900. Refrigerator, stove. Pet OK. Fee. Free search at www.sdrentals.com. 858-272-7368.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. 2 blocks to bay. Rooftop deck, coin laundry, carport. Lots of storage. Cat OK. 858-204-8116.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$200 first month! Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Remodeled with new carpet, paint, ceiling fans. Includes dishwasher. Quiet, upper unit. Reserved parking. No pets. \$1325/month. 619-276-5520.

**PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH.** \$1630. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, garage, plus 1 parking. Garden. Attractive 4-plex building. Fireplace. 4 blocks to beach! No smoking/pets. 858-488-1987.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1225. 1 bedroom. Upper unit. Located on Sail Bay. Partial bay view, steps to sand. Coin laundry. 3918 Gresham #6. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 move-in special! Newly remodeled. Walk to beach, restaurants, shops. Open House Saturday November 26, 11:30am-12:30pm. 1067 Hornblend. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1325. 2 bedrooms. Partial bay view. 1-1/2 blocks to Sail Bay. Upper unit. New paint and carpet. Open house Saturday, November 26, 1-2pm. 3811 Riviera. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** \$950. 1 bedroom. Great complex, 1-1/2 blocks from Sail Bay. Open house, Saturday November 26, 1-2pm. 3825 Riviera Drive #6. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1645. Upgraded 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Steps to beach. 719 Chalcedony. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4200 x110.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$750. 1 bedroom in garden setting. Great location. Pool, recreation room, laundry. No pets. 2710 Grand Avenue. Manager, 858-273-8657.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1,025. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, pets OK. Everything fresh and clean. Laundry facilities. Heart of Pacific Beach. Virgil: 760-855-0460.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Good condition. Off-street parking. No pets. 4451 Haines Street. Available December. 858-270-4492 x203.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$2400. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse, 3-car garage, fireplace, washer/dryer, patio and deck. No pets. 1845 Grand Avenue. Available December. 858-270-4492 x203.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1400. Block to Sail Bay. Pool, laundry, parking. Casa Riviera, 3773-77 Haines. 858-483-9303. www.rasnyder.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$2495! Great panoramic ocean and Bay view home, west of I-5. Watch the fireworks from Sea World! Full-size interior laundry. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at www.SanDiegoRealtor.com. Kohn & Burke, Inc., 858-755-8580.

**PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT.** Upgraded! 2 blocks to Crown Point Shores. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$995, deposit \$750. Parking. Pool. Laundry facilities. Cat OK. 3883 Jewell Street. 6-month or annual lease. Call Manager, 858-272-0068.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$850, utilities paid. Studio. New carpet and new kitchen/bath floor tile, new shower, fresh paint, patio, laundry. Close to beaches/shopping/freeway. 2049-A Garnet. Jeff, 858-270-7120.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1950. Large 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome near Bay. Private patio. Parking space. New carpet and paint. Dishwasher. Laundry hookups. Tile in kitchen and baths. 2114 Oliver Avenue. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1745. Upper 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Garage. Balcony. Large living area. Dishwasher. Laundry hookups. Gas appliances. No pets. 1209 Felspar Street. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

**POINT LOMA.** \$1150. Furnished 1 bedroom beach condo. Resort complex. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, billiards, tennis, barbecue, volleyball. Laundry. Parking. 6-month lease. 3050 Rue D'Orleans. 619-469-0031.

**POINT LOMA.** Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Newer unit in 3 unit complex. Laundry in unit. 1 bedroom/bath downstairs. Living/master upstairs. \$1650. 3040-C Poe Street. 619-225-5844.

**POINT LOMA/SHELTER ISLAND.** \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New tile, new carpets. New appliances. Laundry, off-street parking includes basic cable TV. No pets. 6-month lease. 1434 Rosecrans Street. Manager, 619-302-9946 or 619-222-1692.

**POINT LOMA.** \$950-\$1200. Move in special! 1 and 2 bedroom like-new garden apartments. Refrigerator, cable, gas included. No pets. 1518 Rosecrans. 858-395-2047.

**POINT LOMA.</**

Ocean, bay, city views (select units). Dishwasher. Tile counters. Air conditioning. Covered parking. Elevators. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Rooftop sundeck. Gym. Laundry. Internet. Barbecue. Picnic park. No pets. PointLomaTowers@att.net. Point Loma Towers. 3811 Marquette Place. www.sdreader.com/rent/1003. 619-223-6577.

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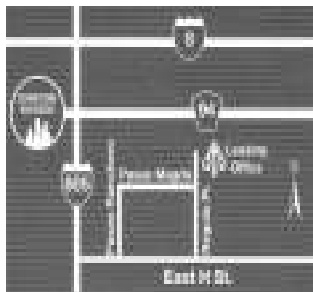
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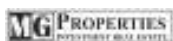
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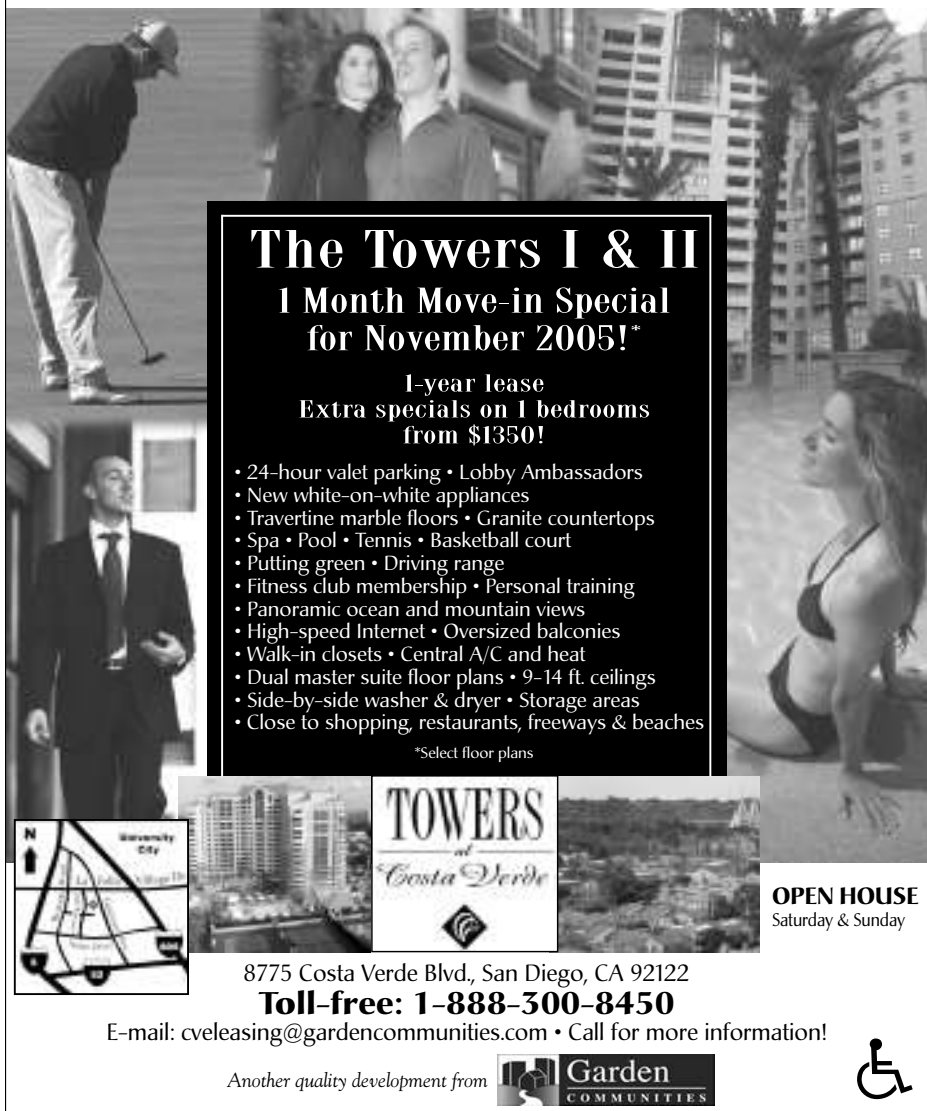
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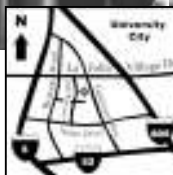
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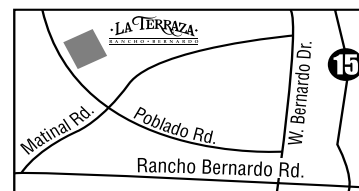
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record, he is worried that if he leaves Mick half, Mick will blow it all on drugs and then be without means of support and go down the tubes. Dad is thinking about putting Mick's half of the inheritance into some kind of monthly allowance to prevent him from spending it all at once. He's asked me what I think of this plan. I share Dad's worries. A windfall like this could, if cleverly invested, give Mick something to live on for many years, or might be spent crazily and fast if he gets it all at once. Then he'd be broke again, with no dad to rescue him. But I'll feel like a jerk agreeing to receive my inheritance with no strings attached, but Mick should have his doled out to him. And if that arrangement is made, Mick will hit the roof. How do we make this decision?

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— At 10 p.m. on Oct. 19, Ralph Parker, 93, in his Chevrolet Malibu, eased up to a tollbooth on Interstate 275 in St. Petersburg, Fla., inattentive to the fact that there was a dead body lodged in his windshield (the result of a collision about three miles away). According to police, Parker was off by about ten miles when asked where he was and by two months on the date, and he thought the body had just fallen from the sky. Parker’s son, 66, said he was aware his father had been deteriorating mentally, yet Parker’s driver’s license was renewed last year through age 99, based on Florida’s lax renewal policy (toughened for the state’s 54,000 age-80-and-up drivers only by a vision test).

**The Litigious Society**

— Chicago lawyer Stephen Diamond has filed about 100 lawsuits since 2002 against companies for failing to charge him sales tax on items he bought, earning himself about \$500,000 in settlements and judgments, according to an October *Wall Street Journal* report. Diamond has exploited a law in Illinois that allows citizens to receive part of the proceeds from certain law violations, including from companies that might be authorized to collect sales tax on Internet purchases but have chosen not to because the law is not completely settled. Tennessee and Virginia, which have similar laws, have amended them to prevent lawsuits like Diamond’s.

— Park Hyatt hotel maid Louise Kelsey, 58, testified in August in Melbourne, Australia, that she was kissed against her will in 2001 by a hotel guest (an Uruguayan soccer player in town for a World Cup match) and suffered a post-traumatic stress disorder that led to her being declared legally blind in 2002. Though a doctor for the defense derided it as “the most powerful kiss in history,” the hotel’s insurer agreed to its liability in October and said it would negotiate the money amount.

— Lee Ka-wai filed a lawsuit in Hong Kong’s Small Claims Tribunal in September against the Rolex Corp., claiming intense psychological trauma from a rash she developed on her wrist after

wearing the company’s \$3800 Oyster Perpetual watch. Lee blames the rash on the label on the back of the watch, which Rolex says everyone knows must be removed after purchase but which Lee left on out of fear that removal would void the warranty.

**Compelling Explanations**

— Actor Robert Blake, testifying in October at the wrongful-death trial brought against him by the family of his late wife Bonnie Lee Bakley, said the reason why he had traces of gunshot residue on his hand after the murder was because he regularly plays with cap guns, according to a report in the *New York Post*. “Without sounding like I’m pretty weird, I missed my childhood. For me, [toy soldiers and] cap guns bring it all back. If [that] makes me nuts, then label me.”

— Neelesh Phadnis, 24, acting as his own lawyer, earned himself a conviction in Seattle in October for killing his parents, in large part (according to a *Seattle Times* story) because of his defense that the crimes were committed by, first, a gang of 400-pound Samoans, later augmented during his testimony to include their girlfriends, two whites, two blacks, a Native American and a transsexual, and later still, to be described as more than 30 armed Samoans. They were all slow runners, too, for Phadnis said he outran them all to escape, despite being seriously wounded. When he finally summoned the police, he told the arriving officers that he was too tired and hungry to talk about his parents’ bodies and that they should “go home.”

**Latest Rights**

— In September, to preserve “respect and dignity” for newborns, the neonatal unit of Calderdale Royal Hospital in Halifax, England, officially banned visitors’ “cooing” at infants. Said hospital official Debbie Lawson, “Cooing should be a thing of the past because these are little people with the same rights as you or me.” To illustrate the rule, officials displayed a doll holding a sign reading: “What makes you think I want to be looked at?”

— Australian Rights: (1) Mr. Jirra Collings Ware was awarded the equivalent of about \$7300 from his employer by the Federal Magistrates Court in Sydney, Australia, in October after he was fired for being repeatedly drunk at work (even once urinating into a trash can). Ware says he has Attention Deficit Disorder and that his employer, OAMPS Insurance Brokers, should have done more to accommodate the illness. (2) On the complaint of imprisoned rapist Simon Jacob Smith, 25, police in Melbourne, Australia, agreed in October henceforth to protect prisoners’ privacy by not publicly releasing their mug shots without giving them a chance to appeal in court. The new policy does not apply to photos of escapees or to those relating to solving crimes.

**Creme de la Weird**

— Animal control officers raided a house in Torrance, Calif., in October on reports that birds were being improperly kept there and ultimately found about 300, of which about 120 were dead. Gerard Enright, 61, was arrested when police caught him in the act of performing a tumorectomy on his No. 1 pigeon, Twister, that he had sedated with vodka. Enright is not a surgeon but said he had watched his veterinarian closely enough to know what he was doing.

**Bright Ideas**

— A well-to-do couple (the husband owns a surveying company) were convicted in Manchester (England) Crown Court in October of creating a scheme to avoid two camera-detected speeding tickets and were fined the equivalent of about \$20,000, almost 200 times the cost of the tickets. Stewart and Cathryn Bromley had offered an alibi, explaining that the driver of their car was a (fictitious) Bulgarian friend, and Cathryn made up a postcard “from” the man “to” the Bromleys that incriminated him, and then actually traveled 1400 miles to Bulgaria to mail it with an authentic postmark.

— More Schemes: (1) Robert and Viki Warren were sentenced to six and five years in prison,

respectively, in September in Charlotte, N.C., for fraudulently collecting more than \$9 million in federal crop insurance payouts by having their employees saturate a tomato field with ice cubes and then beat the plants to make them appear weather-damaged. (2) Britain’s Ann Summers lingerie store chain said in October that it has begun to install customer-activated peepholes in changing rooms so that women could show off for their companions (some of whom previously regarded accompanying a woman shopping for clothes as boring).

**Best Recent Headlines About Toenails**

— (1) “Woman Charged \$1,133 to Clip Toenail” (a September Associated Press report on a class-action lawsuit against Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle for allegedly excessive fees, including a test-preparatory toenail clipping). (2) “Man Sues Over Leg Amputation After Ingrown Toenail” (a September story on the WOAI-TV-radio website in San Antonio, Texas, reporting a farmer’s lawsuit against Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Waco, Texas, claiming that he contracted the flesh-eating bacteria after ingrown-toenail surgery).

**Least Justifiable Homicides**

— Archie W. Roth, 68, was indicted for murder in Yorktown, Va., in May for killing his wife; he said he was angry because the couple had been living in the home for “several years” but still hadn’t unpacked. ... Mark Raggiunti, 42, of Sharpsburg, Pa., pleaded guilty in July to killing his father after the father (who was blind) had yelled at him for leaving a light on. ... Christopher Offord, 30, was sentenced to death in August in Panama City, Fla., for killing his wife because she had been nagging him to cuddle after they had sex, contrary to his desire to watch sports on TV.

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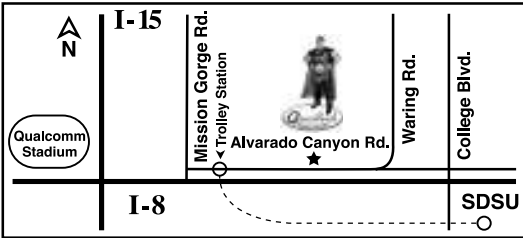
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Dear Nikolas,

It's been a few days since your fast and furious birth. Despite the fact that I once nearly passed out watching a dog get neutered (effectively ending my nascent veterinary career), I stood like a rock throughout your tumultuous arrival to the world of the living.

I thought I'd leave this message for you in the hopes that you might eventually stumble upon it — like a little tucked-away Easter egg. I'm guessing that in the future we'll all have our brains wired to the Internet, in which case you'll just have to think-search through ten duotrigintillion files. And then perhaps you'll find it. However, if searching through the Internet is anything like it is today, you'll first have to wade through a few billion pages of *Star Wars* fan fiction and Texas Hold 'Em ads, but eventually (I hope) you'll discover it.

It is the story of your birth: Your mother started having minor contractions at around 8 p.m. on October 30, 2005. She called the hospital, which advised her to take it slow: take a hot shower, walk around, and come down to the delivery room as soon as the contractions got "intense." As you've probably figured out by now, your mother is a bit of a Spartan woman, with her own unique concept of terms like "intense." So she continued doing household chores even when the contractions started rolling over her every five minutes. She would pause, breathe heavily for a while, groan, and then return to the task at hand (laundry, cleaning) as if nothing was out of the ordinary. Your father, who was slowly getting panicked, offered to help, but to no avail.

Three nerve-wracking hours later, when the time finally came to leave, your mother suggested that we walk. Yes, really.

To be fair, it's only a 15-minute stroll from where we live, and your mother did it when your sister was born two years ago. Something told us we would be pushing our luck to try it again. So we hopped in the car and set off. We listened to chirpy ABBA songs on the way. It seemed a bit inappropriate, but both of us were too preoccupied to think about changing the music.

When we arrived, your mother went straight to the delivery room and gave birth about an hour later. The nurse told us that if we had walked, your mother would have "given birth on the street." I'm glad that didn't happen, even though it would have provided me with the ultimate cocktail-party story. "Did I ever tell you guys about how I delivered my own son?" I would ask people. And then, with everyone's attention on me, I would say: "Yeah, it was pretty tough. There isn't much light when you're standing in a ditch by the side of the road at midnight. And all the trucks kept driving by, splashing us with water, which didn't help much either — although some of them would honk

to show their support. Which was nice. Unfortunately, my wife wasn't helping much either. She was busy filling out our tax return during the whole thing. Yeah, you know how she is. She likes to multitask."

Then again, who would believe it?

Instead, you were born on mischief night, at about



17 minutes after midnight, as the hospital's 1,716th baby. Unlike your sister, born two years ago, you were born in the European Union. I don't know whether this will affect your ideas about identity. Perhaps you will grow up feeling like a good European. Perhaps not. Right now there are people, like the journalist T.R. Reid, who think the EU is about to become a super-power and others, like the

CIA, who think the EU will implode before you turn 15. Either way, identity will definitely be a tricky issue for you. Your family is already a mishmash of nationalities and people, from Serbian to German to Chinese to American. The country you were born in, Slovenia, didn't exist 20 years ago and only joined the EU a year before you were born. All around the

world, things are changing. Rapidly.

In short, I don't know what to expect from either the world or from you. But I hope that when you're old enough to read this, you'll see that our intentions for you were always based on love, and that any mistakes we made

were caused by our own human imperfections. Right now, unfortunately, you can't see anything; in fact, you can barely open your eyes. (And I think your diaper needs changing.)

But I'm still really looking forward to seeing you in the future.

Love,  
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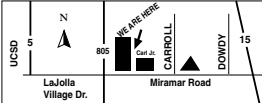
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## BRANDISHING A DEADLY WEAPON

**Location:** [2000] Morena Boulevard, Bay Park

**Time/Date:** 9:48 p.m. on 11/08/05

**Report:** I responded to a call of threats and brandishing a deadly weapon. Upon arrival, I spoke to Eric K., the reporting party.

**Victim's Statement:** Richard C. is my former roommate. He moved out six weeks ago because he was unable



to pay his rent and I suspected he was taking money out of my wallet and out of my girlfriend's purse

when she would stay over. I had to call the police on him two times before because he was drunk and being loud and making threats. Richard owes me for one month's rent but he seems to think I owe him. He thinks the TV and DVD player and CD system are his. They are not. I purchased these items. He keeps calling and asking for them.

Tonight he showed up at my door asking for these items. I told him they were not his. I told him to go away. This is when Richard showed me the machete in his hand. It was a pretty big machete and looked real. Richard said, "You give me my stuff back or I'll cut you good."

I closed the door and called you.

## HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT

**Location:** Southbound SR-67 at the Westbound I-8 on-ramp, Lakeside

**Time/Date:** 1:12 a.m. on 11/10/05

**Investigation:** During routine patrol, Deputy C. Katra observed a white 1990 Ford Taurus traveling at a high rate of speed in the 12800 block of Mapleview. The vehicle was traveling westbound on Mapleview just prior to SR-67. Deputy Katra attempted to conduct a vehicle stop on the car. During this time, the vehicle proceeded through the intersection of Mapleview and SR-67. As the driver continued through the intersection, he ignored a traffic signal that was red. The driver made a left turn

and continued Southbound on SR-67.

Deputy Katra initiated a vehicle pursuit that continued Southbound on SR-67 at speeds over 100 mph. The [suspect] driver lost control and crashed into the center divide on the Westbound I-8 on-ramp. The driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot, eluding capture. Two passengers were trapped in the vehicle that sustained major front-end damage from the collision.

A fire started underneath the engine hood with the two occupants still trapped inside. Deputies initially were unable to extract the injured passengers from the vehicle [due to] crush damage and secured windows. Deputies broke the windows and pulled the injured passengers through the window openings, while the fire continued to burn.

## OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

**Location:** 29146 Highway 94, Campo

**Time/Date:** 1:20 p.m. on 11/13/05



**Report:** While on foot patrol in the area east of the Mountain Empire R.V. Park, [a] Border Patrol Agent approached a Hispanic male and was attacked with a machete. The agent fired at least twice, striking the suspect in the upper body. The victim Border Patrol Agent was alone at the time of the shooting. Additional Border Patrol agents responded and began emergency medical aid. Campo Volunteer Fire Department, California

Department of Forestry Fire, and AMR Paramedics responded and continued. The suspect was transported by Mercy Air to an area hospital for treatment. The Border Patrol Agent was not injured. Sheriff's Homicide Detail is conducting an investigation. The identity of the suspect is yet to be confirmed.

## ROBBERY

**Location:** 3900 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad

**Time/Date:** 10:15 p.m. on 11/9/05



**Incident:** Officer Seale responded to a call of a reckless driver in the parking lot of Lower Tamarack State Beach. Upon his arrival he contacted the victims Nathaniel K. and Katy S. The victims told Officer Seale, prior to his arrival, the four suspects got out of a car that was being driven recklessly and threatened the victims with a knife and demanded their money. The victims gave the suspects their money. At that time Officer Seale contacted the suspects and arrested them for robbery.

## ASSAULT

**Location:** 1967 Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea

**Time/Date:** 2:09 a.m. on 11/12/05

**Report:** Deputies responded to the call of a fight call at the Jack in the Box. Initial reports stated that four subjects were beating two white males in the parking lot. Upon arrival, deputies

observed one victim lying in the parking lot unconscious with a boot print on his face. Another victim was also found lying in the parking lot; he had sustained a large laceration to the head. A search of the area was conducted, but no suspects were located. Both victims were transported by paramedics to the Scripps La Jolla Trauma Unit. Weapons used in the assault were believed to be only hands and feet.

## ARMED ROBBERY

**Location:** 720 East Mission Road, Fallbrook

**Time/Date:** 12:07 p.m. on 11/12/05



**Incident:** Deputy Swannie #32P3A responded to a call of a robbery. The victim, Juan S., said that the suspect held a knife to his throat and demanded money. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male wearing a green sweatshirt and unknown colored pants. There was no loss and the victim was not injured. The suspect was last seen driving away southbound on Mission Road in a blue Ford van.

A short time later, Deputy Anderson #32P7A saw the vehicle as it approached South Mission Road and Highway 76. Anderson stopped the vehicle with the assistance of Vista patrol units on East Vista Way and Osborne Street. The suspect, Roberto R. (4/16/77), was positively identified in a curbside lineup by the victim. R. was booked into the Vista jail charged with armed robbery.

— Michael Hemmingson

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## Chelsea Doesn't Get Struck

Chelsea Self tells me, "My Jeep is the 2002 Wrangler, the X edition. I still haven't figured out what the difference between that and other editions is.

"I bought it in Kansas. I was driving through and stopped there to pick up my brother. I had told him to look for a Jeep for me, so he had found one. I bought it and drove it the rest of the way out here. I was moving to San Diego. I'm in the Navy, and I had started the trip from West Virginia in a '97 Nissan Sentra."

"Why a Jeep?" I ask.

"Well, I've wanted one for a long time. When I was younger it was so I could take the top off and get the wind. Now, I actually use it for its purpose, to go off-roading. In town it's not a bad car, but it's not very fast, even though it's got a V-6, like 4.2.

But it doesn't have power steering, just power-assisted steering. You can't just let the wheel go. Otherwise it turns better than a car, and I can fit into small parking spaces."

"It's a stick shift?"

"Uh-huh. I wouldn't drive a Jeep automatic. Although I didn't know how to drive a stick when I bought it. I learned how to drive a stick on the way out to California. I got it down the first day. First gear is the hardest. Once I got on the road it was fine.

I ask, "Does Jeep even make Wrangler automatics?"

"They do, but I think even the dealers make fun of people who buy Wranglers with automatic.

"The Wrangler's not like a family car. It seats four, but the back seat's short. It's not good to put anyone with long legs in back. I'm single, I don't have family, so it's not a problem."

"If you get married," I say, "you can tell your husband to drive a sta-

tion wagon."

"Exactly. My Jeep is for off-roading. Like, my brother and I go out east, usually toward Campo, to the mountains out there. We've gone camping a few times. We went camping last weekend, off in the sand dunes. And we've camped out in the Campo area, but usually we just go for the day."

"Does a Jeep ever get stuck?" I ask.

"Not mine. Not even close. I've pulled people out, but I've never gotten stuck. My brother has an older Bronco. He was off-roading and he hit a funny bump or something and almost tipped his Bronco over the side of a mountain. I wasn't with him, but I had to go out there the next day and pull him out. We tied a rope to the back of my Jeep and to the front of his Bronco. The front wheel and the back wheel on the passenger side were over the side of the cliff, and I had to



--- DRIVER: CHELSEA SELF  
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pull it back onto the mountain. Actually, he was driving. I had to stay in his Bronco, which was hanging there, and he was driving my Jeep."

"Why did you let him drive the Jeep?"

"He's better at driving than I am," Chelsea says.

"Besides, I'm still a little scared to hurt my car. He's not scared to hurt my car."

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“FOURTH DOWN AND ONE. Chargers need to convert here to put themselves in field goal range.” Sparkling graphics prance across the screen with stats on how many points the San Diego kickers scored this year and what among those was the longest and shortest in yardage and a dazzling matrix of numbers I suppose some people understand because that’s what they love. I don’t understand, but I don’t need to. I’m comfortable in the numbness of ignorance and cold beer.

“If the Chargers make their goal here it’ll put them —”

“Buh buh bah bahl!” a woman’s voice behind me scorches my ears and pinches my neck and shoulders.

I turn to Kip, “What did they say about this goal?”

“I’m not sure,” Kip answers. “I didn’t hear. There was someone cheering or booing or something behind us,” he says in his diplomatic tone.

“Chargers make the goal that puts them at —”

“Bah! Buh buh! Bah!” the husky non-words drum against the atmosphere of the bar.

“Buh buh! Bah! Bah! Bah!” out spill more in a throaty tone pushed from the diaphragm and strong. The Sunshine Company can be noisy on game day, people cheering, clambering, clinking glasses, but this was something else. Something bigger and stranger than your average hooting was emanating with a guttural moan and a female timbre.

When the commercials cease and the swirling, glistening boxes appear on screen again, “Chargers with the kickoff. What they’re going to want to do here —”

“Buh! Buh! Bah!”

I’ve had it. I spin around in my stool and hop to the floor scanning the crowd, my face visibly contorted with contempt and irritation. Three feet behind me at a low table is a woman waving her hands around at another woman. That woman then waves her hands around and through a slack mouth and with consternation in her brow she bellows, “Buh! Bah! Buh!”

Deaf. The women are deaf and signing to each other. They turn to me and register only shock on their faces. The one who makes the “Buh! Buh! Buh!” calls squints her eyes and holds her hands over her mouth in a silent terrible scream. Her eyes plead an apology. This must’ve happened before. Someone in her past must have harassed her for her loud moaning that she can’t hear.

“I’m...sorry,” I say. I touch her shoulder and pronounce my words as if I was in a foreign country and talking to someone who doesn’t know English, loud, deliberate, and enunciated perfectly — my mouth forming each word individually. “I’m...sorry. But...could...you...shut...the...hell...up? I’m...trying...to...watch...the...god...damned...game.”

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pens in bus stops. Take a tour of the city’s bus benches and overhangs and you’ll see people investing their souls, hands, and voices in a one-way conversation. Outside of bus stops: nothing. I consider bus stops to be closed-circuit telephone booths. Stand there long enough and you’ll hear a ring.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

METALLICA: SOME KIND OF MONSTER

MTV2 7:00 P.M.

Here’s why Metallica sucks. They’ve never writ-

ten an original lyric in their career. At best, Hetfield has gone through the “Classic Literature” section of the Cliff’s Notes rack and copied down the themes of important works. At worst he’s seen a collection of bumper stickers, copied them down, and arranged them as a song. *Don’t Tread on Me*, anyone? *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. *And Justice for All*. *Fight Fire with Fire*. You still disagree? Then you’re a wastoid, greasy-faced teen who smokes pot behind auto shop and no one gives a warm crap what you think.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CHEAP AND LOOSE 3.3

ETVC 4:30 P.M.

Next to my apartment is a market that flies a huge banner across the front stating, “Vodka 750ml \$5.39.” Woof! Upon passing, Kip remarked, “They must make it themselves in the back of the store out of mop squeezins and a rotten potato.”

HOME ALONE

KSWB 8:00 P.M.

Saturday after Thanksgiving? Put the Christmas Schmaltz over the front burner and boil on high. After New Year’s, simmer on low until next November.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

SHREK

KNSD 7:00 P.M.

Shrek is a metaphor for the current administration. We’ve turned Great Britain, a beautiful princess, into an ogre just like us. There’s a well-meaning but irritating donkey. I could go on.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW

USA 9:00 P.M.

Why would they name this spectacle of pseudo-violence “Raw?” When I think of the word “raw,” I think of uncooked chicken. In other contexts I think of that special event when a man and a woman make “The Wookiee in the Rain.” Oh, I get it. It’s a boy-love-boy thing.



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

The Relic

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS

LIFE 7:00 P.M.

If it’s on Lifetime you can imagine that some poor woman is getting the snot slapped out of her until one day she snaps, grabs a 2x4 — from the fence her lowlife husband didn’t finish like he promised he would — and she slams it broadside across his left ear. But, it’s a Christmas movie, so I’m assuming Santa or Jesus is involved somehow. Well, hell, I may not be giving this the opportunity it deserves. This might be worth watching.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

KFMB 8:00 P.M.

Ed, from La Mesa, writes in with his three wishes. “I want fame. I want the power of flight. And, I want to poop in pellet form so I don’t have to wipe.” Thanks, Ed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

THE RELIC

SCI-FI 7:00 P.M.

Some terrifying creature in a museum...(wait for it)...EATS PEOPLE’S BRAINS! Why is it always the brains? Why aren’t there hideous goblins that eat people’s toenail clippings? Although, that wouldn’t pose any real threat to us. What about kneecaps? I’m fond of mine and wouldn’t want to lose them. There you go. No more brain-eaters. I want to see a terrifying monster that eats kneecaps come out of Hollywood by next summer.

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"I am grateful there is toilet paper in the men's room today."

By John Brizzolara

If you can't be thankful for what you receive, be thankful for what you escape.  
— Unknown

This was among several pages of quotes from everyone from Alex Haley to Marcus Aurelius that I just received via e-mail from my girlfriend, who was disappointed when I told her I had discontinued my Gratitude Journal. I was instructed to keep such a thing while I was in rehab. The journal was a sop to counselors (and my girlfriend) that I could brandish, flip pages, and show evidence of copious handwriting, ostensibly on the subject of how good I really have it. No one ever asked to actually see it, but I pretended to read aloud from it on occasion and present such examples as, "I am grateful there is toilet paper in the men's room today." Or, "I am grateful for the fresh tomato in my salad at lunch." This flippant stuff seemed fine with everyone.

It was not until recent months that I began noticing a foreign sensation I can only describe as a creeping sense of genuine gratitude for things equally as small as tomatoes and toilet paper. As this is the week to consciously take note of this stuff, I will make up for the lapse in journal writing with a gratitude column.

For one thing, I am grateful that I am not expected to keep such a thing as a journal on the subject because out of sheer idiot rebellion I would lavish word count on passages such as this one:

"April 3rd. If my roommate con-

tinues to snore in a night-long imitation of an asthmatic mustard gas victim in a marathon race who is chain-sawing a tuba full of marbles, broken glass, cheese, and saliva within inches of my head until 5:45 wake-up, he will surely drown in his own mucus before I succumb to sleep deprivation psychosis and murder him in his cacophonous and drooling dreams."

And while this was not what the counselors or the girlfriend were going for, was in fact just another indulgence in smart-ass hostility, it did make for cathartic stuff.

Months later I find myself looking up and actually saying things like, "These Santa Anas are the reason I moved here in the first place. Makes you glad to be alive." Who said that? And I realize I am in fact glad to be alive when not long ago I was highly ambivalent about it.

Or, "God, I'm so happy we got this apartment!" Does that qualify as a prayer?

And I've heard myself more than once lately saying, "I am so lucky I actually love my job" and completely meaning it. Also, more than a few times something like, "Is that gin I smell? That is so nauseating and depressing." This said with real glee rather than, "Hey, 10 or 12 gin and tonics with bitters would go good right now."

There's this one too. "Just a block away and this library has more information and great stories than a king would have at his disposal 200 years ago."

A lifelong wish come true is a movie theater in my home with over a dozen of my favorite movies I can watch anytime, and I have the time to watch them.

Another one. "I still have really interesting hair, who would have guessed at my age?"

Glad I'm not in jail, how about you?

I'll be 55 in a couple of weeks. I can get the senior discount at Amvets on paperbacks without lying.

I woke up with an erection on Tuesday.

My son really likes a song I wrote.

I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_.

And so on.

All of this is without reaching.

Of course all of this wonderfulness puts a real crimp in my career as a malcontent. Being miserable was an art I became so good at that I finally had to admit I'd reached my tenure. Nothing wrong with stepping down at the top of one's game though.

Friday AM. "Gratitude seems to be incompatible with some negative emotions. It's hard to feel envious or greedy or bitter when you're grateful." — Sonja Lyubomirsky, professor of psychology at UC Riverside.



"A little help here?"

I found that one in a piece by financial columnist Laura Rowley, and it explains my newfound predicament. Rowley also mentions a Buddhist monk who is grateful for a toothache in that the experience pointed out how wonderful the absence of a toothache can be. In this spirit I should mention my gratitude at waking this morning with no erection. A relief in itself, really.

Last night my brother, the actor who years ago renamed himself David Byron and has been in several movies, plays, and television shows, arrived for a visit. I had not seen him in many years.

David once told me he felt toward me more as if I was his father than his brother. The circumstances of our childhood were that way. Having him at dinner with my son was such a pure delight; they both seemed instantly to be kindred spirits. David told stories about working with Jim Carrey, and my son enthusiastically recounted his methods for incorporating creative visualization into his meditation. David found this genuinely fascinating.

That I had been responsible in any way for the raising of these two gentle sensibilities filled me with a gratification it is hard to articulate. That I had escaped going terribly wrong in either case is a cause for this wholly pleasant sensation that can only be attributed to gratitude. It's new, I'm reluctant to say, but so terribly welcome.

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