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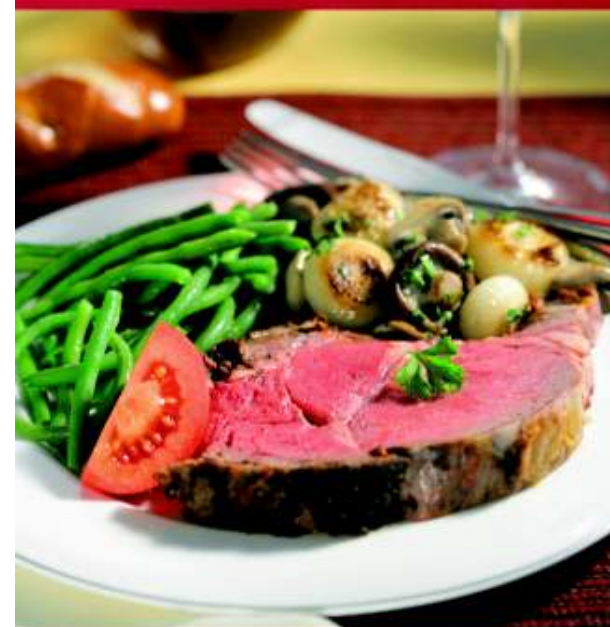
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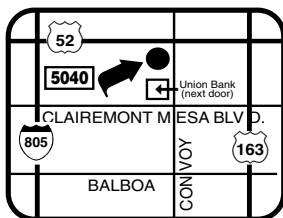
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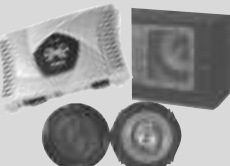
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Fast livers San Diego sheriff **Bill Kolender** has finally coughed up the money his campaign



Bill Kolender

committee owed the state after prosecutors revealed last year that a well-heeled drinking buddy laundered cash contributions through his employees and friends. "We are in receipt of your payment in the amount of \$5,000," says a letter dated last month to Kolender from the state's Fair Political Practices

Commission. "We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that contributions that are illegally made are returned to the General Fund of the state as required by law."

The case goes back to January 2002 and involves **Sid Frank**, the billionaire booze mogul who kept a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, where he partied with local and national luminaries. Once married to **Louise Rosenstiel**, daughter of **Lewis Rosenstiel**, founder of Schenley Industries, Frank made his own fortune in the swinging '70s by promoting Jägermeister, a syrupy, licorice-flavored



Sid Frank

German liqueur that had been primarily sold as a medicinal potion, into the drink of choice for hearty-partying twentysomethings. Frank surrounded himself with scantily clad young women he called Jägerettes, who toured the country hyp-

ing the beverage in rowdy bars by offering free shots of it through a spray gun. In 1997, some of the Jägerettes claimed they had been sexually harassed by Frank and forced his company to settle the case for \$2.9 million. That same year he came up with Grey Goose, a "premium brand" vodka aimed at high-end drinkers. In 2004 the operation was sold to Bacardi for \$2.3 billion and Frank ended up as number 164 on the *Forbes* list of richest Americans.

How Frank and Kolender linked up is not entirely clear — the sheriff once told the *Union-Tribune* that a "mutual friend" had introduced them in 2001 — but Kolender's well-known penchant for hanging out with the Chargers and their comely female followers at bars like Bully's East in Mission Valley might have had something to do with it.



Jägerette

In any case, Frank decided he wanted to back Kolender's 2002 reelection and wasn't content staying within the county's \$500 contribution limits, so he asked his New York attorney, **Jeff Peace**,

to help out. "On one occasion, Mr. Peace held a meeting of Respondent Frank's personal staff at which he encouraged those employees who were present to write personal checks of \$500 to the Kolender campaign," according to the Fair Political Practices Commission report. "Each employee at the meeting then gave a personal check of \$500

to Mr. Peace, who subsequently handed many of these employees \$500 in cash. The following week, Mr. Peace attended a motorcross event with other personal employees of Respondent Frank. At the event, Mr. Peace asked the employees, and friends of those employees, to write personal checks of \$500 to the Kolender campaign. Each person who contributed at the event gave a personal check of \$500 to Mr. Peace, who subsequently handed many of these individuals \$500 in cash. On or about January 31, 2002, Mr. Peace directed transmittal of the \$500 personal checks that he received to Sheriff Kolender's campaign office."

After being caught, both Frank and Peace pled guilty to misdemeanors and paid a total of \$30,000 in fines. Kolender denied knowing of the scheme and was not charged. Frank, 86, died at his Rancho Santa Fe home on January 10.

Slush and the city A group of unidentified donors has gotten the green light from San Diego Ethics Commission executive director **Stacey Fulhorst** to set up a tax-exempt fund to benefit the office of Mayor **Jerry Sanders**. The money is ostensibly being used to "promote the 'social welfare' of the City of San Diego by organizing receptions in connection with the inauguration of the new Mayor and other activities related to the transition between Mayoral administrations, and by relieving the City of the cost of conducting these activities," says a January 11 advice letter from Fulhorst to **James R. Sutton**, who represents the group. He is the San Francisco attorney who has worked for some of the city's wealthiest campaign contributors and politicians, including the mayor himself and the "Coalition to Keep San Diego Working," a political action committee backed by Mission Valley hotel mogul **Terry Brown** and real estate brokers that dispatched, without revealing backers' identities, a last-minute hit piece against **Donna Frye** in the November 2004 mayoral election.

Fulhorst's opinion, which was dated the day before the Sanders 2006 inaugural state of the city address, said that the group expected to collect \$35,000, with a voluntary limit of \$1000 per contributor. Sutton said the group would disclose the identity of donors to the city clerk though the law doesn't require that, according to the letter. In addition, "To the extent that the payments made by the organization meet or exceed \$5,000 for 'governmental purpose' events at the Mayor's behest, such payments will have to be reported to the City Clerk." Transition expenses were expected to be "office space, consulting fees, and press conference costs, which were incurred after the November 8, 2005, election and prior to the Mayor's swearing-in on December 5, 2005." Other costs were to include "a large, public reception following the State of the City address on January 2, 2006, in honor of the Mayor's inauguration," and "a small reception held in the Mayor's office before his swearing-in ceremony on December 5, 2005." As of Tuesday morning, the group had made no filings with the city clerk.

— Matt Potter

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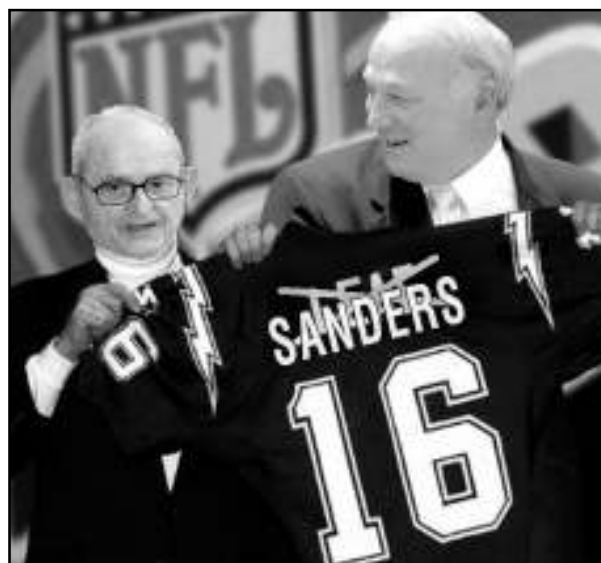
Chargers' Influence Broadens

By Don Bauder

The public thinks of pro sports as a game — an athletic contest. The billionaire pro sports owners consider it a game too — a high-stakes poker game, with the mainstream media helping the team pull off its bluffs.

The game has been going on for many years, and today, the San Diego Chargers are

Local media, which have an economic interest in seeing a team remain in their city, usually help to stack the deck in the team's favor. And many pro sports teams have a nat-



Alex Spanos, Jerry Sanders

in the national limelight, along with the Florida Marlins, Sacramento Kings, New York Yankees, Washington Nationals, Minnesota Twins, and numerous other organizations seeking taxpayer-subsidized facilities.

ural advantage at gambling tables: the owners are longtime high rollers and associates of gangsters, as the 1989 book *Interference: How Organized Crime Influences Professional Football*, by Dan E. Moldea, pointed out in detail.

On January 9, the Chargers announced that they will not ask voters in November for a go-ahead on a city-subsidized stadium. The team's lawyer/spokesman Mark Fabiani blamed the change in plan on city attorney Mike Aguirre. Potential development partners were turned off by Aguirre's alleged intransigence, insisted Fabiani.

The team wanted to construct 6000 condominiums along with hotel and retail buildings on 60 acres at the current 166-acre Qualcomm Stadium site. The team would then build a stadium, it claimed, and a park. The 60 acres would be a gift of the city, although in reality, the gift would have been all 166 acres, not just 60, because under current development rules, the team would have had to provide a park or open space anyway, and it would be getting the rest of the stadium land too.

The Chargers' purported proposal never made sense. There is a gasoline plume on the site. Traffic in that area of Mission Valley is already bad. Condos are overbuilt city-wide. The team never made an effort to submit a preliminary environmental impact report. The land is part owned by city water-and-sewer-fee payers, who by law would have to get

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TJ River Bottom Slated for Recreation Site

By Ernie Grimm

The Tijuana River has always been a problem for its namesake city. With a watershed covering hundreds of square miles in

California and Baja, the normally creek-sized river transmogrifies into an aquatic monster after heavy rain. The channelization of the river in the 1970s solved the annual flooding problem and freed up the floodplain land now occupied by Zona Rio, Tijuana's toniest business district. But the concrete channel caused other problems. Difficult for police to patrol, it became a hangout for drug dealers and a home for migrant squatters. And without natural obstructions, the storm waters moved more swiftly, more dangerously through the heart of Mexico's fifth-largest city.

Though the water still roars through the city after rains, Operation Gatekeeper has solved the migrant-squatter

problem and the Tijuana Police Department has rid the river of the drug scene. Now the municipal government is looking to the concrete channel to solve another problem that ails the border city: a lack of recreation space.

Néstor Alejandro Arianza, whose lengthy title of Regidor Presidente de las Comisiones de Obras y Servicios Públicos y Reguladora de Bebidas Alcohólicas translates roughly to official in charge of public works and services and regulator of alcoholic beverages, is the point man on a new proposal to use the river bottom for sports courts and recreation. "It was considered in the last administration, but it only got to be a proposal," Arianza explains. "We are now working on the

project, and we think that it is possible. We know that there aren't enough places in Tijuana where people can go for sports and recreation. And we think that with a minimum of investment we can use the river as a recreational area and also a place for families where there would be less drug addiction, alcoholism, loitering, and homelessness than in some of our neighborhoods."

A big man in his mid-40s with a thick brush mustache and intense eyes, Arianza leans his elbows on his desk in his third-floor office in Zona Rio's municipal government building. He wears the top button of his pressed white dress shirt open. On the wall behind him hangs a red banner with a Soviet-style gold star and the letters PT in the middle. They stand for Partido del Trabajo, Mexico's leftist Work Party. As he talks, two of his subordinates nod their agreement and whisper to each other. Asked if he plans to tear up the channel's concrete floor to make grass fields, Arianza shakes his head. "No, we will be using the existing concrete bottom," he explains. "And it will only be used during the dry season of

the year."

He flips open a large portfolio to display an artist's rendering of the proposed recreation area, which will be built in Colonia Buena Vista, about four miles upstream from the Zona Rio. "Up here on the top of the bank," he says, "we have a *trotapista*, a jogging track. And on the opposite bank would be a *ciclopista*, a bicycle track. They're not for speed or racing but more for exercise or recreational riding and running."

In the drawing, the bike and jogging tracks occupy parallel kilometers on the tops of the riverbanks. They're the shape of rubber bands stretched from both ends.

Arianza points to the river bottom in the drawing. "There are volleyball courts, basketball courts, and arena soccer courts with walls to hold the ball in. We envision 24 courts in all, taking up about a kilometer of the river channel. This little building here will also be a security area. And there will be four restrooms. And there are other features contemplated, such as stairways up the banks to the jogging and bicycle tracks. We would even like to have a car ramp and a parking area in



Néstor Alejandro Arianza

the channel."

The first objection to building a park in the river bottom is, What happens when it rains and the river starts flowing? Not a worry, Arianza responds. The courts will be used only from April through November. "All of the equipment," he explains, "the basketball hoops, the soccer goals and walls, and the volleyball nets, it will all be portable. Even the security building and the restrooms will be portable. We will remove it all before the first rain."

And what about surprise rainstorms during the dry season? Won't it be dangerous to have people in the river channel if it rains?

"Our experience has been," Arianza responds, "that only in the heavy winter rains does the water fill the whole channel and begin to rise up the banks. There is a central channel in the middle of the river bottom, and normally all of the water concentrates in it and doesn't spread to the areas on either side where the courts will be. And the other thing is that the materials we will be using will be able to withstand the rain for a couple of days without a big problem.

They're made to be out in the weather."

The preliminary cost estimate for the project is 55.4 million pesos, about \$520,000. "Most of that will be the construction costs of the stairways and bridges, and the cleaning," Arianza says.

The city will not recover the expenditure by charging users of the recreation area. "It will be free," Arianza says.

Tijuana, a city of nearly two million, features only 75 parks. Its 1.87 square meters of park space per resident is less than a quarter of the amount the United Nations deems healthy. Arianza says the city administration is aware of that problem, but he doesn't foresee using the river bottom to replace neighborhood parks. "Right now, we're only looking at the river for sports uses. But the administration is looking to build green parks where families and children can play."

That's not going to happen by removing the concrete from the river bottom. "For the time being it will remain a concrete channel," Arianza says. "There is no other way to get the water through the city except through that river channel." ■



Proposed recreation site

Chargers' influence

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fair market value. From 2000 to 2005, sewer rates soared more than 40 percent; from 2003 to 2007, water rates will

zoom 30 percent, says lawyer Pat Shea. Mayor Jerry Sanders says more rate increases are coming. The acreage that was to be bestowed on the team could be worth half a billion dollars, says Aguirre. "It's unlikely ratepayers will want

to give away that land," says councilmember Donna Frye, who voted against the recent water-rate boost.

In playing their weak hand, the Chargers sought help from local jock columnists and broadcasters. Until late last

week, the team had not met with the city's negotiating committee. "The Chargers have been negotiating through the media," says Frye.

The team has received lots of dubious help. In an editorial on January 1 of this year,

the *Union-Tribune* declared that the Chargers intended to build a stadium "at the team's expense." Really? When the city would chip in half a billion dollars' worth of land? The paper and other media did not report the critical infor-

mation that Sanders in 2004 was listed among 14 prominent citizens on the "Chargers Championship Leadership Team" set up to promote the team's interest.

During his campaign, Sanders declared unequivocally, "The city cannot afford to provide any funding for the stadium project." He has backed down. He now wants "a plan that protects San Diego taxpayers and fulfills the needs of the Chargers." The mayor has met privately with the team. Some say the mayor was influenced by an unscientific opinion survey by the *Union-Tribune* asking any interested person to answer questions about subsidizing the Chargers. Supposedly, 84 percent want Qualcomm Stadium replaced, 69 percent want the city to donate the land to the team, and 80 percent think Aguirre has not acted responsibly on the matter. Such quizzes are not taken seriously because they can be rigged and hacked and because they are not random. Only people with an ax to grind participate. The mayor's spokesman refuses to comment. San Diego Libertarian activist Richard Rider jokes that such polls indicated that the Libertarian candidate would win the White House in 2004; the party's candidate got three-tenths of 1 percent of the vote.

Back in early 1997 when the Chargers were fleecing the city with the stadium-remodel lease, the *Union-Tribune* hired Marquette University's National Sports Law Institute to analyze the contract. Not surprisingly, Marquette concluded that the city was getting a good deal. The controversy over the 60,000-seat guarantee was "overblown," concluded the so-called scholars in a statement they would later regret. But the Marquette report did include one important bit of information: it raised a serious question about the so-called triggering event by which the team could demand renegotiation and ultimately terminate the lease and leave the stadium. "It is hard to understand why the Chargers should be given a break for such a triggering event," said the institute. "The city seems to be giving them an undeserved out."

But that "undeserved out," which turned out to be critical, got only slight (and distorted) mention in the *Union-*

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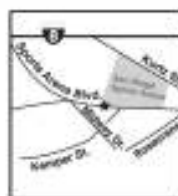
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Chargers' influence

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Tribune's report on the Marquette study.

The press is assisting team-poker players in other cities. Washington, D.C., will put up \$535 million for a new ballpark for the Washington Nationals. But it wants Major League Baseball, which owns the team, to pick up cost overruns. Baseball is resisting. Steven Pearlstein, columnist for the *Washington Post*, explains, "Land turns out to be more expensive than expected." But that's good, because the land around the stadium will generate more tax revenue, he argues. Neil deMause of the website *Fieldofschemes.com*, points out the flaw of such alleged thinking: if land costs are higher, property tax receipts go up whether or not a stadium is built. Pearlstein also argues that since the city has spent \$60 million in preparation costs, it might as well spend \$600 million on the ballpark. Yikes!

As the Minnesota Twins lobbied for a huge handout

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last year, columnist Jim Souhan of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* told taxpayers, "You'll pay less than you leave in the tip jar at Dunn Bros.," a string of coffee shops. But the actual cost would have been \$320 per resident, economists calculated. Big tip.

When the New York Jets were trying to get a stadium last year, some people wanted a referendum on the topic. *New York Post* columnist Eric Feltmann said that would be a copout: "That's why we choose a mayor—to use his or her knowledge, judgment and experience to make these tough choices." Of course, Mayor Michael Bloomberg had already made his choice: he wanted the subsidy. Mercifully, it was defeated.

Similarly, during the Twins debate in the state legislature, *St. Paul Pioneer Press* writer Bob Sansavere wrote, "These legislators need to suck it up, deal with the Twins' bill, and then head home. And let's not hear they're concerned about procedure." The Twins' president had been complaining that legislators were "following traditional procedure."

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That's a sin? "We don't need no stinkin' democracy," cracks deMause. The proposal expired recently without any action, but a new package is likely to be introduced this year.

The Chargers are hiding some cards from the fawning media. First, the team has an ace in the hole: Qualcomm Stadium, which is still a money machine. I believe the team is going down two tracks: it really wants to get into the Los Angeles market. But an abrupt move would be a public relations disaster for the National Football League, as were the departures of the old Cleveland Browns and Baltimore Colts. The team by repeatedly screwing the citizenry is deliberately creating ill will, so the league's front office will smile on a decampment. Fabiani would not reply to queries.

And if the Chargers don't get L.A.? San Diego will forgive their arrogance and embrace them. Whether or not the Chargers get a new stadium, they will rake in a huge pot each year. It's fun playing poker when you have nothing to lose. ■



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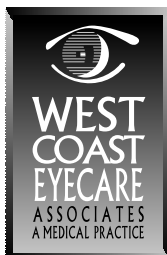
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All The Same

I can't believe that you would reprint this article on piercing, much less print it to begin with ("Body Memos," January 19). I was reading it, and after hearing about how people would have implants...the length of their penis to satisfy their gay sex partners...I about blew chunks. There's got to be a better topic for a paper that is read throughout San Diego. It's bad enough to be promoting this type of activity, much less making it sound like it's something that's normal. These people who get these piercings — forget about this pain thing, so they can forget their divorce or whatever — it's the same thing generations have been doing for decades and decades, to freak out the older generation and be accepted by their generation, just so they look cool. Whether it was zoot suits or bell bottoms or disco or Mohawks or whatever, it's all the same crap.

Name Withheld

Racism No Excuse

Regarding "La Jolla Taco Shop Cited for Gaud" ("City Lights," January 19).

I'm not a betting man, but I would bet you a California burrito that Ryan Hill knew that his signs were not in compliance with the law. Successful business owners are not stupid people. While it is unfortunate that the initial complaint was racially motivated, that is no excuse for noncompliance with the Municipal Code. If he'd been complying with the law, the racist would have had no ammunition. It is the responsibility of any business owner, no matter what his ethnicity, to make sure his business obeys the law.

For those of you who think that the City was racist in its application of its sign regulations, they can be found online at clerkdoc.sannet.gov/legtrain/mc/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art02Division12 and clerkdoc.sannet.gov/legtrain/mc/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art01Division11. I tried to find something racist and I couldn't.

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wouldn't hurt you to be familiar with the entire Land Development Code (chapters 10 through 15 of the Municipal Code), although I admit that is one heck of a book.

I might take a pass on eating at Hill's shop from now on — if he thinks that the City's sign regulations are racist, maybe he thinks the Health Department is racist too!

Travis Cleveland
Bonita

Beyond The Pale

First of all I want to say that I usually enjoy William Crain's insights into upcoming concerts. That being said, his comments in the piece about "freak folk" band Vetiver go beyond the pale ("Of Note," January 19). I can't speak to the commentary about the actual band; it's more this sort of anti-hippie, no roots trad deal that I want to address.

Folk music is simply that, music of the "folks." It's roughly applied to music that isn't born out of a perverse commercial *American Idol* setting and issues forth from a group of people defining their culture and entertaining themselves. In this sense, surf music was folk music. In this sense, punk rock was folk music. A narrow view is that folk music is all pickin' and grinnin'. A view that anything after Dylan plugged in is no good and it's treason to go much beyond the Carter family or Woody Guthrie.

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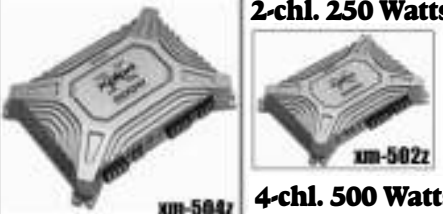
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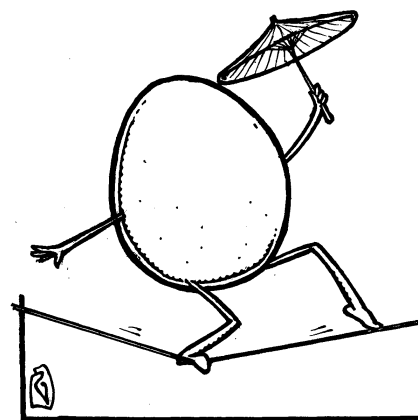


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

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Hey:

My friends and I were talking the other day and the subject came around to the one day of the year that you can balance an egg on its end. My friend says that there is a day when the earth is in just the right position in the sky that you can stand an egg on its end and it won't fall over. When is this, and why does it happen?

— I'll Believe Anything, El Cajon

Yikes, Mr. Gullible. How the heck did the conversation get around to balancing eggs? Not that the story doesn't have legs. You hear it every year. For true believers, our annual egg-balancing festival is on March 21, the vernal equinox, when the sun passes over the equator. Bunk science. I was unable to trace the faulty facts back to any specific sources, but undoubtedly they are ancient. This particular theory has led the weak-minded among us to believe that on the vernal equinox, somehow all unseen forces in the universe (particularly the force of gravity) are in some mystical balance, allowing anyone so inclined to stand an egg on its end. By implication, then it should be impossible to balance that same egg on March 20 or March 22. And pins, knitting needles, ice cream cones, dollar bills, small children, all manner of other things should balance on point on March 21.

In the interest of thorough investigation, the steady-handed staff of the Matthew Alice Media Watchdog and Macrame Research Lab stood common uncooked chicken eggs on end on a table top virtually at will on January 15. (It helps if you use eggs that have well-centered yolks.) It's easier to stand the eggs on their fat ends, though I've heard it's not impossible to stand them on their pointy ends too. We could only get that one to work on a carpet.

So, consider the vernal equinox theory more bad science laid to rest. You should have been suspicious when nothing was said about the autumnal equinox, six months later, when, presumably, gravitational forces would again be "in balance." And say, if you believe everything you hear, do you also believe everything you read? It's only a small leap of faith. If so, then consider this fact: If Matthew Alice answers your question in print on January 26, you'll have seven years' bad luck if you don't mail in a large check to show your gratitude.

Heymatt:

You seem to be a expert on the subject of domestic house cats, so here's another one for you. Why is it they love to sit and lie on newspapers? And why is it always the page you are reading that they inevitably choose on which to park their bods?

— John, Encinitas

House cats, those manipulative prima donnas, know just how to get what they want when they want it. If you should decide to read the paper when your pet decides it wants some attention, it will very craftily figure out the best way to disrupt your plans. And what better way than to deposit itself right in the middle of your newspaper? You might then pick Snookums up and wing her across the room, but there's always a chance (one that kitty is apparently willing to take) that you'll gather her into your lap and scratch her head while you read. Pretty clever, eh, John? I'll bet your tyrant cat also pesters you when you're on the phone (you're talking, and there's no one else in the room, so you must be talking to her!) and at other times when you may shirk your ownerly duty, which, to the furball's way of looking at things is limited to being a perpetually on-call caterer and masseur.

Heymatt:

In radio communication, "Roger" means "message received," the code word for the letter "R." So why "Roger"? Also, I've heard the word "Roger" used with the word "Wilco," as in, "Roger, Wilco, over and out." Please tell me where this comes from.

— Wondering, San Diego

Roger, wilco, Wondering. Although you've already answered part of your own question. Roger equals the letter R in the radio communications phonetic alphabet, which in turn stands for the word "received." Your message is received and understood. This bit of World War II jargon has been preserved in the present-day aviation and space industries. The now-archaic wilco is just a contracted form of "will comply." Ergo, "Roger, wilco" means, I hear, I understand, and I'll do it. The phrase "over and out," however, is a non sequitur that probably comes from the script of some old war-aces movie. "Over means I'm through talking and now it's your turn. "Out" means I'm signing off. So "over and out" could only mean that it's your turn to talk, but I'll have my radio off and won't be listening.

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By Patrick Daugherty

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Detroit News: Terrell Owens Super Bowl Party: The former Philadelphia Eagles receiver will be partying in Detroit...at Envy, 234 E. Larned St. Tickets: \$50 tent; \$100 tent and the first floor; \$200 for VIP access, which gets you into the tent and on the first and second floors; \$500 will get you into every section of the club.

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11 News: The National Football League's championship game, to be held indoors in Ford Field stadium downtown, is expected to attract about 120,000 visitors, injecting \$302 million into the local economy

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Detroit Free Press: Despite a labor force that has dropped from 633,000 in 1980 to 385,476 in the summer of 2005, Detroit's unemployment rate remains at almost 15%. Detroit remains the nation's poorest big city, with about one in three residents living below the federal poverty level of \$19,157 for a household with a family of four.

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DETROIT (AP) — Older fans of the Rolling Stones will get the chance to shake it during the band's Super Bowl halftime show after all. Planners had originally sought people aged 18 to 45 to take the field and dance at Ford Field on Feb. 5. But after hearing from some older fans...the National Football League said it would accept dancers 18 and older — no age limit.

"We wanted to open it up," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said Friday. The league had said the reason for the age cutoff was that the job is physically challenging. The volunteers would be on their feet for long periods, and would need to enter and exit the field quickly.

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Detroit Free Press: The world-famous Playboy party is coming to Detroit for Super Bowl XL.... On Thursday, the magazine announced the party's theme, which sounds fitting considering it's housed in the city airport's executive hangar: "Eight Mile High Club." The 35,000 square feet of rental space will feature Playmates, parachute dancing girls, custom airplane snack carts and charity auctions. It's essentially invite-only.

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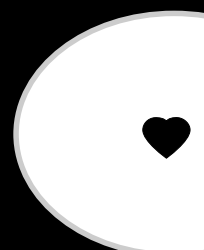
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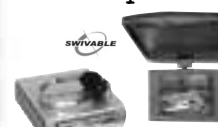
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"I tell my wife I need my nose hairs to catch the aroma molecules from my Cabernet," said Frank, spouse to my friend Bernice. "But she's not buying."

I'm not sure how the conversation around the table at our monthly pinocle game turned to nose hair, but there it was. And my husband, Patrick, couldn't leave it alone. "Well, my wife says my nose hairs remind her of Cyrano de Bergerac," he responded, "and she loves Frenchmen."

Before I could ask him if he'd lost his mind, Bernice said to Frank, "Cabernet molecules be damned. I'm very ready for you to find a way to make yourself more presentable in the nostril department."

As the chatter subsided and the four of us tended to our cards, I snuck a peek at Patrick and Frank. It was true. Black hairs were starting to protrude from both their noses. I'd always associated that with old men, but I guess they are starting to enter middle age. As I arranged the cards in my hand, I made a mental note to give nose hair trimmers to the two of them as Valentine's gifts. Wouldn't the men find it romantic?

I started my info search with Joe Cusumano, barber at the Westgate Hotel barbershop. "Men, usually starting in their 40s, start growing hair in their nose and ears," he told me. "It is just a natural process of the hair aging for men."

Can they be plucked? I asked.

"No," Cusumano answered, "because it's painful to pluck the hairs out of the nose, and it's not really good either because those nose hairs have a purpose. But as long as the nose hair is trimmed and not showing outside of the nose it is fine. Just cut it where it is level with the edge of your nose so it doesn't protrude outside of the nose. That is the best and safest way. You don't want to go inside the nostrils where there is a risk you might cut the nose; it is a real sensitive area in the inside of the nose."

Cusumano's tool for the job is a trimmer. "My favorite is a professional edger, an electric trimmer we use here at the shop for necks and also for noses."

Since I couldn't buy his instrument, I continued my search with a call to the local Sharper Image store. "Our nose trimmer, called Turbo-Groomer, is the second top-selling product in our store," explained

I think Patrick's nose is going to love its Valentine's Day gift.

Sharper Image manager, Claudia. "We sell a travel unit, and we sell a home unit. The home unit comes with another attachment to trim up the moustache area or the ear hair. It has a protective piece, and you would put that piece in your nose. Inside that piece there is a little blade that trims the hair and captures it into the main unit. It won't cut the inside of the nose. It is battery operated. You clean it every time you use it with water; just run it under the faucet. The travel unit is \$39.95. The home unit is \$59.95."

Another Sharper Image salesman, Jordan, offered more info on their product. "The 5.0, which is the larger unit, comes with a little stand, and it comes with a different clipper, a little piece that can clean up the back of your neck or your sideburns. I actually had the travel-size one, and it lasted me about three years, which is a very decent amount of time."

"Panasonic makes two trimmers exclusively for us," explained Douglas, salesman at Brookstone. "Both are very popular. We sell the Panasonic Wet/Dry Nose and Ear Hair trimmer [\$35]. The other trimmer is a wet/dry as

well and it has a powerful light with a LED bulb [\$50]. They say it will last over 1000 hours of continuous use. Many folks like the light, but quite honestly they both do extremely well for us.

"I would liken it to a type of a shaver," Douglas continued. "You have kind of a top nodule that has some openings, notches, and the blades do spin underneath. There are multiple blades that spin there, but the blades never touch your skin, and in this way it is very safe. The hypoallergenic stainless steel blades trim to 1/16th of an inch without touching your skin or pulling your hair."

The salesman at The Edge store showed me The Messermeister "Trimit" (\$25.99). "Everyone seems to love these," he said, pulling one off the shelf. The box read, "The automatic rotary is activated by gently squeezing the clipper handles together...."

The unit measured two inches and came in a box with a cleaning brush. I think Patrick's nose is going to love its Valentine's Day gift.

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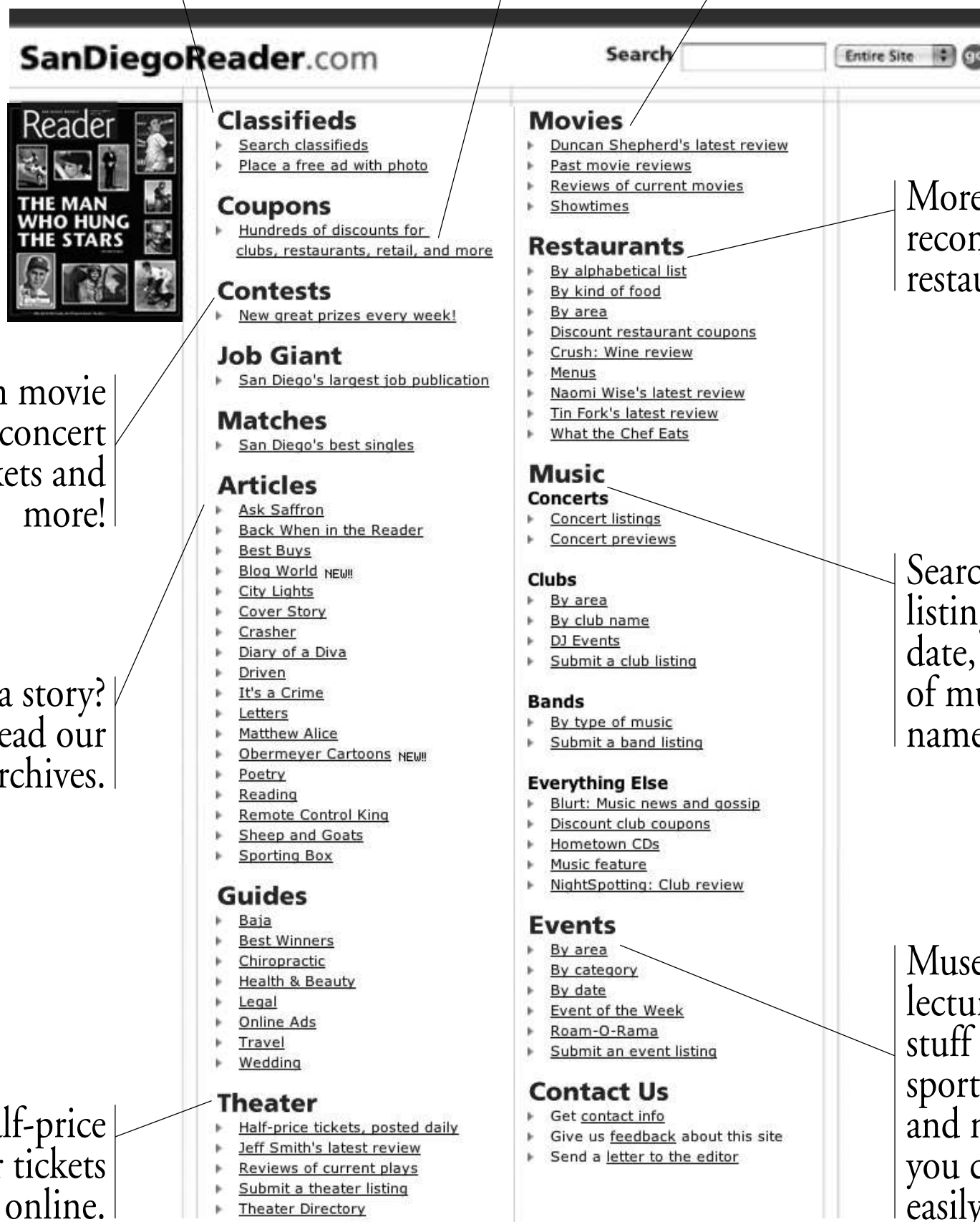
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Crasher

THE BRIDE, THE GROOM, THE HOSTESS

by Josh Board

I have been getting requests to crash weddings. The calls have been frequent since the release of *Wedding Crashers* on DVD.

One guy left a message that his boss was getting married at the Hotel Del Coronado. The caller didn't leave his name, but said that his boss's wedding cost \$250,000 and that over \$30,000 was spent on entertainment. I had plans that night and couldn't make it, but I'm curious to know who the entertainment was. If I'm spending that much on wedding entertainment, it'd better be Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes singing "Up Where We Belong."

I did attend a wedding on Shelter Island. The groom was a local guy who has done well as a touring musician, which enabled him to do something interesting. He recorded a CD of songs that he wrote and performed, all dedicated to his bride. There were CDs at each table for the guests.

The ceremony was outside by the bay and boats. I was glad to find a seat in the shade, though I almost lost my seat when I saw my friend Larry dropping off a gift. I went over to talk to him. He complained about the cost of the gift wrapping on his present. It didn't



look extravagant to me, and I was shocked when he told me that the card shop Papyrus in Fashion Valley charged him \$27. He said, "That's more than the gift! I told the groom not to open the present. I want the wrapping paper to last as long as possible."

One of the benefits of crashing weddings is you don't have to worry about presents. In *Wedding Crashers*, the crashers brought empty boxes they



reception. At the line to get in, I approached Larry who was holding his gift. He was in the middle of a conversation, but I interrupted with, "Did you tell him about the wrapping paper?" and Larry went into his

There were seashells at each seat. Two little girls came around asking if they could have them. We gladly handed them over. The groom later told us that he and his wife had collected the shells on a beach in Florida the day after he proposed. After that explanation, the girls walked around putting the shells back in their places.

I talked to a guy who had been the groom's friend since fifth grade. I asked him if he was a musician. He said, "In eighth grade, I went into sports, and he got into music. When he was learning alto sax, he was horrible. He's an amazing musi-

cian now, and I really appreciate the stuff he plays."

A heavyset guy at our table was conversing with an attractive woman seated next to him. I couldn't hear what they were saying, aside from his occasional "We have so much in common!" She would periodically look toward the door, and about 30 minutes into the reception, her boyfriend arrived. They went outside to chat and enjoy the view.

Of the personal touches the couple put into their wedding, the one people said they didn't care for was the Ding Dong wedding cakes. It might have worked if they had thousands of Ding Dongs — shiny, foil-wrapped cakes stacked to the ceiling. There were 180 of them. Someone at our table said, "The Ding Dongs mean something, but I'm not sure what." I replied, "It means that Hostess just made a few hundred bucks on this wedding."

The groom explained, "The first time I ever told a woman about my childhood, it was about a kid who wanted Ding Dongs for Christmas. His dad ended up buying him 365. One for each day of the year. He ran through the streets with one in each hand yelling 'Ding Dongs! Ding Dongs!' Since we have 90

"This is the Italian section. You don't look like one of us."

had wrapped. At \$27 a pop, I'd rather show up empty-handed. Maybe next time I'll leave a big envelope. That should be an easy prop.

When the ceremony ended, we walked next door to the

tirade.

I sat down at a table, and a big Italian guy said, "This is the Italian section. You don't look like one of us." I was trying to think of something to say when he burst into laughter.

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When the little girl handed me my Ding Dongs, I noticed she was the shell thief from earlier. I said, "There are three shells on this table I've got my hands on. If there are any Ding Dongs left, and you bring me the extras, I'll gladly give up the shells." She nodded yes with a slight smile.

Five minutes later, she

handed me a basket that had about 30 Ding Dongs in it. I told her I wanted one extra, and she took the rest away.

Before leaving, I walked around the room to take pictures. I overheard a couple talking about the etiquette of showing up at a reception and not the wedding. I saw a lady in a wheelchair on the dance floor having a blast. I over-

heard Larry telling someone else about his wrapping paper expenses. Next Christmas, I'm going to buy him scissors, tape, and wrapping paper.

In the parking lot, I talked with Leslie, who had given me the heads-up on this wedding. We saw the

father of the groom walking out with a few Ding Dongs. I said to him, "You're just like me, snagging a few extras." He stopped and said, "No. I'm not going to eat them. I'm going to freeze them. I'll make my son eat them at their one-year anniversary." I said,

"That will be like trying to eat a hockey puck."

Another guy walking to his car chimed in, "Hockey pucks probably taste better than Ding Dongs — I hate those things. It's the worst pastry product any company has ever put out. Now, if they

had Twinkies...that would've been cool." ■

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Snow Bunny

Skiing: I do not participate in any sport with ambulances at the bottom of the hill.

— Erma Bombeck

The sunlight glinting off the crystalline snow was painfully bright. I traded my rectangular black and red frames for large, round, Audrey Hepburn-esque prescription sunglasses. The four of us

I stood my ground and refused to be talked into what was certain to be a suicide mission, despite the temptingly vast potential for accessorizing that skiing offered.

stared at the map as though, through the combined powers of telekinesis, we could wish the lodge into the location we had thought it would be.

“Are you sure you’re going to be okay here?” Sarah’s voice was tinged with guilt. The air was so cold I wouldn’t have been surprised if her breath, like the caterpillar’s smoke in Alice’s Wonderland, formed illustrations of the words she spoke.

“I’m fine,” I insisted for the third time. “You guys go have fun. Try to find David and Paul while you’re up there.” The three turned and

headed to the ski lifts that would take them the remaining distance to the top. I stayed by the map and watched them walk away, hobbled by the stiff plastic of their ski boots.

I regarded the vision before me — a smooth, milky-white landscape with similarly frosted pine trees reaching for the azure sky above. With a mixture of awe for the scenery and apprehension for the hours to come, I sighed audibly. “Well, it’s not what you thought it would be,” I said to myself, ignoring the questioning looks of strangers. “But it is beautiful, and you’re going to make the most of it,” I continued, making a point to gaze directly into one confused-looking woman’s eyes. We shared a lingering, awkward moment, and then, breathing in the clean mountain air, I

jammed my hands into the pockets of my black faux-wool coat and trudged purposefully toward the only shelter in sight.

When David and I first accepted the invitation to join friends (Sarah, Paul, Ellen, and Kirby) in Lake Tahoe, I entertained the idea of attempting to ski. But, given months to ponder all the possibilities for serious injury that the sport affords, I had convinced myself that skiing meant certain death.

Fearing his inevitable demise by a ski in the head, or even worse, snapped vertebrae that would paralyze him forever, I used every tactic I could to keep David from the slopes, up to and including “I forbid you!” But, once we arrived and I witnessed for myself that our friends had survived an entire death-defying day with skinny little boards strapped to their feet, I backed off. David promised he’d be careful. I, however, stood my ground and refused to be talked into what was certain to be a suicide mission, despite the temptingly vast potential for accessorizing that skiing offered.

The prospect of skiing (or, as I saw it, throwing myself down the side of a mountain while wearing small sticks on my feet) sounded dreadful, but I was sold on the idea of *après-ski*. Having never been this close to winter sports, mine was a romanticized concept of post-skiing activities gleaned from movies and books. While the gondola carried me nearly two miles up the gorgeous white and green mountainside overlooking the dark blue body of water below, I fantasized about the day ahead.

I could see myself clearly in my mind’s eye: There I am reclining in a plush chaise longue by a fire in a chic lodge. Somewhere out of sight but within sound, a pianist’s fingers tickle the ivories of a baby grand. The book on my lap had been open a moment ago; it is now closed because a gorgeous waitress (who happens to be an exchange student from Sweden) has just arrived to deliver a large, ceramic mug filled with steaming hot cocoa and a shot of peppermint schnapps. I look adorable in my rabbit fur hat — I’m a cute snow bunny, a glamorous diva getting a head start on this relaxing, luxurious *après-ski*.

The piano music in my head came to a record-scratching halt when we reached the top of the gondola ride only to discover that the famed Lakeview Lodge was miles away.

A young blond woman with a Norwegian accent and a nametag that read “Ingrid” said, “You can ski there,” apparently missing the fact that I was ski-less.

I ended up on a barstool inside the Umbrella Bar, a circular counter surrounded by stools and panes of glass, all situated under a large patio umbrella. Snow covered the wooden platform between the floor-to-umbrella panes and the bar. The slippery white stuff gathered in bigger piles near the two entrances that had been cleverly aligned to facilitate the flow of Arctic air directly to the bar’s patrons.

I scanned the list of drinks and their prices, scrawled on a blackboard with chalk, and was ecstatic to see “Peppermint Patty.”

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"Is that what I think it is, Marshall?" Each bartender sported a nametag, and this one — a tall, dark, and handsome thing in stylish sunglasses — had gotten to me as fast as he could. He limped, and winced in pain with each step.

"If you think it's hot cocoa with peppermint schnapps in it, then yes," he answered, in a cheerful tone that surprised me. I wondered how one in such obvious pain could maintain a great disposition.

Warmed in body and temperament by my first drink (served in a paper cup rather than a large ceramic mug), I beckoned Marshall with my finger.

"Another?" he asked.

"It's not even noon, and I'm already half-drunk from the altitude. But sure, hit me." As he applied a generous amount of schnapps to my second drink, I said, "So what's with the limp?"

"I got into it with a rock. And the rock won," he said. *I knew it*, I thought. *Skiing is dangerous*. Over the course of my second drink, Marshall explained how he used to think he was too tough to ever have to get on "the sled," which I gathered was the mountain version of a stretcher. But after his collision with the rock, he graciously accepted a free ride down the slope, courtesy of the ski patrol.

People came and went over the next few hours. I made a game of counting how many of them slipped and fell in the doorway once their icy ski boots met with the melting snow on the wood planks. A fall would always be followed up with the same remark, "We're cutting you off!" from some poor, not-so-clever ski buff who believed he or she was actually the first person to think of such a snappy response.

I shifted on the hard stool, trying not to think of the plush chaise of my *après-ski* fantasy. A novice snowboarder named Jenny sat next to me. After chatting over a drink, she bundled up in her outfit with matching butterflies and dragonflies embroidered in pink and brown over the khaki-colored jacket and pants, pulled her pink hat (with more embroidered

dragonflies) down over her blond pigtailed, and ventured out.

She returned 45 minutes later, her face contorted in agony. I watched as she attempted, unsuccessfully, to bend over outside. Thinking she had dropped something and that her flexibility was limited by all of her gear, I stood up, fighting lightheadedness, and joined her on the other side of the glass.

"What's up?"

"I fell. My ass is *killing* me. Jeez, right on my tailbone. Ouch. I want to put snow on my butt; I need to numb it."

Stifling a laugh, I said, "You're trying to reach the snow? Right here?"

"Yeah. Owowow." She had already managed to get some of the snow into her pants, where it was melting down her buttocks. I retrieved a small plastic bag from my purse (I knew it would come in handy), and filled it with snow.

Once the bag was placed in the seat of Jenny's dragonfly pants, she sighed with relief and we returned to our stools

at the bar. Marshall limped over to us and poured a stiff Jack and Coke to aid the ass-numbing process. I felt more confident than ever in my decision to hang out and get drunk rather than risk life and limb. There may not have been any fire or comfy seating, but with a few drinks and enjoyable people, I had created my own *après-ski*.

Smiling to myself, cheeks rosy from the cold air and the warm drinks, I noticed through the glass that the rest

of my crew had found each other and were skiing toward the Umbrella Bar. David looked exhilarated and, more importantly, intact.

"All right, guys," I said when they reached my side, "I've done the *après-ski* thing, and frankly, it wasn't the Four Seasons. However, I'm sure if we can find ourselves a swank, indoor joint with a piano and a fire, the *après après-ski* will be just the ticket for this buzzed and frostbitten snow bunny." ■

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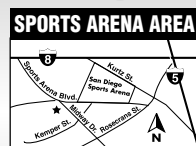
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A T LAST, the fashion of French-bashing fades, and now kisses, fries, poodles, horns, bread, dressing, curls, maids, braids, ticklers, manicures, twists, and toast might drop the mock-corrective mark of “freedom.” Even our most patriotic consciences can again drink the best wine in the world and eat the best cheese and watch the best weird independent films. Just think of the thousands of words in our language that

derive from the French, words that are both *utilitaire* and more than chic to speak: *café*, *patron*, *agent*, *souvenir*, *matinee*, *blonde*, *panache*, *brunette*, *critique*, *cuisine*, *encore*, *employ*, *petite*, *perfume*, *risqué*, *rendezvous*, *soiree*, *sauté*, *déjà vu*. Frenchness is here to stay, *remercions Dieu*, whatever Bush capitalism has had to say.



Pardon the French

And the French are very much here in San Diego, *tant mieux!* According to the French consulate in Los Angeles, 600 to 700 French citizens are registered in this county. According to the San Diego French-American Chamber of Commerce, the number of French citizens and former French citizens climbs to over 6000.

Technically, I'm not one of the French in San Diego. My surname is Bouvier (“cowherder” *en français*), I work at a French restaurant (Tapenade, in La Jolla), I'm from Connecticut (which is nearly halfway closer to France), I lived in Provence for three months (at an American school), I can speak the language (actually, I speak French at about the level of a preschool student, at best), and I was married to a Frenchwoman once, actually a Corsican, which is almost French, so I guess you

could say that I as well am “almost French.”

“An Almost-Frenchman in San Diego” doesn't carry the ring (or connotations) of “An American in Paris,” but what the heck. You know what the French say about subtle differences, “The more things change, *plus c'est la même chose*.” The 2000 U.S. Census indicates that over 30,000 San Diego residents descend from French ancestry. Which makes me at least an honorary member of an honorable and sizable local French-enough community.

The French national bird is the rooster. *Le coq*. (Incidentally, even roosters speak different languages, apparently. In French, “cock-a-doodle-doo” translates *cocorico*.) Roosters wake everybody up, invite attention to themselves, and never waver from a bossy and defiant self-reliance. And if you can't handle that, then the French, unlike



Michel Ribet

real roosters, might just apologize. Sarcastically, of course.

As a culture, the French are veritable walking contradictions. A book I own called *Au Contraire! Figuring Out the French* generalizes that they are “fiercely independent yet seductively romantic, deeply conservative yet avant-garde, dispassionately rational yet dramatically emotional.” And oh, those accents!

It is commonly understood that the French do not form clubs and groups the way Italians, the Irish, and the English do. One local Frenchman told me, “Imagine! A club allowing no women! Leave that to the English. The French would never form a club with no women!” (Incidentally, the genders get equal time in the French language, where the very words they speak are either masculine [*le*] or feminine [*la*], a fact that has always fascinated *moi*.)

Another French person I talked to said there is not so much a French community in San Diego as a French network, which is perhaps true. There are, however, a few of the hallmarks of community. There’s the French-American Chamber of Commerce, L’Alliance Française, and the Union des Français de l’Etranger. And there’s even a local club devoted to the popular French game of pétanque, which is a close relative of the Italian lawn sport bocce.

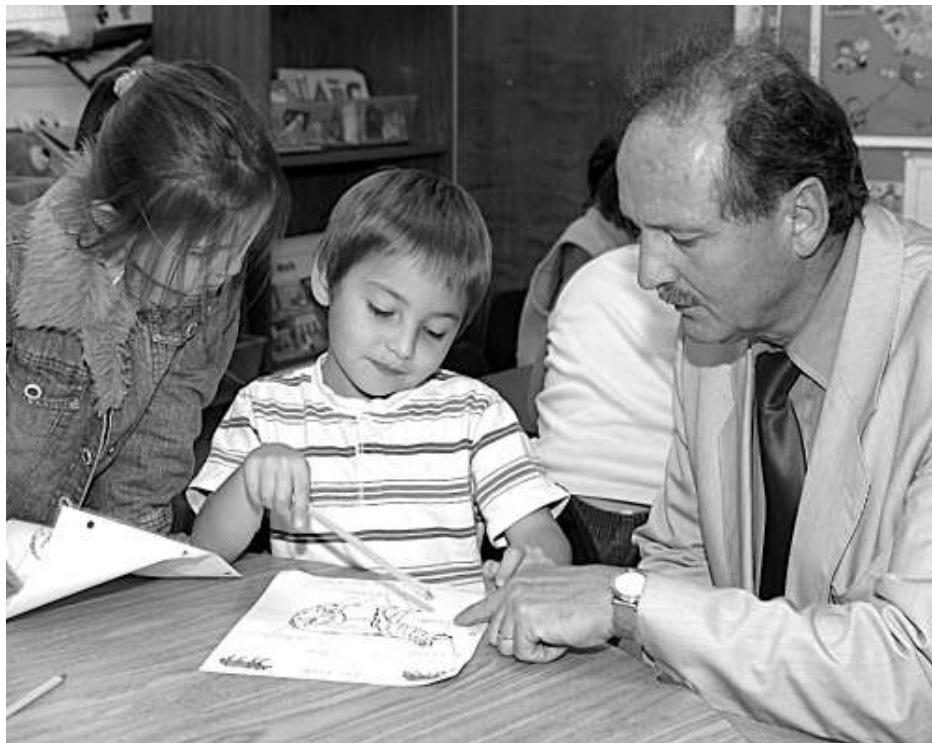
To get in touch with these folk, our Franco-friends, our district’s “Rooster Party” representatives, I went out looking for the pillars of the local community, as well as for some Gallic newcomers to San Diego. I wanted to know what these *gens français* might do in America, both to blend in and to maintain their essential Frenchness.

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“On the 6th of June, 1944, I was living in a small village in Normandy called Ste. Marie-du-Mont. The Americans call this village Utah Beach.” I’ve heard Michel Ribet relate some version of his story on three occasions. And every time this deeply passionate man tells his tale, his eyes tear up and his voice trembles a little. “So I was living there with my sister and my mother in my grand-

mother's place," he recounted, "because my father was a POW in Germany, and he spent 5 years over there. So I saw the Americans come in 1944, and at the time I was very impressed. We had no food; we had no water; we had nothing; and it was a very difficult time in France in '44, although it was the same story for everybody. But then, the Americans came, and they saved my family, and they went to Germany and they brought back my father. And starting that day, I said, 'One day, I will be an American citizen!' You know, because I had to pay back what the Americans did for me and my family. So it took me about, what, over 50 years to do that.



André Bordes

But finally here I am!"

If he was so moved by this experience, then why did he wait so long to come to America?

"Life is not easy, you know. And when you are a kid, you can say that you want to do something. But then, of course, you have to do it!" And his laugh comes as frankly as his tears.

Ribet has just turned 68, although he looks maybe 40, 45 tops. He ran his 15th and 16th marathons last year. He's raced at high altitude and on the continent of Antarctica. He's

logged a few ultra-marathons as well. And before Ribet took up long-distance running, at 54, he was a long-distance sailor, one of the best in the history of France, racing small sailboats around the globe. And no matter which French people in San Diego you ask, if they know Michel Ribet, then they like Michel Ribet. He's a pillar of the local French community if there ever was one.

"I've lived all over the world," Ribet said. "Many, many places. For a while I was in Tahiti, in French Polynesia. I stayed over there for nearly eight years. Most of my life I sold real estate, which is how I made most of my money, not that I have a lot of it. But I sold real estate in France for a time, until Mr. Mitterrand came into France

and brought the socialist system. And then a lot of my clients, who were living all over the world, didn't want to put any more of their money into France, because, you know, the socialist system is always a mess for people with money who want to invest. So I was encouraged to go look around the world for a country where my clients could switch their investments."

Ribet went on, the globe a familiar map to him, "So I went to China for three months, back in the early '80s, but it was too soon in China. It was just a mess, you know. So I came to the U.S. in 1984, in Houston, because my son was a student at the University of Houston at that time. And my wife had a sister in Houston as well. So we checked the real estate there and in Texas,

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"I didn't speak any English at first," Ribet sang, and then, with characteristic self-deprecation he (inaccurately!) added, "and I still do not speak it very well." Then he went on. "But I spent six months in Houston with my son and learned to speak there."

I interrupted Ribet to ask him more about his family. I needed some clarity. He'd told me earlier that his daughter, who is 43, lives in Nice. And his son, who is 10, lives with his wife and him in La Jolla.



Bernard Streiff

But then who was this other son, the one from Houston?

Apparently, Ribet's other son died 13 years ago, in a plane crash. A

tragedy. "He was doing some skydiving in Riverside County, near Hemet. It wasn't a skydiving accident. The plane he was in took off

and then went down about two minutes later."

I extended condolences. But still, some of the details of Ribet's

family life were rather unclear. He'd had three kids, but he'd mentioned having been divorced, and now he was married, and...?

Just as quickly as Ribet had grown emotional twice before, remembering World War II and his dead son, so he became suddenly gleeful and sheepish. He hugged himself and rolled on his couch once, sat up, and laughed. There was no embarrassment in those impish blue eyes as he looked at me, but I somehow understood that perhaps there *should be* some embarrassment. He shrugged and said, "It is complicated. But I am French!" And I made him explain.

"I was married," he said, "and we had a daughter. And during this time I was traveling

a lot, and, you know, a girlfriend calls me to tell me that we've had a son. So I say, okay, let me talk to my wife and my daughter to explain. So I went over there and I said, here it is, the situation is like that. So my wife said, okay, I want to divorce. And I said, okay, if you want to divorce, let's do it. So we divorced. And then three years later she came back and said, do you want to remarry me? And I said okay. So, you see, I have had only one wife."

So all that stuff about the crazy love lives of the French, about mistresses and such, must be true... Anyway... Personal information aside, I asked Ribet to tell me his impressions of the United States.

"America is a country of a lot of opportunities," he said. "It is



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really a free country. You know, everybody asks me why I came to America, and I say, 'Because I like to work.' And you know, that's the point. I don't care about having a lot of free time. I like to work. I like to do things and be active. But it's impossible in France. They have that socialist system, everything is free, so it doesn't do a lot of good to work. Yes, it is free, but if you work, it's very difficult. People complain about taxes in the United States, but you have no idea. The taxes in France start at 65 percent. You give away 65 percent of what you make to the socialist system. So it is not good to work over there."

(According to the French embassy, France's highest tax rate is 48.09 percent.)

I asked Ribet about the French community here. "There isn't so much of a French community in San Diego,"

he said. "The groups of French people are very, very distant. We try to bring people together in a big social group, but it is difficult. The French are too independent. Everybody wants to be an individual."

"But," he went on, "we have the French-American Chamber of Commerce, which started ten years ago, and it's working pretty well." Ribet is on the board.

I asked Ribet who the pillars of the local French community might be. He emitted the typical French sigh, a kind of *ppfff!* with his lips, and said, "There are so many. You know, with the French, everybody wants to be president!" And then he laughed and added, "But not me. I don't want! Everybody's trying to push me to be president of the chamber of commerce, but I say no, no. I don't like that. And I'm travel-



Michel Malécot

ing a lot, so it's impossible for me."

I was curious about Ribet's take on the American immigration system.

"American immi-

gration is tough," he said. "It took me about ten years to get my green card. It's unbelievable. And it's really very difficult to understand. I mean, I like the rules. In

America, there are always rules to go through, and I like that. I like to go straight and do the right things; that's my way of life; I have no problem with that. But, but, but... Sometimes, you know, you don't understand what's going on. Because I would be here, but then I would have to leave every three months or every six months, depending on the humor of the immigration officer, you know. It never made any sense. You know, they'd look at me and say, 'Okay, you have to leave in three months,' or they'd look and say, 'Okay, it's six months,' always different. And I helped run two American companies, I paid taxes, I owned a home, and it was always the same story for almost ten years. I would have to leave and come back, and I couldn't stay here as a resident. Of course, it wasn't a big deal for

me, because I was always traveling all over the world, but still. My lawyer told me that my son would be turning 21 soon, and he was American, and he would be able to start a visa for me. But, unfortunately, one year before that, my son passed away, so we had to start over."

I asked Ribet about the backlash against the French following the Iraq invasion and whether he or his family had experienced any animosity or discrimination of any kind.

"Never!" he said. "Never any racism in San Diego. One person, once, asked me why the French people don't like Americans. And I said, 'Don't worry, sir. The French people don't like Americans. But they don't like the English, they don't like the Germans, and, believe me, they don't like themselves.'"

And then he added,

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"But I love them all!"

What about freedom fries? What about the fact that many Americans stopped drinking French wine and visiting the Eiffel Tower?

"There was no real problem between the French people and the American people, I don't think," Ribet said, wisely. "There was a problem between Mr. Bush and Mr. Chirac, that's all. The French are still the same, and the Americans are still the same. But Mr. Bush is not America. Mr. Bush will pass, and America will go on."

Then he alleged, "I always say California is less American than the other states, because it is very cosmopolitan. Everybody wants to come to California. There are more immigrants here than in other places in the U.S."

Then Ribet grew philosophical about his old homeland. "The French are not very well in their skin," he said. "It's really a mess now in France. France was a great country, a big country, but today, the economy is bad and the socialist system is not working. But our big problem in France is that we don't look ahead, we look back. We don't act, we just react. We don't vote for somebody, we vote against somebody else. And that's the problem. But I think you have to be French to really understand that."

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André Bordes is 54 years old. He is founder and director of the San Diego International School, and he is the French honorary consul in San Diego. As honorary consul, he helps members of the French community with administrative issues, such as renewing passports and voting for the European Constitution,

and he serves as the local contact for French VIPs and as the French political representative for the area. Married with two children, aged 18 and 7, Bordes first came to the United States in 1981 and has lived in San

Diego continuously since 1987.

Bordes spoke to me from his office at the school, where his younger child is currently a student. (His older child graduated from there and currently

attends the Sorbonne in Paris.)

"The San Diego International School began in 1988," Bordes said. "I started this school for two reasons. One was to allow any student, American or

not, to learn a foreign language at an early age, and also, as there is a big network of French accredited schools across the world, I wanted to make a way for the children of French expatriates to enjoy a French

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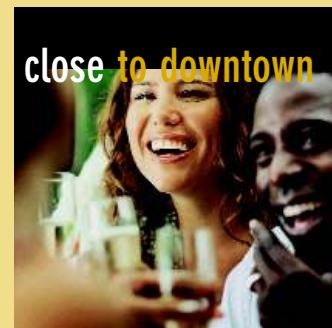
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2006. There are 18 teachers who work here and 7 administrative officials.”

I asked Bordes about the classes at his school. “We offer a thoroughly bilingual curriculum,” he told me,

“meaning that we want our students to be able to function in a French school or in an American school when they leave here. We teach roughly two-thirds in French and one-third in English; it’s mostly in

French because we need to reinforce the language that is not present outside the school.”

This point of saving the French language outside of France was something that French people kept coming

back to as I talked to them. One woman told me that she was alarmed because her children were learning French with an American accent.

“In our school we try to bring the best of

both worlds,” Bordes said. “The American people are very dynamic, and they don’t rely on their government to give them subsidies and money and social stuff. They are very creative people and they

work hard.”

It wasn’t until I pressed him that Bordes would say anything negative. It struck me that he would make a good politician. “The Americans are sometimes arrogant,” he said, but then quickly added, “but that comes maybe with their self-confidence.”

And the French? I asked him. “The French,” he said thoughtfully, “the French are complicated people. They like nice things and are geared more toward talking about intellectual and philosophical issues, whereas the Americans are more practical, I guess. The two cultures are difficult to harmonize, especially when it comes to their educations. For example, when I have students who have both French parents and American parents, very often they do not agree on certain crucial issues, such as discipline. The French are very much more into discipline. Americans take their children too much as adults sometimes. A child has to be a child and has to be told, sometimes, what to do. This is a very simple example, but the French very much put their children more in their place than Americans seem to do.”

In that book I have, *Au Contraire! Figuring Out the French*, which was written by Gilles Asselin and Ruth Masstron, there are six full pages dedicated to the differences in child-rearing practices between France and the United States. In general, it seems that the French think Americans are badly behaved, and this is a reflection of the poor rearing practices of American parents. And Americans think the French are too formal and conservative, a by-product of raising their children to respect their elders and “be seen and

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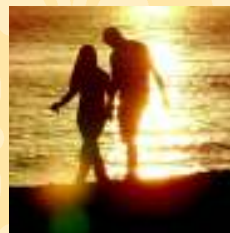
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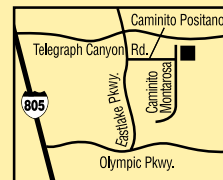
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not heard."

André Bordes offered this piece of advice. "It's better, if you're French and you want to come to the United States, to do it when you're young," he said. "That way you are not too shocked by the differences." And there were purely practical reasons, too. Bordes said, "If you wait too long to come here, you can become used to the good social life in France, whereas here you will have to struggle. To make it here in the United States, you can make it big. But you have to realize that you're mostly alone and you have to just go out and go for it."

One of the biggest issues for anyone who wants to live in a different country is immigration. As a hirer of teachers, Bordes has had more experience with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) than most people.

"Because I have to hire teachers from France," he said, "we have sometimes some difficulties about the H1B visa, for example, which depends upon the Senate to allow a certain quota of French teachers in this country. It's a professional visa given to a person with a certain amount of education and certain kinds of diplomas. I also have teachers come here with J1 visas, which is more of a simple exchange visa. Regarding the USCIS, which used to be the INS, I guess, I've become very proficient in dealing with them, although it's very complicated, because I've gotten many visas over the years for my staff. As you can guess, I've spent a lot of time in the office at the USCIS."

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five years ago. "I waited about ten years to get it," he said. "It has become more difficult recently to deal with immigration. I always advise people to get an attorney to help with the process. It's time-consuming, at the very least."

I was curious if Bor-des had experienced any backlash since the Iraq War started, any discrimination or protests directed at him or his family or his school.

"We have gone through a difficult time since the Iraq situation," he said, "not so much here in San Diego, but elsewhere in the country, definitely. I know that in Denver there was a demonstration at a French school, for instance. But I think America acted in a very primary way, whereas France wanted to wait and see what it was best to do. I think a lot of Americans appreciate both positions. I think the French people and American people have always had a kind of love and hate relationship anyway, over the years."

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"To understand the French immigrants in the United States, you really have to divide them in two," Bernard Streiff explained to me over the telephone recently. Streiff is president of the San Diego French-American Chamber of Commerce and marketing director for Rancho San Diego Travel, a job that has him taking care of special-interest groups who want to travel to France.

"You have the pre-1980 French, and then the post-1980 French," Streiff said. "Before 1980, and especially in the decades after World War II, you find a lot of French women who married American soldiers. So they established a tradition of being nostalgic about their country, and although their

husbands often speak French, I have met very few children of these marriages who also speak French. Back in the '60s, it wasn't really proper to teach your children another language."

Listening to Streiff speak — the clarity of his ideas, his wide-ranging vocabulary, the easily understood accent — I was not surprised to learn that he hosts a French radio show every Tuesday evening on the

Internet. He went on, "Then in 1980, François Mitterrand got elected, and that created a socialist society in France. And what happened then is you have this new set of immigrants who couldn't find jobs

in France, and so they came here and decided to work in technology. And there were also many who were hiding money from the French government and who wanted to start businesses over here and

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Streiff himself came to San Diego in 1966. He's traveled extensively in the United States, including driving all the way across the country and back in a Ford Mus-

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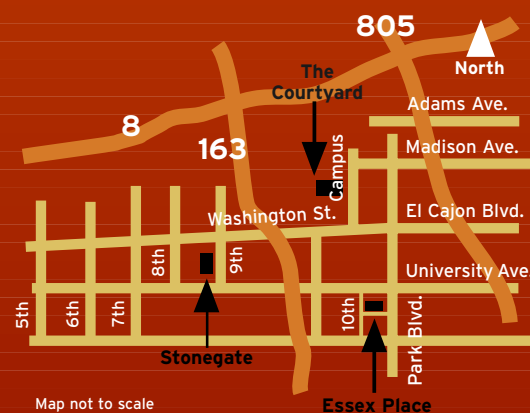
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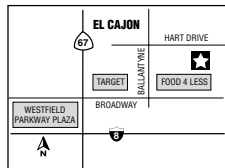
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tang in 1968. His wife of 32 years is an American woman, and they have two kids.

"When the French come here," Streiff said, "they are very surprised how friendly everyone is. You know, in France, you don't smile and say hello to someone you don't know."

What other differences had Streiff noticed between the United States and France?

He said, "There was an excellent article recently in the *Herald Tribune* that mentioned how the Americans in general look at France like France is a woman. You know, like the United States is a man, and they treat France like a wife, saying things like, 'How come you are constantly opening your mouth?' and 'I like you, but just shut up!' You know, that kind of attitude. There's also the feminine stereotype that France is all about high fashion, romantic movies, and they read lots of books, the way a woman might. Now of course, there is some truth to this, but if you look more closely at France, you'll see instead a history that is really a bloody mess. Napoleon was a dictator who wanted to take over the world. You know, France fought for years in Vietnam before the United States ever went there. And there are other examples in history that show how France really has a history of war but America maybe doesn't want to see that. Without the French Navy, for example, it would have been very difficult for the U.S. to beat the British in their war for independence. But instead, America wants to think of France like a loud, annoying wife."

Streiff sees deeper into the matter. "The truth is this," he said, philosophically. "Both of these nations suffer from narcissism complexes.

They both look at the water, and the reflection of their own face is so good that they both want to kiss the water. And then they fall in, and they don't know how to swim, and they are very surprised that they are drowning, and they want someone to help them. This is typical of the Americans, being so proud of what they were doing in Iraq, and then suddenly, 'Oh, we don't know what to do now, can you help us?' And the French are the same way. We have all the food, the culture, the history, but, 'Oh, can you come and put businesses in our poor country, because we don't know what to do?' Unfortunately, both of our nations are like that, and we have conflict because everyone is so proud of their own value."

And then, characteristic of his own insightful introspection, Streiff said, "The French are more introspective than the Americans, which makes the Americans fearful, although, at the same time, they are somewhat fascinated by it. And a big part of this has to do with the president now. Kennedy and Nixon, and especially Bill Clinton, these were introspective men. But the dummy we have now as president is a more practical person who says, 'Let's do something, and then later, maybe we'll think about it.' And of course the French are exactly the opposite. We would rather conceptualize problems, and imagine different solutions, and then, after we find an answer, we want to make sure that it's the right one, and so we compare it with other possible answers. So right there, between our two nations, we have two different ideas about how to act."

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rational thinking," as it was laid out by the famous French philosopher René Descartes: "I think, therefore I am." And here was Bernard Streiff, describing the French way, where intellectual mastery of an issue is the most important thing, as opposed to our American method, where results are what matter.

Every Tuesday, Streiff wrestles with achieving intellectual mastery over specific

problems on his radio show, *Qu'est Ce Qui Se Passe?* It airs from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on worldtalkradio.com. "We talk about the news," he said, "and specifically, how we view the news from a French point of view in San Diego. We are distinctly Francophile. We have correspondents in France, and we discuss wine, cuisine, books, movies, and the French press from our French point

of view. The show has been on for almost one year."

But Streiff, as president of a large organization, is also practical minded, like the good American he has been since becoming a citizen in 1980. "We created the French-American Chamber of Commerce ten years ago," he said. "And I am currently the president. It's basically a mixer, where we have a chance for American

and French businesspeople to interact and exchange business cards and network."

And then Streiff told me an alarming tale about American discrimination. "Just yesterday," he said, "one of our members of the French-American Chamber of Commerce received an anonymous piece of mail containing a bumper sticker. On the bumper sticker there was a French flag with a line through it, and on the sticker it said, 'Boycott France. The spin stops here.' Can you believe this is still going on?"

I asked Streiff if he'd had other troubles since the Iraq War began. "I've had people refuse to do business with my travel agency," he said, "just because they find out that I'm French. Also, right after Iraq, we had lots of people canceling their trips to France. Fortunately, this has mostly passed, and we are very busy again booking trips to France. It seems that people are finding out that the French were not that wrong."

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Michel Malécot, 53 years old, owns and operates

the French Gourmet Restaurant and Catering in Pacific Beach. He is also the president of the local chapter of Union des Français de L'Etranger (which, loosely translated, means "Union of French Abroad"), a nonprofit public organization designed to help French people who are strangers in strange countries. He is married with four children. In the United States since 1972, and San Diego since 1976, Malécot has been a citizen since 1985. His wife is American.

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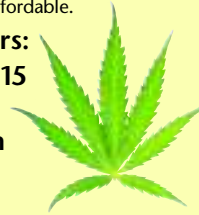
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Diego, more than you'd think," Malécot told me over the telephone recently. "Last Sunday I was in Henry's super-market, and I dropped something, and I said a bad French word. And someone laughed at me, and I found out the guy was French."

I wanted Malécot to tell me a few things about the Union des Français de L'Etranger. "UFE used to be a relatively vibrant organization," he said. "From the 1980s well into the mid-'90s, it was run by a very nice couple, the Augers, who received many awards and commendations for their work since the war. At that time the UFE was made up of mostly older people, retired teachers and so on, and as those people got older, the association was slowly dying. Recently, though, some members of the former UFE have contacted me to revive that organization. So we have done a few meetings so far, and we have about 15 to 20 members."

Malécot went on, "The key of the UFE is that it's a worldwide organization of public interest. It's a support group that has legal representation in France. Let's say, for example,

that one of our members becomes sick, and he needs help paying doctor bills, and he wants to go back to France. Then the UFE will help him with all that and give him a place to go once he's back in France. Here in San Diego, we give out a regular newsletter, and we meet once a month or so. The UFE is designed to insure that French people who are not in France are given the same rights as the people in France. Let's say that there's a researcher working for Scripps, for example, and he wants his children to go to college back in France; then we can help him get scholarships for his children, for example. Or if someone worked in France for 10 years, and then they've come to the United States for 20 years, and they're ready

to retire, then we'll help them look into their French retirement benefit. Things like that. Or if you want a bank account that works in France and in America, for example. We can deal with legal issues as well,

lawyers and immigration and such, although that's kind of rare. Of course, we have a website as well, www.ufr.asso.fr, which helps us keep people posted with what's happening. What we're try-

ing to do by reviving this organization is to be a resource for French people. We'd like to work together with other organizations, like the chamber of commerce and L'Alliance Française, instead of being in com-

petition with them." Malécot is also involved with a new association called French Twist, which has a cultural calendar of mixed-media events (exhibitions, music, lectures, and so on) found at the

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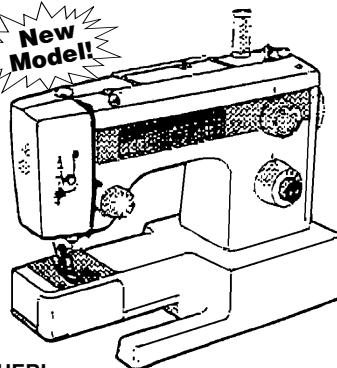
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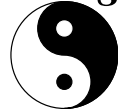
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website frenchtwist.org. French Twist recently organized a business mixer for gastronomes and wine lovers interested in learning more about the renaissance of UFE. French Twist is also responsible for the largest gathering of French people in San Diego each year, playfully dubbed "Francopholies." This year's version attracted close to 300 French people and Francophiles to a family-oriented picnic/potluck in a grassy park overlooking Mission Bay, where folks enjoyed pétanque, volleyball, soccer, wine, cheese, Coke, and rillettes.

Before we finished our conversation, I wanted to know if Malécot, too, had had to deal with any acts of discrimination after the war started. He called the situation "a mixed bag."

"We had, for exam-

ple, a note posted on our door that said, you know, 'F*** the French,' " he said. "And we had some people who saw the French Gourmet truck and were not nice to our driver, but then we also had people come into the restaurant who showed their support and who told us they couldn't understand how anyone would want to boycott France. So it went both ways. And people know who we are; we've been here 25 years, and we support the community. But we did have a couple of instances where people didn't want their catering done by the French Gourmet, and so we did it under a shell name, Contemporary Catering. But all that has passed now."

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When I met Marc Duflos, 25, at a Yahoo!

Meetup Group for French speakers at a café in Old Town, he had been a resident of the United States of America for exactly 20 days. Yet, although his accent was still thickly French, he spoke a very polished and grammatically correct English. "I've had many years of English in school," he told me. "But now I must practice speaking *American* English. It's quite different from what we learn in school. The accent and, what do you call it, the slang, can be very difficult to understand."

Duflos's wife Alejandra sat next to him and chatted in French to some of her friends at the meetup. Mrs. Duflos was born in Mexico and became a U.S. citizen in 1993, but her French sounded pretty polished to me. Eventually I would learn that Alejandra and Marc can converse fluently in Spanish as well.

"When we met," Marc Duflos told me, "the deal, at the beginning, was for me to speak French with her and for her to speak English with me. Actually, it didn't work a lot. We ended up speaking mostly French because my wife found it more romantic." The two made each other's acquaintances when Alejandra was an exchange student in Angers, France, in 2001. They married in July 2004. "Since I've come to this country a few weeks ago," Duflos said, "I have been to Los Angeles, and we've visited the beaches, but mostly what I'm doing now is job hunting. I'm looking for a sales and marketing position. I graduated from a business school in France. I've had a few interviews so far. I'm

quite happy, actually, because I was fearing that maybe the people here, as they don't know about my school and the French companies I've been working for, might be afraid of interviewing me and hiring me, but everyone is quite open-minded, and they are willing to listen to me. So that's good."

Duflos was able to avoid one of the more difficult aspects of the transition to this country by dealing with his immigration issues back home on French soil.

"I took care of everything in Paris," he said. "It took something like seven months, but I had an agent here in the U.S. who was helping me with the information I had to provide. And then, at the end of the process, I had an interview at the U.S. Consulate in Paris, and it was very easy, very normal. The only problem I've had is they didn't give me a social security number, for some reason. And I did not know the importance of this number, but it is something I must have to work here, apparently.

So now I am trying to get this, and it is not easy."

Despite this notion, Duflos has been able to remain equivocal.

"I was really excited about coming here," he said. "I've always been interested about the U.S. I was very enthusiastic. Now, I think I'm getting used to the environment. I'm still happy to be here, but I'm not really as enthusiastic as I was at the beginning. I thought it would be easier to move here, get a job, find a house, and so forth. But now I realize that it takes longer and it is very difficult. As a student in my country, I could receive help for my housing and for my studies, and I would have more support to look for a job. But here, I'm realizing I have to rely more on myself. And I'm seeing that it takes longer before you can afford to rent an apartment and buy a car. Right now, we live with my wife's parents, and we share a car. As soon as we will be able, we'll rent something for us."

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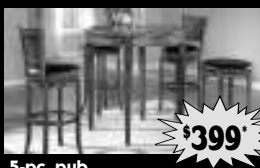
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he is French?

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Michele Magnin, 56, is chair of the French section of the languages and literature department at the University of San Diego. She's lived in San Diego since 1978 and became a U.S. citizen in 1995. Married with two sons, Magnin served for five years as local chapter president of L'Alliance Française.

"The French community in San Diego really depends on the age group," Magnin said

to me over the telephone recently. "You talk to French people who have been here for 50 years, and they're very conservative, very nostalgic, and they're very hungry for anything regarding French culture. But then, if you look at the younger community, the French people who arrive here now are very hungry to discover the West. And they will go all over the place, they'll travel, they'll visit the national parks, and they won't really look for other French people. So it's harder to know them unless you work in an area where there are a lot of them. Now, they may hang out in groups at times, you know, to go skiing and go on excursions and so forth, but they'll definitely try to blend in, more or less, with the American culture. And then, after a few years, when they've

decided that maybe they won't be going back to France, then they'll join L'Alliance Française, and they'll want to start staying in touch with their roots and so forth."

Of L'Alliance Française, Magnin said, "This organization has been in San Diego for something like 60 years. It's a worldwide non-profit cultural association, nonpolitical, and the idea is to spread French culture and language. The Alliance organizes conferences centering around French culture, art, literature, food, and things like that. There are hundreds of members, but I'm not sure about current accurate numbers. I was president of the organization for 5 years back in the '90s, and I'm still a member, but I do less on the administrative side of it now."

Magnin's accent —

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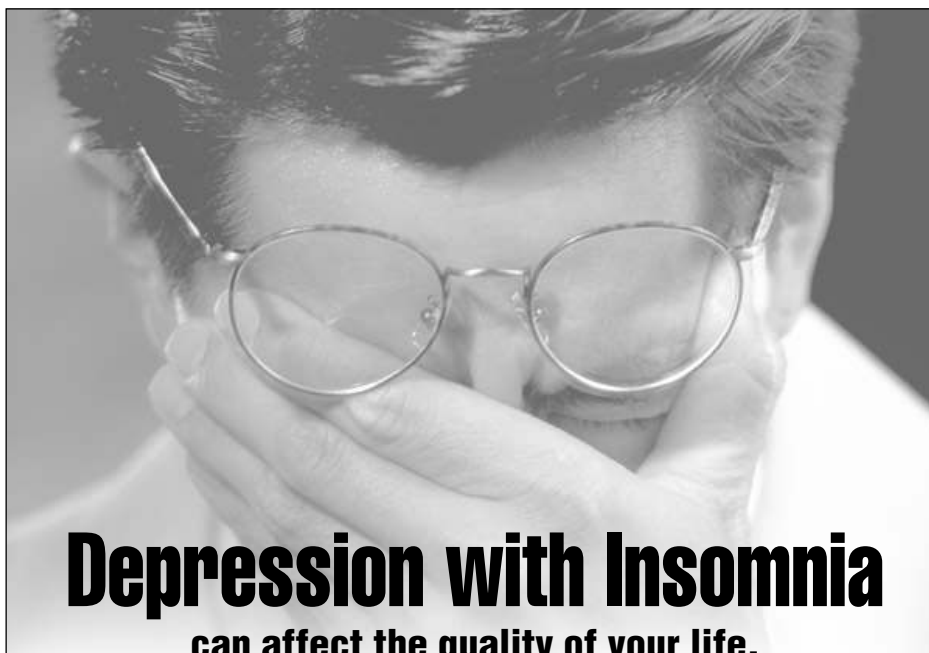


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a much finer, silkier version of Francofied English than I'd been hearing — caused me to drift a bit as I listened to her. The touches in her voice were mere tremors and glimmers of Frenchness; her *rs* were delivered in a kind of verbal caress, instead of the wrestling match *rs* inspire in most French mouths. It occurred to me that English heard through a French filter, whether it's thick and strenuous or subtle and studied, always brings out interesting musical angles: in men, it's rough and thoughtful, like the words of some philosophical cowboy, and in women, well, it's downright sexy.

I asked Magnin to characterize some of the common misunderstandings the French will experience as they begin to speak American English. One of my per-

sonal favorites is the French word *préservatif*, which means "condom." As Magnin said, "When Americans say they like French foods because they contain no preservatives, you can just imagine the image that comes to a French person's mind." Also, the French will often declare things like "I am very interesting" instead of "I am very interested." They will also commonly use the same word (*ça*) to mean both "this" and "that," so obvious translational confusions are likely to arise.

Finally, I asked Magnin if she had experienced any troubles relating to the Iraq War. "Well," she said, "I heard some really horrible stories after Iraq, but I also heard about many Americans who thought the whole thing was ridiculous. So I heard

things on both sides. It seems that a lot of people, younger people and students especially, had kind of lumped everything together, and they associated politics and government and citizens all in one group. And this was the fault of the American press mostly, I think. So that I would have people ask me why the French hate the Americans, but I would have to help them differentiate between being against the war and being against the people in a certain country." And then she summed this view nicely. "The French call this concept *faire l'amalgame*, like the material [amalgam] we stuff into cavities to fill them. Meaning, you can't just clump ideas together in a heap and judge an entire people because of a decision made by one man." ■

— Geoff Bouvier

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It is a humbling experience to return to the ghetto at night.

To expect a few inconveniences on the way back to paradise has become a doleful routine for any denizen who resides in Southeast San Diego. The proliferating “homeless” get bolder all the time; they no longer ask simply for spare change, they now want “two dollars for a couple of buhritas.” Teenage Mutant Guardian Angels march by with vain pride, oblivious to the fact that with their stupid red berets, no one is afraid of them.

After 10:00 p.m. Mayberry Diego downtown is so dull that going home and doing nothing is an exciting prospect. Before our metropolis was gentrified, I had a lot more fun: the displaced were mere bums; fat guys in red berets would be rolled; the transvestites were more amusing; and good old Jolar was on lower Broadway, so I never worried about dates.

THE MOONLIT COMPOST HEAP



Transit traveling is a drag, but the only recourse for minimum-or-nothing-wagers of color who want to get home in time for the continual free show of flotsam and jism hanging about everywhere, howling at the moon, or blasting noise from their cars is to walk several miles up Market, down to Imperial and Ocean View, accosted all the way by salivating PCP contras, putas, and mallates who don't even have the courtesy to ask for buhrita money. The only other option is, of course, *el busso*. And anyone who rides the number 11 heading toward “the barrio” (or “the “hood,” or “the jungle,” or “shantytown”), at hours when white-people-of-leisure are just getting ready to drive off in search of nocturnal thrills, knows that all the blather about the “ethnic and cultural diversity” of living in a slum is honkyspeak for “They can't afford to live anywhere

else” or “Oh, I'm not going down there.”

Down here, after enduring packed freights of back-of-the-bus squatters arguing in rhythmic non sequiturs and brats of indeterminate origin who gurggle and expel cud while their mothers debate apartheid in Esperanto, there is a brief sense of relief to exit, finally, *El Busso*. That moment passes when you look at the vast auto junkyard called Otto Square, where an international assembly rusts; a four-wheel United Nations parked in a time warp.

To my left, as I walk, a ranting relative of Pol Pot who owns a Chinese food market specializing in Louisiana freshwater fish tests his English by screaming at one of San Diego's bemused finest about some typically inscrutable incident he'd be better off detailing in his own tongue: “BAHTHA ME DAHMIT!” Meanwhile, a raggedy van drives cautiously by as a familiar

verse echoes down the avenue:

*Without a gun in your back
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After I reject an oily Puerto Rican who never learned the foolhardiness of wearing saturated rags (NO MOTHER-FUCKER I AIN'T GOT MONEY!), it occurs to me that the difference between your usual store owner and the ubiquitous Arab carpetbaggers who have appropriated virtually every mom-pop shop and liquor store is that Allah's disenfranchised are not amused, intimidated, interested, or even curious about the drunken, complaining, begging, pimping, bullshitting, yodeling werewolves who are drawn to store parking lots for impromptu poverty-level block parties. In fact, a friend told me

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a story a few years ago about an outraged homeboy who was dispensing generic threats to an Iranian grocer. With the precision of someone used to growing up where beheading is the automatic punishment for drunk driving, the grocer pulled out and pointed a sizeable pistol at the insulting cholo, hollered “ALLAH AKBAR” (meaning, I think, “God is cool”), and transformed one bad *esé* into his eternal status as a piece of carnitas roasting in hell.

San Diego’s moonlit compost heap does not compare to L.A.’s or Detroit’s, or the Bedford Stuyvesant of Spike Lee, but a few irate

Hispanic freedom-fighters torched the Iranian’s modest dump in protest of — what else? Racism. Not even the burning structure, the fire tracks, the ready-set-go looters, the usual regiment of cops you never see until they are no longer needed, or the temporary loss of clientele affected the nearby Levantine merchants. These guys could not be wrenched from their television sets even if an earthquake rattled. If for nothing else, the new price-gougers must be lauded for their Mideast-ern stoicism.

The ghetto is an eyesore, but try as its Puerto Rican crew of graphic illus-

trators might, this ain’t no Whittier canvas. The spray paint tic-tac-toes you see everywhere around here look like a soused proofreader’s markings or Druidic runes. Every time I look out the window, my incorrigible neighbor has had her garage door repainted. The sunrise reveals a fresh set of incomprehensible letters just as hideous as the last but in different colors. The spray paint phantoms have no respect for propriety, but they are committed to keeping this neighborhood from looking decent. I must be the only person who applauded the scene in the movie *Col-*

ors where the realistic cop character played by Sean Penn grabbed a spray can and glossed a dickheaded young *vato*’s face green. Thus far I’ve been denied the joy of such a civic duty.

For the most part, the only thing that makes this damn heap remotely like its counterparts to the north is that it is so visually ugly. An urban trashman’s nightmare. (That’s why they take their sweet time picking up the trash on Wednesdays: it must be the worst day of their week.) Yes, yes, walk around at night and you’ll see Crips, Bloods, and the Mickey Mouse Club driving around in circles, get-

ting fucked up on crack, picking up ho’s where they can find them, and being pulled over by cops (who probably call them “holmes” or “cuz,” much in the way that one gun-toting asshole stopped me and called me “Chico”). But isolated outbursts of flaunted “lawlessness” are endemic to any city that grows disproportionately.

If there is anything to disconcert those alien to this slice of Third World heaven, it is that English is rarely spoken here. So-called African-American argot is easily absorbed and understood, but whereas you once may have looked and lis-

tened to brown fools arguing about insignificant matters and would think “Ah, Chicanos,” you’ve now got streets, stores, one-bedroom houses stuffed with Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Central and South Americans who would be terrified if you asked them to enunciate “How Now Brown Cow.”

Ethnic diversity, my ass. It’s an awful feeling to be walking home at night with your ear cocked to the sounds of screaming and taunting, all in different accents, and realize that you are now a foreigner in the neighborhood you grew up in. ■

— Stephen Esmedina

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Julie Hotz-Siville

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ERKY, ENERGETIC, AND ALERT, JULIE HOTZ-SIVILLE doesn't look as if her health is in danger. Her cheerful demeanor betrays no sign of worry or fatigue. It's hard to believe that at 45 she has already had three kidney transplants and is on the waiting list for a pancreas.

"You only need one kidney to live. I had my first one for three years, the next one ten years, and then I had to go on dialysis. I was told then that I would have to wait three to six years before I'd get another one, but I was lucky and got one in nine months — a perfect match. It was like a miracle."

Hotz-Siville's first kidney transplant came when she was 32. "I had my first two with the Mendez brothers [renowned transplant surgeons] up in Los Angeles. When I came down here it was scary. You see, I'm a nurse, and it was all unknown doctors. I've been really lucky at Scripps with a new doctor, Dr. Assad Hassoun, who's starting the pancreas-transplant program, and he's wonderful.

"I hate the term 'diabetic.' I've been a person with diabetes since I was ten. Because diabetes is a chronic illness, it's kind of like a slow death. It affects all of your organs, so it really needs to be dealt with.

"This pancreas surgery is about ten years old, but it's newer for me because I never really felt like I needed it. I felt like I was doing pretty good as I was, except for my kidneys, but now as I get older, I start feeling weaker, and there's other things that go on. I've been so lucky with kidneys that I'm open to this. But it is scary to me, because it's the unknown.

"The pancreas is kind of a new thing. My doctor at Scripps has been doing it for a long time, and some center back in Minnesota has been doing them for a long time, so it's not new to them, but it's not as well known as kidneys, heart, and liver transplants. And a lot of people get a pancreas-kidney together thing. In fact, that's really where their focus is — pancreas and kidneys together, and that's a concern because I'm just waiting for a pancreas, and they usually get them both together."

The pancreas is an organ that secretes insulin for controlling blood-sugar levels and enzymes necessary for digestion. A malfunctioning pancreas causes diabetes, which in turn slowly damages the eyes, kidneys, nerves, and arteries.

Hotz-Siville seems aware of every possible obstacle to getting a pancreas. "People get organs when they're desperate, and this isn't necessarily a desperate situation. A lot of times, when you're getting sicker and sicker, you'll say, 'Well, I look okay, so I'm not, like, deathly,' like somebody waiting for a heart. Some doctors will say to me, 'You should

"I'M A LITTLE HESITANT TO GET TOO RELIGIOUS BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE IF I PRAY TO GOD FOR AN ORGAN, THEN I'LL GET ONE."

be happy you have a kidney. Why do you want this?' Because I want it out! I want to feel normal like anybody else."

Chronic illness seems to be a constant of Hotz-Siville's life. "I had the classic symptoms of diabetes when I was ten. I was kind of a chubby kid, and I had flu-like symptoms during flu season. I was losing weight, drinking lots of fluids, and urinating a lot. But because it was flu season, I was told at school that I had the flu and sent home — I almost ended up in a coma. But my mom pushed. Parents know their kids, and she told them, 'Something's wrong.' So they paid attention to me and found out that I had diabetes.

"You know your kidneys are going bad by your blood-work. I've always been watched by my doctors, and I had a good relationship with my nurse, and they kept me from getting really sick. A lot of times you can get really sick, end up on dialysis, and all that. I just kept going because I had a good doctor and he kept watching me. He made me get on dialysis. I didn't want to, but they made me so I would keep doing okay. I had to do it three times a week. It becomes real hard to work, because you don't feel good. You have to spend three to four hours at a time every time you go. It's more of a dependent thing, being on that machine. I was on the peritoneal dialysis, which gives you a little more independence.

"When I was on dialysis, I had an insulin reaction. Dialysis caused a lot of that — it was the first time in 10 or 15 years. I had never had those problems that I do now. When your kidneys are not working, you don't need as much insulin, and when you take it, it drops your sugar. They were almost going to take my driver's license away, and that would have done me in, mentally, because that takes away your independence. It would have been hard for me. Then I got my first kidney transplant. I had a great doctor who told me that any treatment or modality had its good and bad. A lot of people just want that kidney or heart or whatever, and they don't really hear that there's still side effects. And the medications are hard on some people, but it's better than not having the transplant!

"A lot of people are afraid of the medications you have to be on when you have a kidney transplant, but I was lucky and didn't have a lot of problems with them. Now they're starting to affect me."

Living with diabetes, and as both a transplant candidate and recipient, has sharpened Hotz-Siville's sense of limitation. "I'm a person who works a lot, and I forget I have things I need to be careful about. I've never smoked or drank, but I push myself at work. I don't have children — I decided not to have children because of my diabetes. I love kids and I love people and I love nursing. When

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- Difficulty falling asleep
- Waking up frequently during the night and trouble returning to sleep
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I was little, my mom was strict with me about the diabetes. She used to yell at me, 'You're going to go blind!' And now, as a nurse, I think you push a lot of that back. You see a lot of things — people with amputations and things like that. I could start crying at

that point, because it is scary. Nobody likes to feel different, and there's this unknown that we're all afraid of. You don't know how long your kidneys are going to last. Yes, you can live on dialysis, but as you get older, you have the risk of so many other things.

"You also live in this 'I'm grateful I got an organ' thing. It's psychological — it's a whole gamut of things. For the first time, I really want a pancreas, and I'm afraid to want it because with the kidneys I kept living and felt pretty good, but I'm starting to not

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feel good. I know if I get a pancreas I won't have these problems. My husband wants to go out and do things and I don't feel good, so I feel guilty. On the other hand, you feel grateful that you've got organs. I mean, how many people get three transplants? So there's this ambivalent guilt, luck, happiness — a lot of stuff. I believe in this, but it's hard to be on this end, where you want one.

"On the holidays, for the last couple of years, I've thought, 'Oh, it's Christmas, this is when everybody...you know [have accidents]'. At the holidays, they get the organs of brain-dead people. But I'm a critical-care nurse. We used to have dead people that they were keeping alive. At that time I wasn't desperate for an organ, but it's hard to deal with that. You're aware that's how yours got to you.

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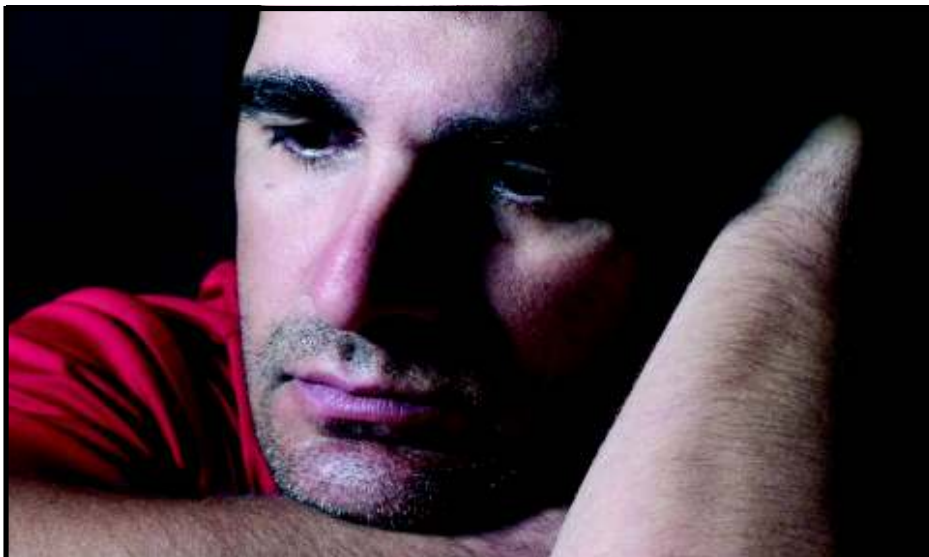
You may qualify if:

- You are 18 years of age or older and are in good health.
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Still Depressed?

Are you still experiencing several of these symptoms?

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- Little or no interest in activities
- Change in weight or appetite
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping more than usual
- Fatigue, loss of energy, or feeling overly tired
- Difficulty concentrating, thinking, or making decisions
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt nearly every day
- Thoughts that life isn't worth living
- Feelings of restlessness or being "slowed down"

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

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This jumble of feelings sometimes taints Hotz-Siville's hopes for the future. "I'm scared. I try to put it in God's hands, because I've probably lived beyond what I should have. I've been really lucky, but I hope it will make my life go longer and be better. That's why I keep active and try to do things to help others. Not just because I have an organ — I enjoy doing it. I think it will make me feel better, and that's a selfish feeling, in a way.

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"Since my kidney transplants, I feel more normal. I don't have to go to dialysis, I can do what I want. When you're in dialysis, you can't drink anything, and there's so many foods you can't eat — everyday food. And with diabetes, they require two opposite diets, and you itch all the time. It's miserable.

"This is the first time I had the [donor's] family contact me — from my last organ. We are allowed to write them, and every time I start to write them I start crying. It's hard for me to write that letter. Then I got this letter from them, and the one-year anniversary was coming up, and they want to meet all of us — their son evidently

donated organs for a lot of people. So, I do want to meet them. In fact, I'm looking forward to it.

"I run around a lot in my frustration and anxiety and hurt — I don't want to start crying — I'll say to my husband, 'I'm not going to be around a long time.' He's 38 and healthy. He's focused on his work — not on living day-to-day, you know, 'I've got to make money so I can retire later.' I think I have a fear of death in a way that I'm not in touch with yet, but I do throw it up a lot, which I'm sure is hard on my husband."

Through all the hopes and fears, the recurring notion of "luck" seems to haunt Hotz-

Siville. "I was raised religious, but I got away from it for a long time. My best girlfriend was a nurse, like me; she had diabetes, like me, and was waiting for a kidney transplant. She got one and it lasted two days. I got two and she got none. She passed away about three years ago. That was one of the hardest things for me. We had the same exact thing and I feel guilty.

"I watched her get religious at the end. So I'm a little hesitant to get too religious because it seems like if I pray to God for an organ, then I'll get one. What I'm doing now is studying the Bible to learn about it. I ask myself, 'Why have I been this lucky?' I don't really see myself as

someone who has had to go through a lot."

Perhaps Hotz-Siville's attitude is best illustrated in the way she faced her wedding last May. "I was going to have a catheter put in for this peritoneal dialysis, and I walked down the aisle with a big catheter in my neck and one in my stomach, and the doctor said to me, 'Julie, you probably want to wait [for a transplant] until after your wedding.' I said, 'I'd just like to keep going.'

"I believe that you have to just keep moving on, and things happen like they're supposed to. That's been my coping mechanism. It doesn't mean that I'm always positive, but I feel like I've been

lucky, and that's why, with this pancreas, I have to take my chances. If it's meant to be, I'll get it."

UPDATE

In 2002, Hotz-Siville got a new pancreas in what appeared to be a successful surgery. "I was diabetic for so many years that it was actually hard to get used to not having diabetes!" After one year, however, her body rejected the organ. "It was just about the time I got used to it. It was a slow rejection. I didn't get really sick, it just kind of quit working. One day I woke up really thirsty, and I hadn't been checking my blood sugar, because I didn't need to. So I checked it and it was really

high." Her doctors tried to save the organ with intravenous medications, to no avail.

Undaunted, Hotz-Siville is waiting for an islet cell transplant, an experimental treatment that should soon be available locally. In islet cell transplants, insulin-producing beta cells are taken from the pancreas of a cadaver and injected into the liver of the recipient. In successful transplants, the recipients begin producing their own insulin as the cells reproduce. Hotz-Siville says that Scripps is ready to go with the procedure, the only obstacle being funding. Until then, Hotz-Siville is confident. "I'm doing great." ■

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The year is 1949, Volkswagen is up and running, building Beetles for the amusement of the four people in America who know about them. Nineteen forty-nine was also the year Volkswagen began commercial production of the VW Type 2, or Transporter, more commonly known

as the VW Microbus. The idea was to build the largest possible vehicle using the same 94.5-inch wheelbase as the Beetle. The van would be 165 inches long, only 5 inches longer than the car. It was designed to be a box with wheels. The front is flat, the steering wheel almost parallel to the ground, and the driver's and passengers' seats mount directly above the wheels. The cargo area is reached through two swinging doors on the right side of the van and a hatch in the rear. What is brilliant is the van's cost, compact dimensions, and enormous volume (170 cubic feet).

The Transporter, also called the Kombi or Microbus, has a carrying capacity of three-quarters of a ton and is powered by the same 30-horsepower, 1.2-liter, air-cooled, four-cylinder, horizontally opposed (flat) engine as the Beetle. The engine is mounted behind the rear axle and drive, the rear wheels through a four-speed manual transmission. The suspension is independent all around via torsion bars. Reduction gears are installed at each driving wheel hub to make the engine run faster, thereby producing enough pulling power to move 2430 pounds of van.

The tiny flat-four engine was not supposed to exceed 3500 rpm, so Volkswagen put a sticker on the dash instructing drivers that "The allowable top speed of this vehicle is 50 mph." Seven years later *Road & Track* tested a new VW Microbus (now up to 36 horsepower) and recorded a top speed average of 59 mph, with a best run of 60 mph. Acceleration from 0 to 60 mph took 75 seconds, from 0 to 50 mph took 30.6 seconds. Although few people in America cared, fuel economy was remarkable, 26 to 29 miles per gallon.

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"I hear you have the cleanest bus in town." I'm on the phone speaking to Paul Cooper of Julian.

"I used to have the cleanest bus in town, a 1971 dual-port engine, single carb, but unfortunately I got rid of it and bought another."

Cooper is 40 years old, married, works as an illustrator. "The one I have now is a '71 as well. I'm starting to restore this one too. It's a big job. I like everything to be perfect, even the paint. I like everything stock."

"What do you do with your van?"

"I drive down to the beach and surf, go up and down our mountain roads; it's gutless, but I get there. I love mine. My wife is a surveyor. She used to take it all over. She loves it too. We went to Thomas Mountain, over by Idyllwild, a while back. That mountain is so steep, it's only for Jeeps. We wanted to go up to the peak, and sure enough we got up there. Once we arrived, all we saw were Jeeps, all the drivers were shaking their heads."

I lean back in my swivel chair. On my left is a 10-foot-high living room window that looks out onto a courtyard where palms grow up out of an underplanting of ivy and pink impatiens. Between two palms, a fountain plashes.

Returning to Cooper, I ask, "How *did* you get up that mountain?"

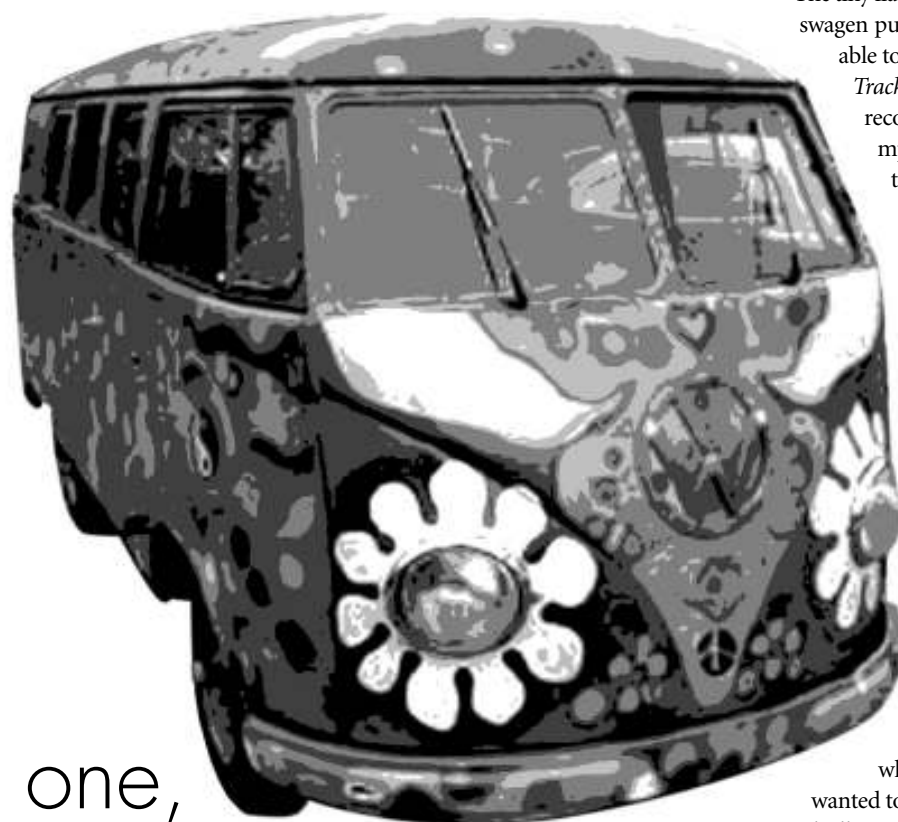
"The independent suspension on that year, in that '71 van, I mean, they just go. If you drive carefully, you can get to places where maybe you shouldn't. You have to be careful. It's a small motor; it has to run at peak efficiency. They'll take a lot of abuse, but they won't give you any power."

"How do you find parts?"

"It's such a cult car, Volkswagens in general. They have catalogs for parts. You can send away for anything. They literally manufacture every component, whole body parts, front panels, pop tops, the whole nine yards. It's cheap and *you* can maintain them."

Outside, a hummingbird feeds from a blooming rose. I ask, "What did you pay for your current '71?"

Cooper pauses, then reveals, "Eighteen hundred. That's a pretty normal price. This one, when



"This one, **when you** open up the back door, there's a screen, makes it **nice for camping.**"

you open up the back door, there's a screen, makes it nice for camping. We have a cot for our baby that fits up in the cab area. There are four mounted clips, two on either side of the front doors, where a canvas cot slips in."

"I'm partial to VWs, but they are death traps. How do you relate to that?"

"I don't know, I drive as best I can. I don't tailgate at all. I give myself lots of space and let the chips fall where they may."

Next call is to Sabin Mroz, a carpenter, window-maker, most of all an artisan, living in Alpine. Mroz is 53 years old, married, father of two grown children, and owner of a 1965 split-window VW van. I hear a soft, laconic voice. "I bought it in 1973, paid \$750. This one is a deluxe, which means it has one more window in the back than the standard. The van just turned 400,000 miles. When I bought it, the original engine had been rebuilt. All they did was the upper end; they didn't do the lower end. Then the rods started knocking, so I had to have that fixed. Then I bought an engine and later on had that rebuilt. The one in there now is rebuilt from a Mexican block. It's a 1776cc, I really like it."

The hummingbird flies away, replaced by a revolting eight-year-old kid attempting to skateboard on the courtyard tile. I ask Sabin, "Does the 1766 engine give you decent power?"

"Well, I dialed down the compression level, so it tends to have low rpm torque. The engine runs cooler at a lower compression. It runs more like a tractor engine."

"Twenty-two years owning the same van, how many trips to Mexico?"

"I couldn't even begin to count them. I've never been to the East Coast. *Have* been up north, been to Seattle. It breaks down once in a while. The most delightful breakdown was outside of San Francisco, at the nuclear weapons laboratory in Livermore. Of course it was a Saturday night. Three phone calls later we located the local VW mechanic. He owned a VW, which we borrowed. We went swimming in a nearby lake, had a great weekend while he rebuilt the engine, and we were back on the road Monday morning."

The courtyard kid on the skateboard falls down, begins to howl. I give a thumbs-up sign, take another sip of morn-

ing coffee, feel better. "Do you ever get called filthy hippie swine, driving around in that?"

"Never really did, but there is that connection. Every so often I'll get a hippie sign from other drivers. 'Hey, peace, brother.'"

"Sabin, what do you like best about the van?"

"The size and scale and proportion. I like the arrangement, the accommodations, the design of the bus. I love the side doors. In a '65 they swing open. I do carpentry

work. The newer models have rolling doors, the suspension is a little better, but they have those doors. The amount of effort required to open and close a sliding door, where you have to sling the whole door, versus pivoting it on a hinge,

there's no comparison. I go in and out of the bus so much during the course of the day that my arms would be worn out with sliding doors."

"How do you relate to the death-trap situation?"

"Yeah, yeah, that's true.

There is that fear. I try to develop, cultivate, and practice extremely cautious driving habits. I just don't drive into situations; I slow down, back off, see the escape route. You don't want to hit anything. In a VW van there's nothing in

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front of you.”

The howling kid’s mother has arrived. She’s a frumpy, overweight blonde dressed in pink Bermuda shorts. She begins, at high rpm, to berate the child for hurting himself. My sympathies instantly switch to the boy. I return to Sabin, “Do you maintain your van?”

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Mom orders the sobbing kid back to the apartment. The kid slinks away. The woman picks up the skateboard, cases the courtyard, checking for witnesses, turns on her heel, and harrumphs out of sight.

I dial Bill Lyons, 44, a general contractor who lives in Coronado, and ask when he bought his van.

“I bought it two years ago for \$180. It’s a ’66 split window, and it’s a panel, which is pretty rare. A panel doesn’t have windows on the sides. Other than that, it’s set up like a normal van, except it doesn’t have any seats in the back.”

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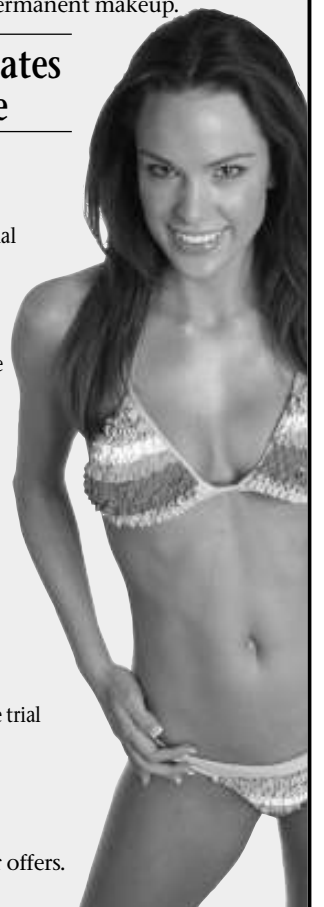
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"I have some property in Imperial Beach, so I go down there all the time. I used to drive by this bus; it was sitting in a back yard. Weeds were growing through it. I thought, 'One of these days, I'm going to stop and ask this guy if he'll sell.' The next day I'm back in I.B., and there's a For Sale sign on the van. I couldn't believe it.

"There were weeds growing up through the floor and a rusted hole about the size of a basketball on one side. The engine was half torn apart. Of course it didn't run, and it had three flat tires. The body was pretty good except for the big hole. I had that cut out and a new section welded in. Most of the glass was in place. The first thing my son and I did

was completely strip it down. We took every nut and bolt off the van. Then we started cleaning things up and deciding what to do and what to buy. I did all the body work and then took it down and had it painted in National City. Now it's the original pearl white, L87. I have about \$7500 in it. Took a year and a half to finish."

I pour another cup of coffee from my Thermos and ask Lyons, "Where do you get parts?"

"There's at least six different places that will send you catalogs. You get the catalogs, decide which parts you want, and they'll UPS 'em to you overnight. And there is a big meet up in Pomona once a month. You can't imagine how many people are there with Volkswagen vans. The meet is

held at the fairgrounds. If you buy *VW Trends* or *Hot VWs*, there'll always be an ad for the Pomona Swap Meet. You literally have to get there at four in the morning. People go around with flashlights. Everybody has their car and all the parts that they've accumulated over the years. It is unbelievable. Everyone should see it in their lifetime. It's incredible."

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The kid is in the courtyard again, skateboard tucked under his arm. He walks out to the alley. Nice going, kid. Go get 'em. I pour the last cup of coffee, carry it out to my 1971 VW van, and drive over to Bugs R Us, located in the 5600 block of El Cajon Boulevard.

The office is tucked away behind a high fence. One enters

into a lot filled with 20 parked VWs, from Jetta to pop-top van to humble bug. I pull up to the office door and dismount. Inside, sitting at his metal desk behind a low wooden partition, is the owner, Jack Seufferer. Seufferer is 45 years old, five-foot-ten, blond hair, mustache, intense blue-green eyes, and a pocked, ruddy, narrow face. I ask him to describe his business.

"We work on anywhere from 8 to 15 cars a day, 10 to 20 percent of that would be vans."

"I'll ask you my death-trap question right off the top."

"VW vans were never death traps when they were put together, when they were new. They're not death traps if somebody maintains them. Any car can be a death trap if

it needs brakes and people don't fix them."

Does not compute. I feel a dead end, roll my eyes, move on to another topic. "What kind of person buys a 1960s split-window VW van?"

"A lot of high school kids like the old body style. They look in *Hot VWs* magazine for one that's been customized, and it looks pretty cool. If you buy an old one, it's an investment. They're a \$3000 van today. Ten years from now they'll still be a \$3000 van. You buy any of the new vans and that's not true."

A phone rings. Seufferer lets it ring five times, gets up, walks over to the wall phone, engages in ball-bearing chat, talks for four minutes, hangs up. Phone instantly rings again. Seufferer talks about front ends for another four minutes before he

again returns to his desk. I ask, "Do you own a VW van?"

"I've owned bunches of them. Besides the shop van, I've got a Vanagon camper, and my wife drives a Vanagon."

"How difficult are they to maintain?"

"They're cheaper to maintain when they went to hydraulic lifters and cheaper still when they went to electronic ignition. Now they're like any car, you run 'em, you change spark plugs, change the oil. With the hydraulic lifters, you don't have to do the valve adjustment. Prior to '78, you had to adjust the valves every 3000 miles during the hot summer months. If you tried to push it to 6000, sometimes they'll end up getting tight on you. That can cause burnt valves. Older vans are fairly expen-

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sive to maintain if you have to pay someone to adjust the valves every 3000 miles.”

The phone rings again. I throw out a fast question, “The market share for Volkswagens has gone into the ground over the last 20 years. Do you think you’ll ever run out of customers?”

“No, not in Southern California. If I had this shop back East, I’d probably be working on all the imports. But here we always have enough work. But there has been a dramatic change in customers. We used to work on more vans. Seems like we don’t work on as many vans as we used to. We used to joke about changing our name to Vans R Us. because

we’d have 10 vans in here and only one or two bugs. Now the older vans are being scrapped out or they’re bought up by collectors, restorers, who use them for weekend driving.”

A big man wearing blue overalls enters the office, answers the phone. Seuferer continues, “There are a lot of people who think it’s cool to buy an old van and fix it up. Sometimes they’ll spend many, many hours on it, but most restored vehicles, they’re never as good as new. Sometimes, when someone restores a van, they’ll spend two or three times what a new vehicle is worth. And the result is never as good as when it was built. No matter what kind of parts you have in there, the

body is not as rigid, so it’s not as strong. You still got squeaks and rattles that you can never get rid of.

“Now, it is possible to rebuild and make a van better than new; use heavier-duty bearings, for example. But buy a brand-new car, drive 100,000 miles, if you maintain it, it should be rattle free, unless you take it off-road or something. Get a restored car, and after a year or two they start to fall apart. When people restore vans, they tend to leave nuts and bolts off, leave washers off.

“And there’s too many rebuilders out there that are rebuilding engines that should not be rebuilt. Volkswagens are getting a bad reputation

for that reason. People come in here and say, ‘I’m thinking about buying a Volkswagen, but my friends are telling me that they’re junk, they don’t last.’ Well, if you rebuild a VW engine right, they’ll go 100,000 miles. Unfortunately, people are rebuilding engines for the third or fourth time. Those engines shouldn’t be rebuilt, but it’s cheaper than buying a new one, so they do it; and after 20,000 miles, the engine loses oil, overheats, makes Volkswagen look bad.”

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“I’ve been working here since the mid-’70s. My grandfather, Ben Neil, owned a shop in Coronado, which is now the

Mobil station. After the war, my dad Ken and my grandfather built this shop in Imperial Beach. That was 1952. After high school, I lifeguarded and managed tools for the City of San Diego. One day my dad said, ‘Well, why don’t you come out and see how you like it?’ I did and I’ve been here ever since. I bought the shop from my dad in 1980.”

Speaking is Greg Neil, owner of Neil’s Volkswagen, located in the 200 block of Palm Avenue in Imperial Beach. Neil is a lanky six-foot-five. He speaks as quickly as his mind works, which is quick indeed. It’s 11:00 a.m. on a Friday morning. We’re sitting next door to his shop, on the patio

of International Blends, having caffeine and croissants. I ask Neil to explain the different eras of VW vans.

“Here’s the breakdown. VW vans had split front windows prior to ’68. Then the ’68 to ’71 models had a standard windshield. In ’71 they started the dual port engine. It was more powerful, obviously, and also that year had the front disc brakes. Then we had ’72 to ’79, with the flat pancake engine, ’72 to ’74 being dual carb, ’75 to ’79 being fuel injected. Then they went to the box-style Vanagon with the same engine, all fuel injected. Now they’re into the Eurovan. They’ve gone to a smaller size to compete with the Japanese.”

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A man walks up to our table, recognizes Greg, stands over him, begins to ask VW engine questions. Greg, politely, patiently, pleasantly, answers each question. Finally the man leaves. I've lost my thread, start again, "What was the weirdest repair you ever did on a van?"

"It was somewhere in the mid-'70s. The van was a split-window bus with six young people in it, probably 18 to 20 years old. They left it at the shop for some work, a few little service items, and they went to the beach. I didn't think much of it. I worked through lunch. I had the van up on the lift, was changing the oil, doing the lube, little things underneath the van. I heard a couple of noises, didn't pay much attention, got done with what I was doing, put the lift down, and a couple came out of the bus still getting dressed. They'd been in there making love."

"Ah, a VW tradition." I bite on my croissant, ask, "What is the best year for a VW van?"

"Seventy-one. It has the dual port, power assist brakes, got your early motor. It's more aesthetic than the water

pumpers. They're easy to work on, parts are available, and the cost is less."

"Do you ever worry about running out of customers?"

"During the '70s we had a lot of VW van stuff, a lot of engine rebuilding, transmission. It was the heyday of Volkswagen then, things were booming. Now we've branched out. We do Asian stuff, Toyotas and all that, because there's not that many vans around. Now 60 to 70 percent of our business is VW. It used to be 99 percent. We didn't work on anything else.

"VW had economic problems in the '80s. Now they don't have as many cars out there as Toyota and Nissan. I don't know how their Eurovans are doing. You got to remember, those things cost \$25,000, and there are a lot of other vans, like the Dodge Caravan, competing in that market. But VW was the first minivan. Nobody had them back then."

"And they lost it."

"Yeah, yeah. They went to the Vanagon, had some problems with those. The water-cooled ones with the rubber head gaskets weren't a real swift

design. And the rising price of everything. I had a chart of all the VW van models made in '68. There were a good 20, 25 of them — ambulances, things with no doors on the side, things with two doors, slider doors, fire trucks, pickups, every variety you can think of."

I ask Neil what sort of trips he's taken.

"We used to go down to Mexico a lot, surfing. A crew of us used to drive down in VW buses. Never broke down. Those vans are amazing. David Meeks, who is now the service manager at Metro [Volkswagen], and I were down in Baja. It was the middle of the night, driving up steep dirt roads that are barely passable with motorcycles, and he was driving his VW bus pulling a trailer. He stopped, three of us got out and stood on the back of his bus bumper. The idea was to give it enough traction to get up the hill. That thing made it. I mean, I've put concrete three foot high in my bus and taken it to the dump. The front bumper was only six inches off the ground, it was that loaded, but the bus crawled

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I picture a full moon, a half-dozen guys pleasantly drunk, working together, getting that van up to where it wasn't supposed to be, then a campfire, lots of laughing. I shift in my seat. "How many people drive into your shop with a van that's just an abused wreck?"

"In the buses, you're talking about a quarter of the owners who don't take any care, the top 25 percent that really take care of them, and the rest fall in between. People that have problems often have problems with pollution control. The engines are real dirty. Compared to a new car, for instance, they're filthy, because VW engines are air cooled. You'll see a lot of missing pollution controls. The other thing is the body and electrical. People let that go, they don't care as long as it still gets them there and back. They'll usually fix dangerous things, like brakes and the engine, but they'll slide on the body and interior. Gener-

ally, the ones that take care of them take care of everything."

"Is there a particular job that you say to yourself, 'God, I hate this'?"

"Probably the '72 to '74 buses with dual carburetors, and the carburetors are missing parts or pollution controls. You can't get those parts; they're basically unavailable. We've had to fabricate throttle shaft bushings for the carburetor, weld linkage rods, that sort of thing. Other than those years, the buses aren't too bad."

I'm still back on the mountain drinking whiskey with Greg and his buddies. Why would they want to be on the mountain with surfboards? Does Greg still go to Baja? If not, what stopped it? Marriage, children, or inconvenience? I look out to the street, see Neil's Vanagon, remember why I'm here.

"Mike Boone, over at Mike's Foreign Auto, told me he can recognize different personalities driving different VW vans. For instance, the split-window era still has hippie remnants; the '71 to '80 vans are owned by people who have steady, real jobs, who fix them

up real nice; they'd have an RV if they had the money. And from the mid-'80s on, vans are owned by people who don't have a clue about the VW tradition; it's just another car. Would you agree?"

"Well, the newer you go, when you get into the water-cooled stuff and the Vanagons, you're getting to the middle-class owners. Like somebody out of Coronado, run-the-kids-around type of people. These people all have jobs, work consistently. When you get into the earlier stuff, you get a sprinkling of sailors and military people, and you get people that surf and things like that.

"Back East and up North, people hate them, because of the heating problems. There's virtually no heat in early VW vans. I often drive from here to Coronado at four in the morning to take my daughter swimming. By the time I get back from Coronado, there might be a little bit of heat coming out of the dash, but if you get in any snow country, forget it. You might as well have an air-conditioner on all the whole time."

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“My daughter does triathlon, so we throw the bike and all her gear in there and shoot up to a race. The van I have is getting beat up. I’m thinking of selling it, but I hate getting rid of it. Every bus I’ve owned, within a year to a year and a half after selling it, I’ve always bought another one. Always. They’re just so handy. That cargo door on the side especially. You know how low it is, for loading groceries, loading things, it’s perfect. I built a second garage and a room addition at my dad’s house out of that van. The drywall barely fit in, and four-by-eight sheets of plywood barely fit in, but they do fit in. You can leave all your tools in it overnight; I’d

leave the van at Dad’s house, use it as a storage shed.”

“How much should you pay for a VW van?”

“Any decent van, clean, raring to go, should cost two to three thousand dollars, especially if it’s a camper that’s cherry. If you take care of them, they’ll last. I’ve got 180,000 on mine. Generally, the upright motors, like a ’71, they’re good for 100,000, safely. You see people burning them up before then, but you see people get a lot more too. Those pancake motors, the lower ends on them are real strong. Volkswagen’s upper end has always been the problem, the valve and cylinder head situation. The ’77, ’78, and ’79 flat motors tend to have seat problems where the

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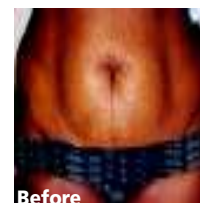
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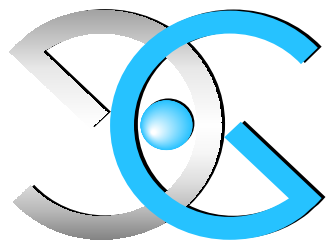
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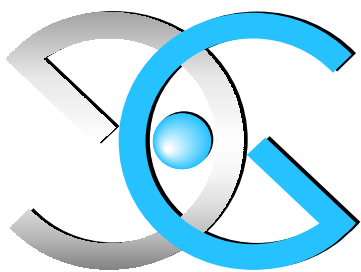
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valve seat, the head of the valve comes out and maybe goes through a piston, tears up the case, and really chews things up. You don't see that in the early ones. Another thing is the 55 mph speed limit. We noticed a huge drop in the engine sales within six months after the 55 mph speed limit came in. Before, you'd see holes in the case from people driving 65, 75, and 80."

Neil bids adieu, gracefully gets up from our patio table, walks across the street to his van, off to check on the surf. I decide to walk around the city, shake off this assault of road fever. And since there's nothing much else to do, I'll tell you about Van Horn, Texas. After all, what is a story about VW vans without a VW van story?

A good country-western

tune talks about getting drunk, getting out of jail, mentions pickup trucks and the lonesome sound of a train running late at night. VW van stories include mechanical breakdowns in remote places, the driver is short of money, and at the last moment, pure dumb luck puts him on the road again.

I bought my 1971 camper ten years ago from Carl, the manager of the Astro Motel in Santa Rosa, California. Paid \$2100 cash. The van has a brand-new paint job, white on top, blue below, with dashing red-and-white pinstripe lightning bolts running the length of its immaculate, dent-free body. Inside, adorable blue-checked curtains cover the side and rear windows. The van is equipped with a skylight, two fans on the dash, newly rebuilt engine, new brakes, new white-wall tires, gleaming original chrome hubcaps, CB radio,

outdoor awning, fridge, sink, table, and a Day-Glo Carlsbad Caverns bumper sticker pasted below the rear window. Carl had quite a collection of bumper stickers: "Veterans of Foreign Wars," "Kissing a Smoker Is Like Licking an Astray," "I [heart] America," topped off by the increasingly hard-to-find yellow Mr. Happy Face smiling and urging us to "Have a Nice Day." The deal-clincher is the rear lights. At night, tiny red lights frame the rear license plate, blinking on and off, seeming to travel around the license plate in an endless circle.

I quickly understood that the whole idea of owning a van was to pack up everything you possess and drive around with it. I decided on San Miguel de Allende as destination. San Miguel is 150 miles north of Mexico City, sits at 6134 feet elevation.

The plan was to drive the back roads out of California,

camp on the northern rim of the Grand Canyon, meander through southern Colorado, spend some time in northern New Mexico, pass through El Paso, turn right on U.S. Highway 90, travel down to Brownsville, cross into Mexico early in the morning, and then make the 11-hour honk into San Miguel in one dead daylight run.

I had an idyllic ride until I met the real world in Allamore, Texas, 86 miles east of El Paso. Allamore is a village set on the north side of I-10. I was just beginning my reconnaissance, driving up a dirt residential street, admiring the 75-year-old adobe houses when, reaching a dead end, I slap the van in reverse to turn around, back up a half circle and...SHIT, the son-of-a-bitch freezes. The gear shift is stuck in reverse.

I turn the engine off, turn it on, bang on gear shift, get out, walk around the van, kick the

wheel wells, get back in, turn on engine, bang on gear shift, and repeat, thereby exhausting my mechanical expertise. Using every bit of my strength, I cannot move the gear shift one centimeter. Somebody has reached down, picked me up, and placed me in VW van hell. I am skating along on \$250 bucks, having spent all my riches getting equipped.

There are, of course, no gas stations or mechanics in Allamore. A tow is out of the question. I retrieve a map from the glove compartment. Van Horn is the closest town large enough to have commercial services, looks to be 30 miles away.

Van Horn, population 4500, is on the corner of I-10 and Highway 90. Four gas stations squat next to its single off-ramp. I back down the ramp into a Mobil station, dismount, stretch, walk up to the station manager, the guy with

the embroidered name tag on his shirt that reads "Jesse," and announce, "I got a little problem with my van."

Jesse says, "We don't work on vans."

I continue, "It's stuck in reverse."

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I blink rapidly. "That's okay, just order them."

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I cross the street into the 76 station. Greg tells me, "We don't work on Volkswagens," as does Frank at Shell and Terry at Chevron. Everyone would be delighted to tow me back to El Paso for \$178.

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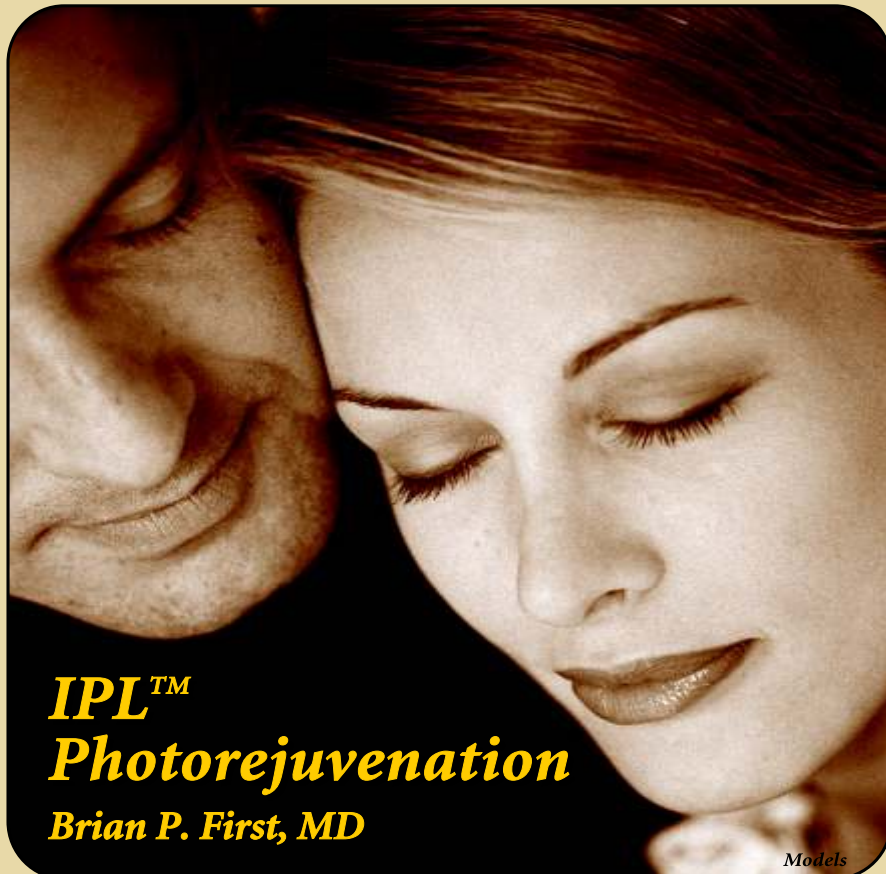
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civilian economy to do it. I walk to the town center. I enter the Culberson County Savings and Trust office, greet three women and the male manager. “Hi, I’m Patrick. My VW van has broken down. I’m looking for someone who has a Volkswagen, might know a little about the mechanics.”

In this way I toured Van Horn. The name Fritz Mueller kept coming up. Fritz used to own a gas station, been closed for some years now. But yeah, he worked on VWs, his wife left him, gone off to Houston, they say. I asked a clerk in Mendoza’s Grocery where I could find Mueller. “Try the Palm Bar,” he said.

Four p.m., it’s 106 degrees. I slog the mile out of town to the Palm Bar. The one-story building is made of limestone block. I enter into darkness, bump into a pool table, feel the welcome breeze from an overhead fan. At the bar, three men sit on stools, facing a black-bearded bartender.

I order a beer, turn to the men. “Excuse me, fellas, I’m looking for Fritz Mueller, do you know where I can find him?”

The bartender grunts, “What do you want him for?” I explain.

The second man down the bar from me appears to be in his 60s. His beard is gray stubble. He’s big, has a ruddy Aryan face. He introduces himself, “I’m Fritz, vat kind of Volkswagen do you huff?”

I’m astonished to hear a thick German accent coming at me in Van Horn, Texas. “Well, uh, it’s a ’71, the gear’s stuck in reverse, can’t get it out.”

“Yes, the transmission is locked,” Fritz makes an O with his thumb and index finger, places an opposing finger through the circle, lets the protruding digit dangle like a gaffed trout.

With more urgency than I want in my voice, I ask, “Can you unlock it?”

“No, it is finished. You will need a new transmission.”

“People say you used to work on VWs.”

“I had a shop, years ago.”

“Can you help me out?”

“I might have a transmission in the back. I might not. I don’t do mechanic work anymore.”

“I’ll help you. You just tell

me what to do.”

“I have only one leg. You will have to do all the heavy work.”

I look down, take in the wooden leg, gush, “Be happy to.”

And so it began. Fritz was not going to leave the Palm Bar until he was smashed. There would be no work today. I ordered another beer, shot a game of pool with Fritz, then his buddies.

It was 8:00 p.m. when Fritz decided he was ready to leave the Palm Bar. He limps out of the bar and hobbles in the dirt along the side of the highway, in obvious pain, even though he is righteously drunk. I retrieve my van, back it through town, to his “house.” The deal is to start work in the morning. If I helped and he had a transmission, he’d swap parts for a hundred bucks.

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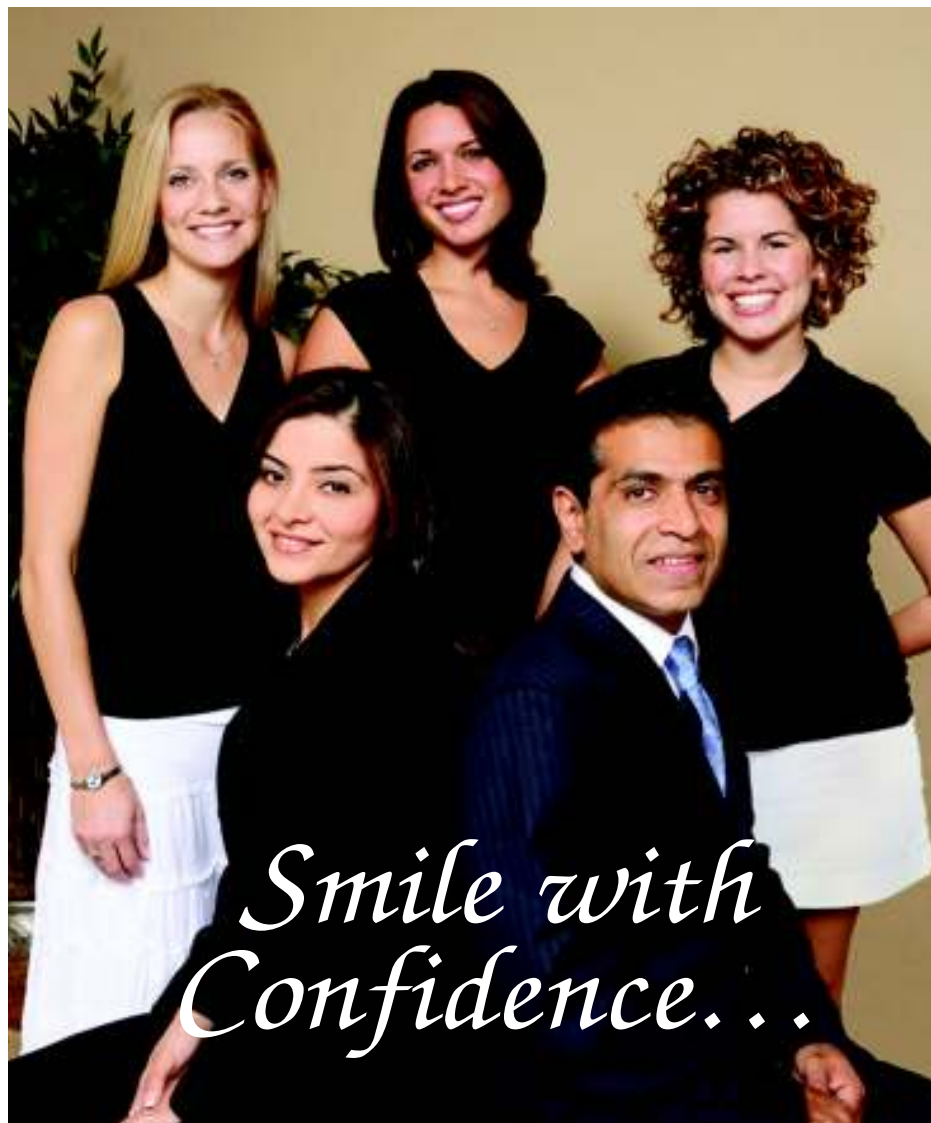
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the abandoned gas station.
"Come in," Fritz orders from
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Presley. As you enter the living
room, purple velour curtains
combat a red velour couch and
chair for visual rights. The din-
ing area consists of a mahogany
particle-board dinette and
three ravaged brown chairs.
The kitchen has become a com-
post pile: dirty frying pans,
pots, dishes, glasses, silverware,
and empty baked beans cans.
Food remnants spread over
the cupboards, sink, counter
tops, stove, and onto the floor.

Fritz reaches for a dirty
pot, fills it with water, places it
on the stove. He opens a cup-
board, retrieves pasta, jar of
spaghetti sauce, places pasta
in filthy pot, finds an equally
filthy pot in the sink, dumps
the sauce into that. Finally, he
hobbles to a far cupboard,
retrieves a bottle of gin, opens
the fridge, pulls out a Pearl
beer, makes his way into the liv-
ing room, and collapses on the
couch. I get a beer, take a seat.
"So Fritz, what got you to
America?"

"A long time ago. That
was a long time ago."

"Did you fight in the war?"
"I was in the Army, but I
was in the support area. I was
a clerk."

"Interesting. How did you
get to Texas?"

"It was the camp, the camp
was big, big camp."

Of course, a POW camp.
There were a quarter-million
German POWs held in Amer-
ica during the war. "How did
you get to Van Horn?"

Fritz waves his hand. "That
doesn't matter. I was married.
She left me." Fritz is dead-ass
drunk. I notice that his dirty
short-sleeved shirt, missing
three top buttons, is open,
revealing some kind of neck-
lace. The links of the necklace
are gold and enormous. I walk
over and pull back an edge of
his shirt, greet a Nazi cross.

I walk into the kitchen,
turn off burners, check Fritz,
and walk down a short corri-
dor. There's a bathroom and
bedroom. I enter the bedroom,
observe black silk sheets, blood-
red blankets, and another set
of purple curtains. Next to me
is a particle-board dresser with
a mirror set above. Stuck on one
corner, between brass frame
and mirror, is a Polaroid of a

young woman. She has auburn
hair, an irregular oval face, a
sweetness to her expression
that touches me.

The next morning Fritz
arises at 10, looking like a rot-
ting potato. I have all the van
doors open and am pacing
around my machine. Fritz looks
out his screen door, registers
shock at seeing another person
outside. I shout, "I'm Patrick.
I'm going to help you fix my
van, remember?"

Fritz grunts, disappears.
Twenty minutes later he arrives
outside carrying a bottle of gin
and takes a seat on a rusted
metal lawn chair. I say, "Just
sit right there. I'll get break-
fast." I go into the trailer, find
eggs, make up a Texas-size
omelet, coffee, and carry the
goods outside. Fritz waves me
off. "I don't want to eat."

"Try it, Fritz."

He takes two mouthfuls,
grimaces. "There is no Tabasco."

"Try another bite."

"What is wrong with the
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I recount recent van
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"I don't think I can fix it.

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the hundred bucks, and the transmission out back. The hundred bucks perks him up a bit, he takes another swig, hobbles into the back of his wasted gas station. I follow. First stop is a greasy, duct-taped boom box. He grabs a cassette from a nearby pile, inserts it into the machine, turns the volume to maximum. The garage explodes with the sounds of a goddamn German opera bellowing out the glad tidings that the end of the world has arrived.

Fritz finds a black box of tools, orders, "Carry this," and slowly staggers, complaining about his missing leg, "This always hurts. It hurts all the time." I grunt as we walk onto the prairie where two dozen

dead VWs roast in the Texas sun. Fritz hobbles into a maze of junk Volkswagens, makes his way to a collapsed '71 van. The van's roof has been smashed in, one side has been taken out. The beast has three flat tires and no motor. Fritz lies down, inches himself under the van, calls out, "Hand me the vise grips."

I pass them and shortly hear a *clink, clink, clink*, then, "This might work in yours."

It was slow, oh, it was slow, running back and forth to Fritz's pig sty of a shop, grubbing for tools, usually not finding them, back and forth, back and forth, then lugging the shop hoist out to the prairie, passing Fritz the gin bottle, trying to keep Fritz busy so

the bottle didn't get passed that often, setting the junk van on blocks, getting the tranny unhooked, listening to his non-stop bitching about his missing leg, but finally, finally, the transmission came out at 4:00 p.m.

Fritz rolls out from underneath the van, says, "That's all for today." I realize it's pointless to argue.

"Yes."

Another long afternoon and evening at the Palm Bar. Another night at Fritz's trailer, another pasta boil and sauce explosion, but this time Fritz manages to stay awake, dead drunk, but awake through dinner. We sit at his horrendous dinette, I take a bite of overcooked noodles, and, remem-

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bering the Polaroid picture, quietly say, "Tell me about your wife."

"She was a little farm whore. I gave her everything, a house, food on the table, my name. She ran away, she is in Houston. I know this. I have talked to her on the phone. I am planning on going there and bringing her back. Soon, maybe in the fall."

"What did she say when you talked to her?"

"She said she wasn't coming back. Didn't want to talk

to me." Fritz laughs.

"So she doesn't want to come back. That makes 50 million and 1 women who have said that. Just move on."

"Oh, she will come back. She is my wife."

"It doesn't work that way. She can go anywhere she wants."

With the finality of a Nazi judge pronouncing sentence, Fritz declares, "She is my wife."

Feeling quite pleased that I am not a citizen of Denmark or Poland or France, I try another tack. "What kind of a

person is she? I mean, is she funny, smart, a good cook, loving companion?"

"She is an ingrate, a farm whore." My host gets up from the table, assumes his unconscious position, passes out on the couch. I stand up, step outside, walk into town, blow 20 bucks trying to get drunk at the Road Runner Cocktail Lounge.

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in a Texas camp during World War II and somehow finagled a way to stay in the States. Nobody knows how. He moved to Van Horn 15 years ago and bought his mechanic shop, and later, the Palm Bar. Then the booze got to him, and he lost everything. Everyone around Van Horn hired illegal Mexicans at \$3.00 an hour. That was the going rate. But Fritz held out for \$2.00.

The next morning I bolt awake at 6:00 a.m. The only mission I have is to get out of this town today. Anything, do anything, say anything, but get out of here and resume my life.

Fritz arises at 10:00, hobbles outside an hour later, grunts, "I will not work today. I am not well."

Instead of offering breakfast, this morning I say, "That's too bad. Let's sit down, have a drink, and think this thing through." I trot to the trailer and fetch a bottle of gin and some beer. After Fritz has four drinks, I announce, "Okay, we're closing in on it. Let's see if the transmission fits."

Fritz expels a Wagnerian sigh, snaps, "Get me a wrench,

the red one." It was 1:00 when we finally began work. We jack up my van, and, in Keystone Kops fashion, pull the engine. Our technique is to unscrew every bolt we could see until the engine is loose. This took a long, long time. God knows where all the bolts went. I feel certain we will never be able to remount my engine. Then we remove the rear wheels, remove the hand brake cable, remove rubber axle bolts, drive shaft, front rubber mount, and carrier bolts, an operation made twice as difficult due to Fritz's ceaseless demands for more tools. It was 4:15 when we pulled the transaxle. Fritz works his way up to a standing position, the veins in his eyes are engorged, both hands shake, he coughs, "That is all for today." With one hand he wipes off a face-load of sweat, with the other takes a gulp of gin, and begins to hump down to the Palm Bar.

Another night with Fritz, and I don't have the money to get hammered. I'll have to do this sober. God help me.

Fritz returns at 8:30, dog-meat drunk. I have the pasta ready, he slumps into a chair

by the dinette, and without saying a word, he slops down two plates of gruel. Next stop is couch and TV. I follow, sit, look into blood-red Hun eyes, begin the interrogation, "Tell me about Adolf Hitler. What kind of a guy was he?"

Fritz stares at his television. "He did many good things for the German people. He made the people brave. There was work for all. He made us proud, made our country whole, but he picked bad generals, and they brought hardship to the people."

"Bad generals, good Führer, was that the deal?"

Fritz looks contemptuous. "They were not all bad generals." Then, "That is in the past. It doesn't matter anymore."

I ask several questions about the Führer, at one point inquiring whether Adolf played the banjo. Nothing works. Fritz begins talking to himself, a slurry monologue about his wife, the ingrate, worse than a Mexican, the outrage he feels since she left, which was only two years ago, the private detective he'll hire, how he's going to Houston to find her and bring her back. By 10:15 he's

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unconscious.

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move."

Fritz chooses to work. We take our positions underneath my van. Five hours, five hours later the replacement transmission is installed and the motor restored. And by God if it doesn't work. There is still enough of a mechanic left inside Fritz that he manages a smile for the first time in three days as we test drive the van up to the Palm Bar. "It is good. The action is good."

We enter the bar, Fritz orders a gin and Pearl beer. I

hand over a hundred bucks, take in the dirty, gray linoleum floor, the same two drunks at the counter, the fat, psycho bartender, and finally come to rest on my one-legged, gin-sucking Nazi mechanic. "It's been fun."

I made it to San Miguel, then Guatemala, the basic hell-and-back VW trip and ten years beyond. Since Van Horn, engines have come and gone, but that transmission works just fine. ■

— Patrick Daugherty

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Well, here's the deal: folk music, and in particular the "freak folk" he dismisses, follow a longstanding tradition in American music to sift through the past and grab a bit of what appeals and then give it new life. So if the classic folkies pulled from slave songs and old European ballads, so be it. They invented a new idiom. If the "freaks" pull a bit from those sources (listen to Devendra Banhart's new *Cripple Crow* for the Spanish influence) and mix it with a touch of the Byrds (electric folk!), T. Rex, and, yes, the DIY spirit of early punk, then so be it. They've invented another new idiom.

Our world is enriched through diversity and creative plundering. Rather than dismiss something based on appearances, let's be a bit open and see if there is something of value or perhaps beauty there. I'm calling on music writers and critics to go beyond the "this is good, this is bad" routine and help expose their audience to challenging, complex, and weird music.

Keith Boyd
via e-mail

not that nasty thing in the '60s plus.)

I spent much of the '40s in World War II. All the more reason I resent the GOP nominating a coward, liar, and thief (he walked away from very expensive fighter pilot training that we taxpayers were cheated of).

I appreciated this week's Don Bauder column, "City and U-T in Log-Roll SNAFU," "City Lights," January 12. I've been reading his column for many years.

Fred Grovic
La Jolla

Off The Hook

We appreciate Ollie's incisive review of our *Masterguru* CD ("Hometown CDs," January 12). His witty phrases and analysis perfectly described the strange essence of our dedicated death metal efforts. Our performance obviously met its objectives and clearly affected him the way we wanted! *Masterguru* is not playing Mozart sonatas; it is precisely a protest of the opposite genre and search for a new paradigm! Our phone has been ringing off the hook for orders of our CD since Ollie's review. Thanks. Shades of Prokofiev!

Mishkov
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Appreciates City Lights

I was delighted with Matt Potter's "2005: A Year in Review" (January 5), and enlightened, and also with high school student words about "Why American Soldiers Die." Well, George II ordered it. He is commanding officer of all the armed forces and other forces that are secret. (This is one war he hoped for;

Promotion Not Exile

Just to set the record straight, because the Blurt Dept. blurts whatever comes to mind, the sourceless Ken Leighton's "Clean House" story on the House of Blues (January 12) had Kyle Svanda leaving HOB because the club had underperformed. Bullshit. Kyle Svanda is now DoVO at HOB Sunset Strip, a promotion and bet-

ter-venue relocation with a higher salary.

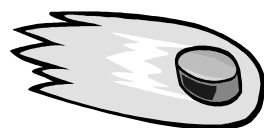
Hey, Ken, research much?
Rafael Quezada
via e-mail

Ken Leighton responds: I was able to confirm before press time that Biafore and Svanda were leaving House of Blues San Diego. As to the reason, in an attempt to corroborate my source's allegation of an "underperforming" club, I left a message with the general manager of House of Blues Concerts San Diego. He never called back. I left a message with the PR contacts in L.A. and San Diego. The San Diego PR rep called back and said she no longer works with the House of Blues account. The L.A. PR rep never called back. I spoke with Biafore on the Monday before the article was published. He said he was preparing a press release. I never saw one. Whether or not Svanda left San Diego based on the club's alleged subpar performance is still unknown; no one will comment.

Suggests Bedlam

This is in response to Rob's letter from January 12, the last letter, about private psychiatric hospitals. There's a book he might very much enjoy. It's called *Bedlam*, by a *Wall Street Journal* investigative reporter named Joe Sharkey. It's about a national medical enterprises chain of for-profit psychiatric hospitals called the Psychiatric Institutes of America. Similar stories are in the July 31, 1992, *Union-Tribune*, pages C-1 and 2, and also in the *Economist* magazine, February 22, 1992, on the same topic. They do things like keep people in for the full term of a 28-day insurance policy. If a psychiatrist wanted to change a person's diagnosis — if the doctor felt the person was becoming healthy — an administrator would elbow the psychiatrist aside and say, "Hey, look, this person has this kind of coverage; change the diagnosis so we can keep them in for the full 28 days of their policy." Kind of alarming.

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Straight Talk

West Nile Virus Facts

Unfortunately, the West Nile virus decomposes rapidly. We have about a 24-hour window to get the bird in here and get it tested," says supervising vector ecologist for the County of San Diego Vector Control Program, Chris Conlan. "Sometimes you get lucky and the bird happened to die in a spot where it stayed cooler. But [most likely] after 24 hours it was either out cooking in the sun, got ripped apart by a neighborhood cat, or eaten by ants — ants can shred that thing fast; very often it's a race to see who gets there first."

On Friday, January 27, a representative from Conlan's department will host "West Nile Virus in San Diego: Straight Talk for Birders" for the San Diego Audubon Society.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the "West Nile virus was first isolated from a febrile [or feverish] adult woman in the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937." The virus causes "severe human meningitis or encephalitis," or inflammation of both the spinal cord and brain.

In 1999 the virus appeared in the United States for the first time; it did not show up in California until 2002. As stated on westnile.ca.gov, "927 individuals from 40 counties have been infected with WNV [West Nile virus] in 2005." During this same year in San Diego there were five times as many birds (162, says Conlan) that tested positive for the virus than in 2004.

"Almost any bird can get it," Conlan says of the virus, "but certain birds are more likely to die from it. The list [of birds that are likely to die from the virus] is over a

couple of hundred bird species long." The list includes birds from the family *Corvidae*, like crows, ravens, and blue jays. "Birds of prey also have a high death rate."

To keep the West Nile virus at bay, the Vector Control Program focuses on eliminating the only creature that can transmit the virus to humans: mosquitoes. "We have got a number of folks whose sole job it is to go out and kill mosquitoes," says Conlan. "We find the place [mosquitoes] breed: standing water. We need cooperation from the public in controlling all those small sources in the backyard — the buckets, the kiddie pools, or an actual swimming pool that people don't want to take care of anymore [that] turns into a swamp."

To detect such breeding grounds in areas to which they do not have access, members of vector control patrol neighborhoods in a helicopter. From a helicopter, Conlan says, "We can see pools that [have] turned icky green. If a homeowner doesn't want to take care of it, or can't afford to, we'll throw mosquito fish in there and turn it into a pond [for free]."

When asked if people would benefit from removing birdfeeders and draining birdbaths, Conlan responds, "That's an overreaction. You cannot contract West Nile virus from direct contact with a bird that has it. Most [birds] get [the virus] and get over it quickly. Some might be ill for a few days, but once they are over it, they are no longer infected. I focus more on mosquito control."

But, as Conlan points out, only a small portion of local mosquitoes carry the virus. In fact, the San Diego Vector Control Program has not been able to locate one mosquito that tested positive for the virus. "We know it's here, because we're finding



Mark Webb, senior vector ecologist, County of San Diego

lots of positive birds, but we haven't found one. We've tested almost 150 pools of mosquitoes." A "pool" is 50 mosquitoes mashed together. "We take 50 mosquitoes, put them in a tube and smoosh the crap out of them and use the resulting mush to run the test, [which tells us] if there's any virus in the mix. If you did them one at a time, you'd go crazy."

Two species of mosquito on the West Coast are most likely to transmit the virus to humans. One is *Culex tarsalis*, commonly known as the Western encephalitis mosquito, and the other is *Culex quinquefasciatus*, or the Southern house mosquito. According to Conlan, there are two dozen species of mosquito in San Diego.

One method used to determine the presence of West Nile virus requires chickens. "Chickens are resilient. They get over [viruses] so fast, sometimes you never know they were sick. They have a strong and rapid antibody response, so that's what we look for in their blood. We poke them in the comb on top of their heads to get a drop of blood — that's all you need — and check

for the presence of antibodies. Should any of these tests come back positive, you know the virus is circulating in this area."

Two people in San Diego were diagnosed with the West Nile virus last year. The state assigns cases to the counties in which they were diagnosed, not contracted. "Most probably, these are people who got [the virus] while traveling outside the county but did not fall ill until they got home," says Conlan. "We're almost certain they were not contracted here."

— Barbarella

**"West Nile Virus in San Diego:
Straight Talk for Birders"
Friday, January 27
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BAJA

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series convenes early this year to commemorate 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth. Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra plans all-Mozart programs in period attire, led by David Atherton. Program includes "Serenade No. 13 (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik)," "Concertone in C," "Adagio and Fugue in C Minor," "Symphony No. 30 in D."

Concerts presented Thursday, January 26, 8 p.m., at CECUT (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), \$15–\$50. Or-

chestra heads to Mexicali's Centro Estatal de las Artes (Calzada de los Presidentes y Calle Ciudad Victoria) on Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., \$30.

Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI)

Ignacio Vidal and Armando "El Gume" in concert, Thursday, January 26, 9 p.m., at Antigua Bodega de Papel (on 11th Street, between Avenida Revolución and Avenida Madero). 011-52-664-633-9174. (TIJUANA)

"Carlos Monsiváis Celebration" planned during lecture on this contemporary author by Leobardo Sarabia, Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana-La Presa Bike Ride, Saturday, January 28, starting at 9 a.m. at Unidad Deportiva CREA, in Zona Río. \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-300-6140. (TIJUANA)

Astro Rumberos play Cuban and Caribbean music in concert, Saturday, January 28, 9 p.m., at Antigua Bodega de Papel (on 11th Street, between Avenida Revolución and Avenida Madero). 011-52-664-633-9174. (TIJUANA)

"Taurus's Son," hypnosis show by John Milton continues through Thursday, February 9, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Shows begin at 8 p.m. Mondays–Wednesdays, 6 and 9 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays (closed January 26).

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REMEMBERING CHALLENGER. Reuben H. Fleet Space Center, Saturday, January 28.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Tickets: \$8, \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

San Diego County's Waterfalls will likely be at their best this year during the next month or two. The volume of water flowing in local streams is highly dependent on the amount and frequency of rainfall during previous weeks. Three of the most accessible waterfalls in the county are Green Valley Falls at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park; the falls below the first palm grove in Borrego Palm Canyon (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park); and the falls at the midpoint of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve — a

three-mile walk from either its east or west entrance. Hikers and climbers can explore many other waterfalls (some with heights up to 100 feet) in remote areas of the county.

Acacias, festooned with myriad fluffy yellow blossoms, are brightening streetsides, freeway embankments, and backyard gardens throughout the San Diego area this month. Although many acacias are native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego's native acacia (*A. greggii*) is the notoriously thorny "catclaw," known by early desert pioneers as "tear-blanket" and "wait-a-minute bush."

Extraordinarily Low Tides over the next few days coincide with optimum times of day for making tidepool discoveries along San Diego's rocky stretches of coastline. These extreme low tides occur on Friday, January 27, at 2:12 p.m. (-1.6 feet); on Saturday, January 28, at 2:50 p.m. (-1.8 feet); on Sunday, January 29, at 3:29 p.m. (-1.8 feet); and on Monday, January 30, at 4:06 p.m. (-1.7 feet). Extreme high tides (near +7 feet) in the same period are due on Saturday at 7:31 a.m., on Sunday at 8:17 a.m., and on Monday at 9:02 a.m. Winter storms or strong ocean swells coinciding with extreme high tides like these could cause flooding of low-lying coastal areas such as Mission Beach.

Saturn lies at opposition to the sun on Friday, January 27. Look for this creamy white planet over the east horizon as evening twilight gathers. Saturn remains in the sky all night, setting at sunrise on this date. It remains a good telescopic target for the next three or four months. Saturn's rings are still tilted nearly as "open" as they can get.

Ocean Beach Exploration over varied terrain promised when Walkabout adventurers convene at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, January 27, near restrooms at West Point Loma Boulevard and Bacon Street. Free. 619-231-7463. (OCEAN BEACH)

Hunt for Early Wildflowers with naturalist/botanist James Dillane on moderate, three-mile walk over Boulder Loop Trail in Daley Ranch, Saturday, January 28. Hike starts at 9 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Enjoy Being Outdoors? Consider volunteer naturalist training at Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve — ten-week training course starts Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Docents commit to eight hours of service per month. \$25. Find preserve at 19324 Santee Lane. Registration: 619-956-4707. (VALLEY CENTER)

Visit Ramona's Grasslands and witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m. to noon. Walks are led by trained biologist; participants usually observe trapping and banding of birds of prey.

Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Only heavy rain cancels trips. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

The Natural History of Batiquitos Lagoon explored during eight-week docent training sessions beginning on Saturday, January 28, at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Series includes presentations by local experts on birds, plants, insects, geology, related topics. \$65 fee includes training manual, year membership in foundation. Required pre-registration: 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

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Sunset Bird Walk hosted by Friends of Rose Creek, Saturday, January 28, 3–5 p.m., starting at Mission Bay High School (2475 Grand Avenue). Explore lower creek, bird watch, learn history of creek. Free. Easy, one-mile round trip hike. 858-405-7503. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse along San Diego River — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

Photography Hike exploring techniques of composition led by photography instructor for San Dieguito River Park outing, Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m.–noon. Bring camera, sturdy shoes, water. Free. Registration: 858-674-2275 x5. (YSABEL CREEK TRAILHEAD)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Audubon Society leads bird walk in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Wildlife Assist needs volunteers to help rescue wildlife in trouble. Recruiting session/orientation: Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). 619-921-6044. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, January 28, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Look for Life Along Coastline when a naturalist from Birch Aquarium-Museum leads “Tidepooling for All,” Saturday, January 28, 1–3 p.m. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6–13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

OUT & ABOUT

FLAMENCO DIRECT from Seville! “Arte y Puerza,” Sunday, January 29, at UCSD.

(SEE IN PERSON)



See Rare Vernal Pools and wildflowers when Diana Gordon leads walk, Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m. Meet at intersection of Fairpoint Way and Shorepointe Way with hiking boots, water. 858-484-3219. Free. (SORRENTO HILLS)

Hike North Fork of Fish Creek Wash during Anza-Borrego Institute outing, Sunday, January 29, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Area contains significant geologic and paleontologic clues to past; Paul Remeika interprets “depositional history of Split Mountain Gorge,” north fork of wash. Two-mile round-trip hike varies from easy to moderate. Bring lunch. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Maintained and Natural Areas Blend in San Dieguito County Park; explore chaparral habitats and geological formations via extensive trail system with Canyoneers, Sunday, January 29, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (SOLANA BEACH)

DANCE

The Joe Alter Dance Group performs January 27–29 in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Company was founded in New York City in 1996; Alter recently joined SDSU dance faculty. Program includes 23:59:59, 5 *Short Dances*, *Preludium and Allegro*. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday

and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$18 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

“Hips” — this “new documentary in dance sharing stories” and experiences of 14 San Diego women “doing the hardest and most important job ever known to man” is presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre through February 12. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays, at Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). \$20 general, with discounts for students, seniors; pay what you can each Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Choreography to 1903 Two-Step “Peaceful Henry” high-

lights beginner-friendly dance on Friday, January 27, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

The More the Merrier makes music, “bicoastal caller” Jeremy Korr does his thing for contradance on Saturday, January 28, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner’s workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$9. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Bellydance Dinner Show — Jasmina and Jessenia perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner. Reservations: 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

All Things Swing Dance Event with music by Swingin’ Kings, workshops, dancing, performances, games on Saturday, January 28, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate “Lindy Rueda” workshop (7:15 p.m.); total beginner class (8:30 p.m.); open dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Dance only, \$13; additional fees for classes and workshops. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, January 28, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center

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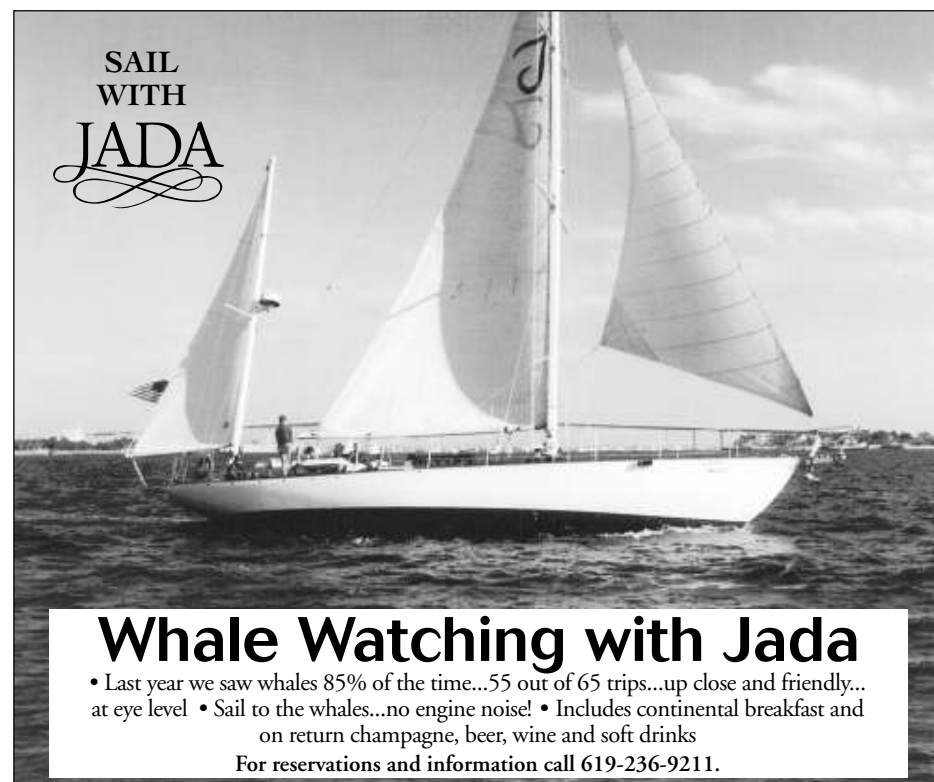
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LOCAL EVENTS

(1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30–10 p.m. Waltz lesson: 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

“Moderns for Mozart,” Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater performs as part of “Absolute Amadeus — The Festival” on Sunday, January 29, 8 p.m., at Fallbrook Martial Arts (113 South Main Avenue). Tickets, information: 760-728-1414, 800-919-1159. (FALLBROOK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instruction by Judee Pronovost on January 29. Beginner’s instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

“The Bellydance Superstars” hit stage, Wednesday, February 1, 8 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). See “cross-section of tribal, Egyptian, and cabaret styles.” \$38. 619-269-1552. (ROLANDO)

FILM

The BBC Film *The Accused*, focusing on events at Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps under command of Ariel Sharon, may be seen Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., hosted by American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Donations accepted. 619-840-1945. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

The “Skateboard-Influenced Surf Movie” *Nobody’s Heros* screens Thursday, January 26, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Film features Chris Ward, Mike Morrissey, Nate Yeomans, Joe Crimo, Zach Rhinehart, Archbold family, Fletcher family, others. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

“The Tibetan Book of the Dead” — chronicling “one of the most unique books of Buddhist spirituality,” narrated by Leonard Cohen, screens Friday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Cafe Forte (3139 University Avenue). Donation. 619-692-2148. (NORTH PARK)

“Broken Flowers,” Jim Jarmusch’s award-winning gem starring Bill Murray, Jeffrey Wright, Jessica Lange, Sharon Stone, screens for Film Forum, Monday, January 30, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego

ROAM-ORAMA

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

Good timing is the key to catching the waterfall in Black Star Canyon at its best. Since only about three square miles of drainage area lie above it, persistent rains are needed to get more than a dribble of water over the cliff. Experienced hikers might take five or more hours for the round-trip visit, which involves 800 feet of elevation gain and loss, and some pretty intense boulder hopping in the stream bed of Black Star Canyon. For confident navigation, the USGS topographic map quadrangle titled “Black Star Canyon” is helpful.

To reach the trailhead from the Eastern Transportation Corridor toll roads (either Highway 241 or 261) in eastern Orange County, exit at Santiago Canyon Road and drive east six miles to Silverado Canyon Road on the left. Proceed 0.1 mile toward Silverado Canyon, then turn left (north) on Black Star Canyon Road.



Black Star Canyon

After 1.1 miles, a sturdy gate, normally closed and locked, blocks further unauthorized vehicle traffic. Park here (no National Forest Adventure Pass is needed), and begin hiking. Orange County retains the right of way through both private and public lands ahead; simply stay on the road when traversing lands not included under National Forest jurisdiction.

After an uninteresting half mile along the dry, open bed of Santiago Creek, the road abruptly turns east into Black Star Canyon. Scattered oaks, sycamores, and willows, and rows of planted eucalyptus trees provide shade as the road meanders gently uphill along the creekbed. The canyon was

named after the nearby Black Star Coal Mine, which was worked briefly more than a century ago during a silver- and coal-mining boom in the Silverado Canyon area. Look for seams of poor-quality coal in the roadcuts you pass.

At 2.5 miles the road doubles back in a hairpin turn and begins to ascend the sage-covered slopes to the north. You’ve now reached the corner of Section 30, which is part of Cleveland National Forest. It’s time to put on long pants and a long-sleeved shirt to do battle with poison oak and other shrubbery as you leave the road and work your way up the canyon bottom. At least one strenuous hour (0.8 mile) of boulder-hopping, bushwhacking, and moderate hands-and-feet scrambling up the trenchlike confines of the canyon will take you to the base of the falls.

Marine sedimentary rocks are in evidence here. Bold outcrops of stratified, buff-colored siltstone rise hundreds of feet above the canyon bottom, giving safe quarter to nesting raptors and other birds. The creek slides around great blocks of conglomerate rock and pools up in shady grottos concealed amid large oak, alder, sycamore, and bay trees.

The semicircular siltstone headwall that forms the falls fairly drips with mosses and maidenhair ferns, if not always much water. When the flow is great enough, water cascades 50 feet down a polished chute, and also exits through

an old mine shaft cut into the headwall about 15 feet above the falls’ base.

When it’s time to go, return to Black Star Canyon Road by the same route,

owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County’s Black Star Canyon conceals a surprising waterfall.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 90 miles

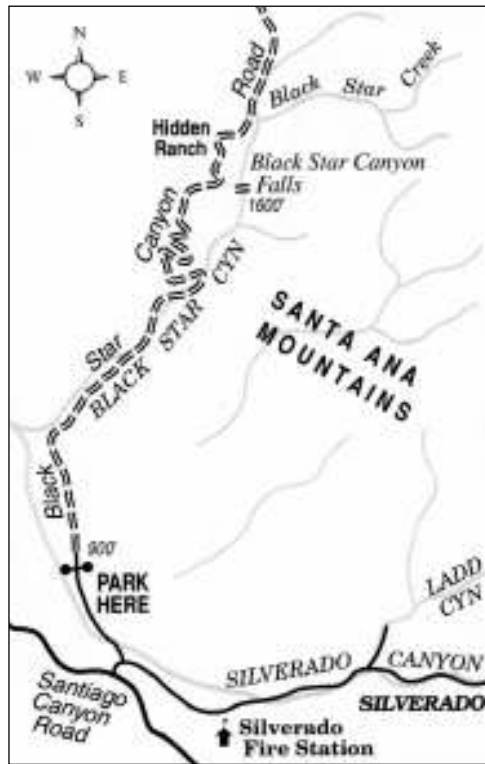
Hiking length: 6.6 miles round trip

Hiking difficulty: Strenuous

making your way down the creekbed over now-familiar obstacles.

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and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any detrimental experience.



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

“Bob Dylan — Don’t Look Back” screens Monday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Old Globe Theatre. Free. 619-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

The Noir Film Festival runs February 2–5 at Pacific Theatres Gaslamp 15 (701 Fifth Avenue). Schedule includes local premiere of documentary *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*, as well as *Buckle Brothers*; *Broke, Struggling, and Still Independent*; *Lightman*; *Sex, Love, and Z-Parts*; *The Difference*; *Turntable*, many others.

Schedule details, fees: 619-685-7215. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration* (through February), *Mystery of the Nile* (through February 16). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

“Art, Architecture, and Ecology: Reviving Our Social Environment” is theme for ongoing “Dialogues in Art and Architecture” series.

Columbia University’s Michael Bell, whose eponymous firm specializes in housing and urban development, speaks Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., at Woodbury University (1060 Eighth Avenue, suite 200). Free. 858-454-5872. (SAN DIEGO)

Must Bird Baths Be Removed? “West Nile Virus in San Diego: Straight Talk for Birders” delivered by Chris Conlan, Mark Webb, Greg Slawson of San Diego County Vector Control when Audubon Society gathers Friday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

“Three Isms in Early 20th-Century German Art: Exoticism, Primitivism, Expressionism” presented by Cal State Fullerton art history professor Ruth Capelle, Friday, January 27, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. Painters cited: Klee, Kandinsky, others. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“Seven Wonders of the Cosmos” delved when astronomer and photographer Dennis Mammana speaks for Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m. at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors’ center. Talk followed by telescope

viewing. \$15. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Falconer Lisa Cherry brings birds of prey to Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve meeting, Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m., at Valley Center Community Hall (28246 Lilac Road). Free. 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

“Population, Peace, and Freedom” is topic when UCSD’s Milton Saier addresses Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 619-574-7674, 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

Let It Rot, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, January 28, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; use park and ride lot. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

“Feng Shui in the Garden” learn practical feng shui principles and how to incorporate them into garden setting when Heather Carlton presents workshop, Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$20. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Rossini’s *Barber of Seville* discussed in a multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. (tickets distributed at 9:15), in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

“The Art of Pruning” explored during workshop led by landscape designer Pamela Homfelt, Saturday, January 28, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Environmental Services Building (9601 Ridgehaven Court). Pruning demonstrated on shrubs, small trees, perennials for healthy plant growth, textural interest, prolonged bloom. Free. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

“Vegetarianism Made Easy,” class for those considering going vegetarian or vegan sponsored by Last Chance for Animals and All Vegan, Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m., at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). How to shop, no-hassle dining, menu planning, recipe alterations. Free. 619-583-9LCA. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Introduction to Wine and Cheese Pairing imparted Saturday, January 28, 3–5 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Participants learn how different kinds

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"Le Monde" Cartoonist Plantu presents "The Editorial in Cartoons" for Alliance Française, Sunday, January 29, 6 p.m., at School of Nursing at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Plantu will "try to figure out the line that cannot be crossed" in American editorial cartoons. \$10. In French. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Best-Ever Super Bowl Party" after Melvin Johnson of French Gourmet leads class, Sunday, January 29, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). Recipes demonstrated for dips, relishes, brats, more. \$25. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Christian Perspectives on the Torture Debate" proffered during forum sponsored by Survivors of Torture International, Sunday, January 29, 9:15 a.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Presenters: Kathi Anderson, David Moseley. Free. 619-278-2400. (MIDTOWN)

A Chinese Tea Ceremony to celebrate Chinese New Year is planned for monthly tea tasting, Sunday, January 29, 5:30 p.m., at Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). \$5. Required reservations: 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

"Cortez versus Montezuma: Disease and Illness in the Americas" discussed by anthropologist Trisha Biers for 12 o'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, January 30. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art of the Renaissance" illuminated by Linda Blair for lecture series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). "The Quattrocento Continued" presented Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

He's Interviewed More Than 500 Iraqis of all political persuasions since 1991, and Jeff Archer has "photos from Iraq never before seen in the U.S." Archer, author of *The Mother of All Battles...The Endless U.S.-Iraq War*, speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)


"Art and Activism," interdisciplinary panel sharing knowledge about community-based artwork, Tuesday, January 31, 5:30 p.m., in Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Panelists: Ethan VanThillo, Pearl Ubungen, Jerry Burchfield. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Jewish-American Lives: Latin American Origins" presented by

OUT & ABOUT

WILL AND I
Michael York celebrates Shakespeare at Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, January 28.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Michigan State University professor Steve Weiland, Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m., at Aztec Athletics Center Auditorium at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5338. (SDSU)

Can Charisma Be Developed? Find out when "Understanding Charisma, Persuasion, and Personal Influence" is presented, Tuesday, January 31, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-505-0004. (CARLSBAD)

"Conservation Genomics: Application of Genomic Studies to Species Conservation Efforts" presented by Oliver Ryder, Wednesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Studies of completed genomes lead to new understanding of biology of plants, animals, other species. \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Interpersonal Communication: Why Can't We Understand Each Other?" Discuss on Wednesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at Living Room

Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Taxpayer Advocacy Panel — open dialogue for taxpayers to share concerns, suggestions with IRS representatives, Wednesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 877-777-4778. (LINDA VISTA)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 1. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Who should apply? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, February 1, 6 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Whither Lemon Grove? What will new downtown look like and why? Urban redevelopment expert Neil Senturia speaks for History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, February 2, 1:30 p.m., in H. Lee House Cultural Center

(3205 Olive Street). \$1. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Winter Backcountry Travel and Safety explored Thursday, February 2, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Topics: snow travel, avalanche terrain, clothing, equipment for day trips. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

IN PERSON

Honeyboy Edwards performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Thursday, January 26; and John Reischman and the Jaybirds take stage on Friday, January 27. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Singer Songwriter Randy Chiu-razzi plans CD-release concert, Friday, January 27, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$8. 858-864-8443. (NORTH PARK)

"Holy Dirt," one-person play performed by Professor Marcos Martinez, Friday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Story set in New Mexico during '70s. \$8. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

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by Pam Houston in *Sight Hound*, which she'll discuss and sign, Saturday, January 28, 3 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when co-author Tom Leech discusses hiking and signs *Outdoors San Diego*, Saturday, January 28, noon to 3 p.m., at Rudolph Schiller Books (2754 Calhoun Street). Free. 619-293-7510. (OLD TOWN STATE HISTORIC PARK)

Busy at noon? Leech will also be on hand at 4 p.m. on 28th at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

The Psalmist Hour showcases Kevin Sandbloom, May Nalasa, Amanda Meza, Sherehe on Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$10 at door. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

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OUT & ABOUT

LITERATURE, ART, COMIX, culture, identity converge — Michael Chabon and Art Spiegelman in conversation, Mandeville Auditorium, Wednesday, February 1.

(SEE IN PERSON)



discusses and signs *Threads of Honor*, Saturday, January 28, noon, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Local Favorites Peter Sprague and Fred Benedetti perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Singers, Comics, Hypnotism, dancers, musicians — it's all promised during Old Time Vaudeville Shows, January 28 and 29, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. General admission: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door; \$6 for kids under 12, free for "folks over 100 years." 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Michigan State Professor Jerry Weinberger discusses his ac-

claimed book *Benjamin Franklin Unmasked: On the Unity of His Moral, Religious, and Political Thought*, Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Will and I," actor Michael York celebrates "his love of the works of William Shakespeare" in performance, Saturday, January 28, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). York presents famous monologues and "behind the scenes" discussion. Tickets: \$35, \$37 for adults, \$5 for youths (18 and younger) with adult ticket. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Tropical Swing with a Touch of Cool Jazz promised when Hawaiian musician Henry Kaleialoha Allen performs Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Allen will play ukulele, Hawaiian steel guitar, Spanish jazz guitar. \$10. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Scottish Singer/Songwriter Jim Malcolm, lead singer of Old Blind Dogs, plans solo show, Sunday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity (2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Tickets: \$14 in advance, \$16 at door. 858-689-2266. (OCEAN BEACH)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Prosecutor Melanie Vargas is featured in Michelle Martinez's new book, *The Finishing School*, which she'll sign and discuss, Sunday, January 29, noon, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Martinez also signs and discusses books on 29th, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). 760-480-2760. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Spirit Medium, author Linda Pynaker signs *Make It Happen! Use Your Intuition and Spirals* and presents "Channel Your Spirit Guide," Sunday, January 29, 2:30 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-436-7740. (CARLSBAD)

The Human Revolution featuring Raymond Lee Parker performs Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m., for Winter Concert series in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Local Authors Leland Fetzer (*San Diego County Place Names A to Z*), Diana Lindsay (*Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain*

Chronicles), Lowell Lindsay (*Anza-Borrego Desert Region*) sign and discuss their books on Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m., at Books in Nooks (4336 Highway 78). Free. 760-765-2852. (WYNOLA)

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy's" Ted Allen signs *The Food You Want to Eat*, Sunday, January 29, 3 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. 619-459-3247. (NORTH PARK)

Evening of Peace and Healing when Mary Lou Brandwine plays *shakuhachi* Japanese bamboo flute, Sunday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Flamenco Direct from Seville! Arte y Pureza flamenco company hits stage of Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD to showcase flamenco singers, dancers, and musicians from Andalucia. Performance is Sunday, January 29, 7 p.m. General admission: \$28, \$32, \$36 for those 12 and younger. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Southern California Author Brad Geagley signs *Day of the False King*, Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Two "Poles of Art" — Ernest Meissonier and Edouard Manet — illuminated in *The Judgment of Paris*; author Ross King visits Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to sign and discuss book, Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Author Donna Spangler signs, discusses *How to Get a Rich Man: The Princess Formula*, Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

Spangler also discusses her work at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North), Thursday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Literature, Art, Comix, Culture, Identity converge in conversation between Pulitzer Prize-winning artists Michael Chabon and Art Spiegelman, Wednesday, February 1, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Spiegelman is creator of *Maus*; Chabon's books include *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*, *Wonder Boys*. \$36. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

The Charlie Shoemaker Quartet, featuring Red Holloway, performs

for Jazz in the Park series, Wednesday, February 1, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poets Michael Cheno Wickert and Francisco J. Bustos, along with music by Devora Susman and others, Wednesday, February 1, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

The Cherryholmes perform for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

Author Jane Bluestein discusses, signs *High School's Not Forever*, Thursday, February 2, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Self-Described "Transformational Clairvoyant" and psychic healer" Laura Bushnell discusses and signs *Life Magic*, Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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The Beginnings of California Shingle and California Mission styles chronicled in Leslie Freudenheim's new book, *Building with Nature: Inspiration for the Arts and Crafts Home*. Author plans illustrated lecture on Thursday, February 2, 7 p.m., at Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Free. 619-296-5662. (HILLCREST)

Experimental Electronica and improvisation "pulsebeat" soundscapes from Marcos Fernandes and Robert Montoya of Trummerflora Collective promised Thursday, February 2, 12:30 p.m., during Concert Hour series in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Meditative Video Projections by artist Jessica Bronson celebrated during Thursday Night Thing, February 2, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). 619-234-1001. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

"Elevated," poetry reading featuring Tamaru Blue, Thursday,

OUT & ABOUT

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San Diego Gulls host Stockton Thunder, Friday, January 27, 7:35 p.m.; and Fresno Falcons on Saturday, January 28, 7:05 p.m., at iPayOne Center. Tickets: \$12-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Arm-Wrestling Birthday Bash Tournament in honor of Allen Fisher's birthday, Saturday, January 28, at Riley's Sports Bar (2901 Nimitz Boulevard). Tournament begins at 1 p.m. Minors not allowed after 10 p.m. Registration fee: \$30 per weight class; free for spectators. 209-826-2873. (POINT LOMA)



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Pining for Alpine? Bicycle out to Alpine with Knickerbikers riders, Saturday, January 28. The 30-miler for "tourists" starts at 9:30 a.m. in parking lot at Bank of America (at 2nd Street and Peach Avenue). Bring money for lunch. 619-464-3457. (EL CAJON)

I.S.F. Inland High School Surf Team Competition, Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, at Moonlight Beach (at western foot of Encinitas Boulevard). 760-931-1450. Free for spectators. (ENCINITAS)

Up for Water Skiing? Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. All skill levels welcome. Nonmember fee: \$10 per run (about 15 minutes). Information: 800-699-2466, press pound sign, then mailbox number 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

San Marcos Blast — Clockwise, join Bicycle Touring Society riders for 68-mile ride on Sunday, January 29, starting at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Free. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Beginner's Kayak Lessons offered Sunday, January 29, 11 a.m., by Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando

Place). Participants must be able to swim. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

Bike to North County via Mount Soledad with Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, January 29. Briskly paced, hilly, 47-mile ride starts at 8:30 a.m. in De Anza Cove parking lot. Snack stop at Java Depot; bring money. 858-565-7262. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Whip It! Amp'd Mobile World Supercross competition — starring Ricky Carmichael, Chad Reed, James Stewart, other riders — Saturday, February 11, at Qualcomm Stadium. Practice runs (12:30 p.m.) followed by main events (7 p.m.). Tickets: \$10-\$37, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Slam Dunk, celebrating their 80th anniversary, Harlem Globetrotters strut court at ipayOne Center on February 17 and 19. Games start at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$16-\$127, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

The Annual Scion Exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers is Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. A cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree. Bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees to trade and share. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Winter Home Show, January 27-29, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 7 p.m. on Fri-

day and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 800-999-5400. (DEL MAR)

Psychedelic Rock Posters displayed (and for sale) on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Appleby International Arts (9814 Carson Place). Original art by tattoo artists, '60s and '70s vinyl records. 760-233-0404. (ESCONDIDO)

Vintage and Modern Clothing, Photographs, display fixtures and props, photographs, books, more on offer during Attic Sale hosted by San Diego Historical Society (1649 El Prado), Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Enjoy Haggis and Neeps during 29th annual Robert Burns Supper honoring memory of beloved Scottish poet on Saturday, January 28, at Town and Country Hotel (500 Hotel Circle North). Traditional Burns ceremony with "Immortal Memory," Burns poetry and song, highland bagpiping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, more. Program includes Helix Highlanders Pipe Band, Highland Fusion, Our Song dance band. Cost, reservations: 619-421-7337. (MISSION VALLEY)

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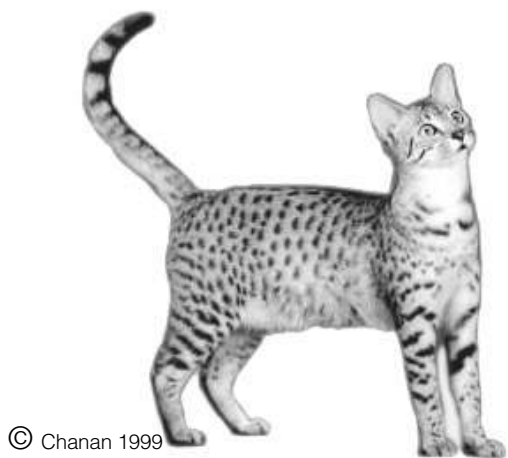


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Take a Taste of 18th-Century Shipboard Life when brig *Lady Washington* and topsail schooner *Privateer Lynx* visit Oceanside Harbor on January 28 and 29. Public dockside tours offered 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; \$8 adults, free for those 12 and younger. Battle-reenactment sailings from 1-4 p.m. both days; \$50 for adults, \$30 for children. Reservations: 866-446-5969. (OCEANSIDE)

"Remembering Challenger," commemorate tragedy of January 28, 1986, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

Panel discussion (1 p.m.) paying homage to those lost technical difficulties of manned space flight, possibilities of future space missions. Tours of Nierman Challenger Learning Center (3, 3:30 p.m.), opening of "Origins in Space" exhibit, screening of *The Dream Is Alive*. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Whale-Watch Weekend and Intertidal Life Festival is Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, at Cabrillo National Monument. Whale migration should be evident; authors, whale researchers, and educators discuss whales and tidepools; films, puppet show, more. Events included with park entrance fee: \$5 per auto, \$3 for motorcycles, bicycles, walk-ins. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

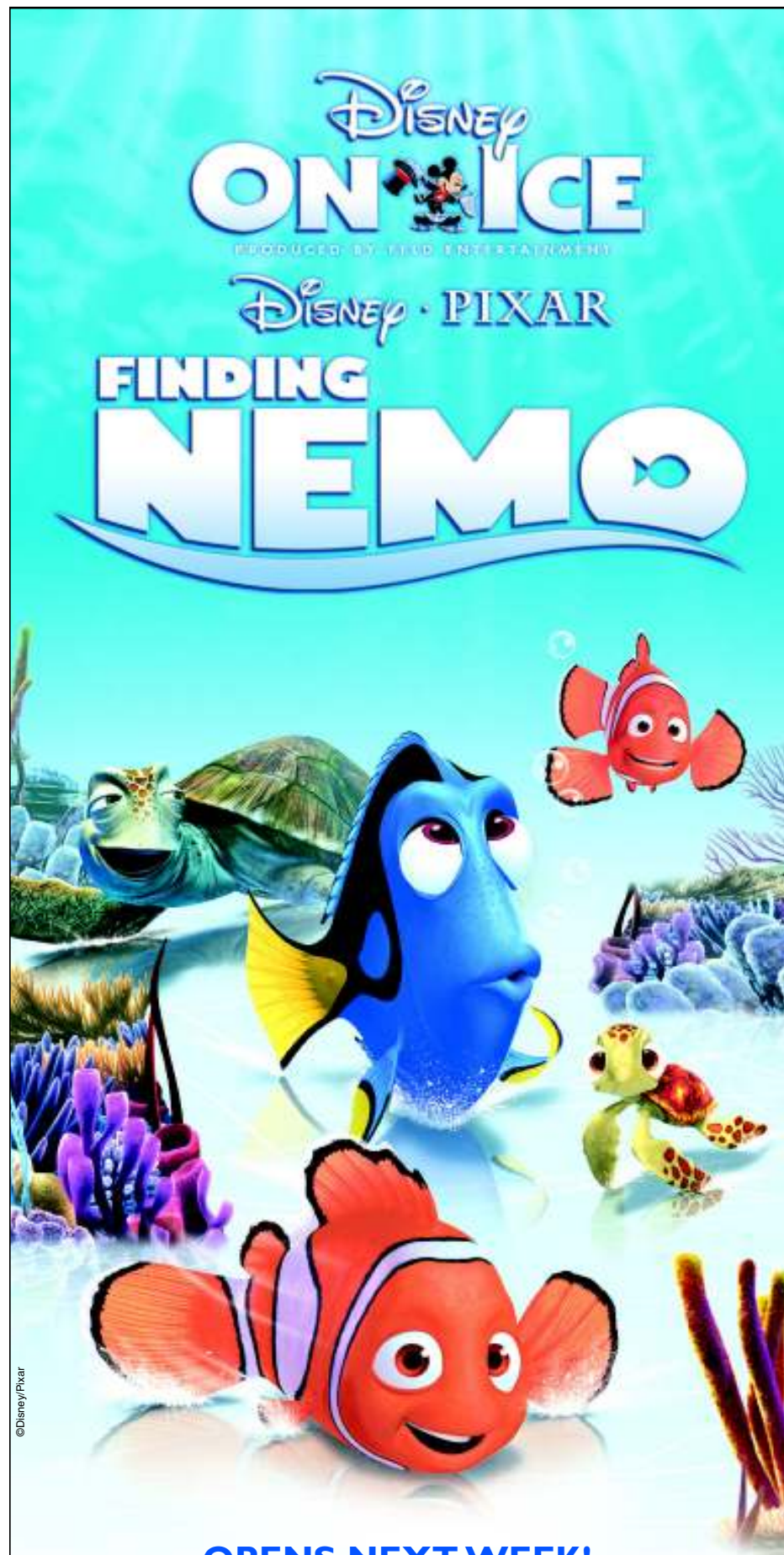
Used Book Sale, Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Taste Cake, Hear Music, See Gowns — Bridal Bazaar at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) on Sunday, January 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Over 300 exhibitors offering their wares. \$10. 760-334-5500. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Harris Site: 9000 Years Ago in Rancho Bernardo," this exhibit by San Diego Archaeological Center is on view through January at Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Exhibition documents peoples who lived in area more than 10,000 years ago and evidence they left behind. Free. 619-538-8163. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Josephine Baker Centennial Exhibit" continues through Friday, March 24, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. UCSD sociology professor Bennetta Jules-Rosette curated exhibit. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)



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LOCAL EVENTS

FOR KIDS

The Chinese Fairy Tale *Weaving of a Dream* performed by Weavers Tales through Sunday, January 29, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Favorites* presented by Big Joe Productions, February 1–5.

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

Learn About Beach Critters when Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots led by aquarium naturalist, Thursday, January 26, 1 p.m. Fee: \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (6–13 years old). Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Do Lobsters Walk in Their Sleep? Find out during Asleep in the Deep slumber party for adults and children at Birch Aquarium-Museum, 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 27, through 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 28. Bioluminescence

experiments, fish printing on T-shirts, tours of aquarium and tide-pool before and after dark.

Fee: \$50 for children, \$40 for adults. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Battle of the Bands 2006, Saturday, January 28, 4–9:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Park Community Center (3420 Camino de los Coches). Ten local teen bands perform for 20 minutes to win prizes, bragging rights. Also: Xbox tournament, vendors, food. Admission: \$2; extra for food. 760-602-7519. (LA COSTA)

“Sea Schoolers: W Is for Whale” offered on Sunday, January 29, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. For kids three and four years old with chaperone; \$30 per pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

“Asian Empires” provide theme for family festival at San Diego Museum of Art, Sunday, January 29, noon to 4 p.m. Art activities, Chinese lion dancers, demonstrations, tours, more. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Musical Story Time with Lee and Dwayne Arvinger based on their CD *Hangin’ Out with My Baby*, Tuesday, January 31, 3:30 p.m., at Borders Books and

Poetry

FROM THE MAN WITH THE BLUE GUITAR

I.
The man bent over his guitar,
A shearsman of sorts. The day was green.
They said, “You have a blue guitar,
You do not play things as they are.”
The man replied, “Things as they are
Are changed upon the blue guitar.”
And they said then, “But play, you must,
A tune beyond us, yet ourselves,
A tune upon the blue guitar
Of things exactly as they are.”

II.
I cannot bring a world quite
round,
Although I patch it as I can.
I sing a hero’s head, large eye
And bearded bronze, but not a
man,
Although I patch him as I can
And reach through him almost to
man.
If to serenade almost to man
Is to miss, by that, things as they are,
Say that it is the serenade
Of a man that plays a blue guitar.



Wallace Stevens

— Wallace Stevens

Music (159 Fletcher Parkway). Free. 619-593-5119. (EL CAJON)

Plunge Into a Lucky Clownfish’s World when “Disney/Pixar’s Finding Nemo” is offered February 1–5 at ipayOne Center. Shows promise award-winning figure skaters, “thrilling choreography,” and “state-of-the-art” special effects.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sun-

day. Tickets: \$15.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a

Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the “Sweetwater Soup,” and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the “Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay” exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center’s parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, “Generations: A Family’s Legacy Through Art” continues through Thursday, February 23. Installation of portraits and landscapes by Coronado artists William Dana Parish and Mary Parish McCartin, who were commissioned individually to paint a number of U.S. Navy personnel.

Exhibit includes nearly 20 portraits by the father and daughter, along with landscapes by Mr. Parish.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in “The Stone of

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In the November 8 special statewide election, over \$250 million was spent on the right-to-life initiatives, and they all lost, most by large margins. But the one that came the closest — within 3.8 percent — spent the least of all groups for and against. The Yes on 73 committee promoting the Parents' Right to Know and Child Protection Initiative spent about \$580,000; the No Initiative spent about ten times this amount, amounting to \$5.8 million.



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Reading

Crushed: A Novel



Tom and Laura McNeal

By Laura and Tom McNeal
Alfred A. Knopf, 2006; \$15.95;
308 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

The acclaimed authors of *Crooked* and *Zipped* bring their signature suspense and razor-sharp dialogue to this compelling new novel about love, friendship, and the crushing power of secrets.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Kirkus Reviews: Audrey, Lea, and C.C. are a tight-knit trio, having just transferred from an alternative private school to Jemison High. The three friends are highly intelligent and lack patience for superficial cliques, which is why Audrey can't believe it when debonair Wickham Hill asks her out. Shortly after they begin dating, however, an underground gossip rag called *The Yellow Paper* surfaces, brimming with dredged-up secrets and skeletons in the closet. Clyde, a quiet and thoughtful classmate with a crush on Audrey, discovers that Wickham has secrets of his own. When he tells Audrey about Wickham's past, she assumes Clyde is the yellow journalist. Unfortunately, Wickham isn't the only person in Audrey's life with secrets; her father's fledgling — and failing — business eventually results in their

home being repossessed. As the story builds to a climax, the author of *The Yellow Paper* is revealed, and Audrey learns who her true friends are....

School Library Journal: The characters in this novel have their secrets and make false assumptions about others, causing them all to be "crushed" in some way. Audrey's mother died when the girl was young, and her father is in financial trouble. Clyde's mother is dying of cancer. Wickham, born of an affair 18 years earlier and new in town, is running from his own secret. The trouble begins when he romances Audrey, who is quickly taken with his seeming sophistication. Painfully shy Clyde also has a crush on her and uses his father's computer program to investigate Wickham's past. In the meantime a slanderous paper is circulating secrets about students and teachers. Characters and situations ring true. Readers will sympathize with these individuals, some of whom mature, and some of

whom do not. This quiet, sophisticated story will appeal to a small, mature audience.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

Laura McNeal is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a master's degree in fiction writing from Syracuse University, and she taught middle school and high school English before becoming a novelist and freelance contributor to the *San Diego Reader*. Tom McNeal graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and was a Wallace Stegner Fellow and Jones Lecturer at Stanford University. His prizewinning stories have been anthologized, and his novel *Goodnight, Nebraska* won the James A. Michener Memorial Prize and the California Book Award for Fiction. Together, Laura and Tom are the authors of two novels set in the same town as *Crushed*: *Crooked*, winner of the California Book Award for Juvenile Literature and an ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young

Adults, and *Zipped*, winner of the PEN Center USA Literary Award for Children's Literature. The McNeals live in Fallbrook with their two children.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

People often ask if our main characters are based on ourselves as teenagers — if I am Audrey Reed, for example. My response this time around is, "Not at all!" When Tom answered the same question, he said, "The rough model for Audrey was Laura, at least the adolescent I imagined Laura to be."

One of the best things about writing a novel is that you don't have to be yourself in it, and one of the best things about Tom is that he idealizes the people he loves. Perhaps that's why, when *Crushed* begins, Audrey has the things I merely longed for: a private education, bookish friends, and a beautiful old house. She moves to a new school and she brings her book-

ish friends with her. She doesn't try out for cheerleading, and she doesn't care whether the cheerleading, dancing types at the public high school like her.

When I was in Audrey Reed's position as the new girl, I was 13 and living in South Carolina. I was without friends, without sense, and without (it appears to me now) shame. I practiced cheers as I walked around the house. In the driveway, in parking lots, in the kitchen — whenever I felt myself unobserved — I held my arms out straight, then tucked them back into my chest for a swivel and drop to the side. "First in ten, Do it again," I chanted in my head, not knowing, until I married Tom, that the actual phrase is "First and ten." Sometimes my brother watched me throwing my arms around and said I looked ridiculous, but I didn't believe him. On and on I went, up the front walk and down the hall, my arms snapping and turning, my lips

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She doesn't try out for cheerleading, and she doesn't care whether the cheerleading, dancing types like her.

Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archae-

ology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery

family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward

Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements

made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Ko-

rea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to

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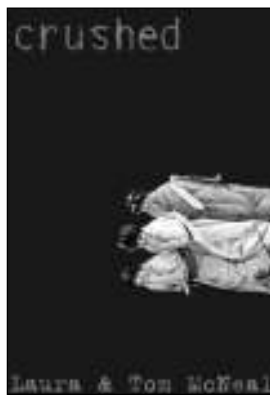
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Reading

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moving to the words of a cheer.

When I spoke out loud, I had a drawl. You would have thought, from my accent, that I'd been born in the South, though we'd recently moved there from small-town New Mexico, where girls did 4-H and rodeo and wore Wrangler jeans. The girls at my new school wore monogrammed sweaters, 14-karat gold add-a-bead necklaces, Izod shirts, Izod pants, and Izod socks. My mother rightly had no patience for this, and no money for it, either. As far as she was concerned, we could either go on sewing most

of my clothes, or I could wear the J.C. Penney fox. I saved my babysitting money, and I waited for deliverance.

Specifically, I waited for deliverance from that merciless stretch of asphalt behind the school where students stood like prisoners before the first bell, noticing, because there was nothing else to notice, who was friends with whom. To stand alone in such a place was unbearable to me, proof of my untouchability. Somehow, a girl I had met at summer camp introduced me to Becky Bradham. Becky touched my light brown hair and said that it reminded her of honey. She said she was going to call me Honey, and she invited me to her birthday party. After that, girls in her group wrote notes to me reporting what Skip Sauter said to Jim Barrineau, who was going to Lisa Donzalski's party, and what we were going to wear to the seventh grade dance. They all signed these notes with BOFA (Best of Friends Always) or LYLAS (Love You Like a Sister).

Lisa Donzalski, a chubby girl with a nervous laugh, called me every day after school to ask, "What are you going to wear tomorrow?" Then she would tell

me, specifying color and brand, exactly what she was going to wear, changing her mind only if I was going to wear something brave, like a skirt.

I knew that this was a level of desperation that spoke ill of us. There was something wrong with us, but I didn't know how to fix it. Someone brought *The Official Preppy Handbook* to school, and we all read it. We were so incapable of irony that we believed it was a self-help book, not a satire. We studied the line drawings of people named Muffy and Biff who had houses in the Hamptons and sailboats and docks on which to wear Dockers, and we saved our babysitting money so that we could be, as the book promised, "really top drawer." Each time the clasp of Lisa's add-a-bead necklace worked its way to the front, I would point to it and tell her, "Make a wish." She would kiss the clasp and pull it back around until it touched her vertebrae. We did this because it was the custom, the way we lifted our feet going over the railroad tracks in a car, the way we wore hot pink with green, the way we wished, mindlessly, fruitlessly, to be really top drawer.

On weekday afternoons at Alice Drive Middle School, a sad-eyed, gray-haired woman tried to teach us the nature of the cosmos. She showed us the periodic table and asked us to memorize the elements, and on hot humid afternoons, when she was grading tests or preparing lessons, she turned off the lights and let Carl Sagan demonstrate on TV what would happen if a person rode forward in time on a motor scooter at speeds approaching the speed of light. In the half-darkened science room, where sun streamed in on our backs and made curved, leafy shapes on the television screen, we listened to him say, with his peculiar, rounded enunciation, that when we approached the speed of light, the world would look very odd. Our bodies would compress in the direction of motion, our mass increasing while time on the motor scooter slowed down. On and on the scooter would fly, hurtling through space until the rider alone was young, and the world left behind was a burnt cinder.

Not long after that, Becky Bradham called me after school to inform me that she and everyone else had decided not to talk to me any more because, as

It was my first experience with shunning, and I can see why the Amish find it a useful tool.

they had all agreed, I was acting like Miss America and people were sick and tired of it. Mary Kay and Tamii and Becky no longer wanted me to come to summer camp with them. It was only for Episcopalians. It was a new rule, they said. Only Episcopalians could go to that camp, and I was Mormon.

It was my first experience with shunning, and I can see why the Amish find it a useful tool. Lisa stopped calling me after school to ask what I was going to wear. No one wrote me notes during Physical Science. I would gladly have climbed on a motor scooter and sped forward at the speed of light, leaving everyone and everything to age without me, to feel nothing but my own compression as the earth turned into a black, benighted star.

Instead everything pro-

ceeded at its usual pace. The sun rose and set. I stood on the blacktop behind the school until the bell rang, and then I went in. I suppose that I read books, as I always have, to take my mind off it. When people stopped shunning me, though, I took them back. It took years and years to grow up, finish school, meet Tom, and be happy. It would not make a good novel, or a short one, so we invented Audrey Reed, and when Audrey Reed goes into a classroom and a teacher begins to describe the nature of the cosmos, you can be sure that she will pay attention.

— Laura McNeal

Laura and Tom McNeal will be signing books on Saturday, February 11, from 2 to 4 p.m., at The Book Nook, 129 E. Hawthorn Street, Fallbrook.

Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck

touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from Na-

tional City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is

a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans,

early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a

two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series convenes early this year to commemorate 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth. Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra plans all-Mozart programs in period attire, led by David Atherton. Program includes "Serenade No. 13 (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik)," "Concertone in C," "Adagio and Fugue in C Minor," "Symphony No. 30 in D."

Concerts presented Thursday, January 26, 8 p.m., at CECUT (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), \$15-\$50. Concert on Friday, January 27 — Mozart's actual birthday — begins at 8 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), \$55. Orchestra heads to Mexicali's Centro Estatal de las Artes (Calzada de los Presidentes y Calle Cuidad Victoria) on Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., \$30. Last opportunity to catch this particular concert is Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for Performing Arts at Fallbrook High School (2400 South Stage Coach Lane). \$25.

Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, LA JOLLA, MEXICALI, FALLBROOK)

"The Music of J.S. Bach" showcased during Lightbulb Series concerts by San Diego Symphony. Led by Murry Sidlin, symphony plays the master's "Suite No. 3 in D Major," "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor," "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major."

Concerts presented on Friday, January 27, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), \$15-\$58; and on Saturday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street), \$30. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN, CARLSBAD)

Celebrate Mozart's 250th "Birthday" all day on Friday, January 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Violinist Victoria Martino and pianist James Lent will perform Mozart's complete works for violin and piano. Free! 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Mozart and More" presented by San Diego Opera Ensemble, Friday, January 27, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Expect arias,

ensembles from world of opera. \$25. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Gala Celebration of Mozart's 250th planned by PACEM Choir — with "Solemn Vespers," "Coronation Mass" — Friday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). General admission: \$15. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Rossini's Comic Masterpiece *The Barber of Seville* opens season for San Diego Opera, following exploits of Figaro, "barber by day, matchmaker by night." Cast includes English baritone Christopher Maltman, American tenor Lawrence Brownlee, American mezzo-soprano Kirstin Chávez, Argentine bass Eduardo Chama, Italian bass Ferruccio Furlanetto, others. Sung in Italian, with English translations projected above the stage. Conducted by Edoardo Müller, directed by Lotfi Mansouri.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, Tuesday, January 31, and Wednesday, February 8; 8 p.m. on Friday, February 3; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 5. Tickets range from \$27 to \$142. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Amadeus," Camarada plays pieces by Mozart, as well as Beethoven's "Eyeglasses Duet," quartet by Rossini during chamber music concerts on Sunday, January 29, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$25 general. 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Guilman, Mendelssohn, Bach, and Weitz promised when organist James Drake performs Sunday, January 29, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

Hungarian Pianist Endre Hegedüs commemorates 50th anniversary of Hungarian Revolution in concert, Sunday, January 29, 5 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). He'll be joined by his pianist wife Katalin Hegedüs for four-hand works such as Mozart's "F Major Sonata," "F Minor Fantasy" by Schubert, Hungarian

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"Richard Stoltzman and Friends Mozart Celebration" offered by La Jolla Music Society on Sunday, January 29, 7 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). All-Mozart program boasts "Clarinet Trio in E-Flat Major (Kegelstadt)," "Duo for Violin and Viola," "Clarinet Quintet in A Major." Tickets: \$15-\$50. 858-459-3728. (NORTH PARK)

Musical Merit-Winning Soprano Laurelle Gowing presents soprano selections from musical theater, opera, and Barber's "Hermit Songs" in concert, Sunday, January 29, 4 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of La Mesa (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

San Diego Youth Symphony convenes for concerts on Sunday, January 29. "Showcase Series" begins at 1 p.m. with selections by Grieg, Bizet, Holst, Mozart, J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky. (DOWNTOWN)

Pieces by Dvořák, Ravel, Glinka, and Mozart on tap when symphony presents "Ovation Series" concert at 4 p.m. on 29th.

Tickets to these Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) concerts are \$14, \$19 for students/seniors; \$19, \$24 general. 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

Sunday Soirée, classical "open mike" opportunities with concert pianist John Danke planned on final Sunday of each month, including January 29, 7-8:15 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Performer registration: 6:30 p.m. Offering. 858-717-4320. (CLAIREMONT)

Mozart's "Sonata for Clarinet and Piano," "Sonata for Violin," and the "Kegelstatt Trio" on tap when Robert Marcus (clarinet), William de Malignon (violin), Ilana Mysior (piano) perform for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, January 29, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Young Artists Competition Showcase Concert, Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$10. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Violinist Karina Bezukrovnaia plays for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 30, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Love Letters" is theme for faculty recital by soprano Juliette Singler, Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

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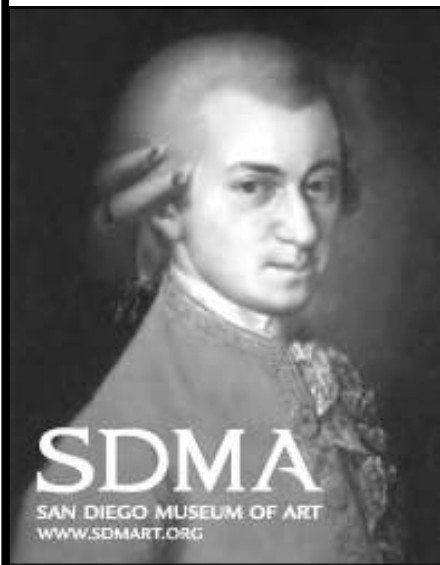


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GALLERIES

"For the Love of Art," none of the art is priced higher than \$200 in art sale, exhibit continuing through Sunday, February 5, at La Jolla Art Association's Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Artists' reception: Friday, January 27, 5 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

"Everyone Has a Story to Share," collage books handmade by young adults to "artistically transcribe an elder's story" showcased in exhibit

opening Saturday, January 28, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard); story reading at 1 p.m., reception at 2 p.m. 760-795-6120. Through April. (CARLSBAD)

"Too Much of a Good Bling — Is Ignorance Bliss?" Group show exploring issues of unwavering consumption in our culture, effects of excess, opens with reception on Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue). Through Sunday, February 19. 619-295-5393. (HILLCREST)

Photography and Photorealism examined in show with paintings, photography on view through Wednesday, February 15, at Roger-lewisking Gallery (3603 Fourth Avenue). Reception: Saturday, January 28, 5 p.m. 619-578-2287. (HILLCREST)

Art Walk and reception for artists Malott and Rae, Vivien Fajardo, Joe and Mary Villela, Carrie Ventola, Rin Colabucci, Rikey Ingimundar, Saturday, January 28, 5 p.m., at Artisans Studio (in Artists' Alley, 212-F North Coast Highway). 760-500-5252. (OCEANSIDE)

"Viewpoint Ceramics 2006" national juried competition continues through Thursday, February 16, in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Exhibit — juried by Professor Les Lawrence — features 32 contemporary artists working in ceramics. Reception: Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "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, February 26.

"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, "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, "Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament," is "latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist." The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin's "continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand

the human condition."

"Cerca Series: Jessica Bronson: Landing Grounding Finding Founding" continues through Sunday, February 19, in which Los Angeles-based video artist explores landscapes and how they are represented. The four-channel video installation was created in 2004, filmed while Bronson walked through streambed in Arroyo Seco Park in Pasadena.

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 Sunday, September 3. 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.

"La Dolce Vita: Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection," continuing through Sunday, May 7, features a broad range of works by Southern California artists including John Altoon, Baldessari, Vija Celmins, Robert Therrien, Irwin, and "a seminal 1958 painting by Ed Ruscha."

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Eye to Eye: Photographs by Graham Nash," on view through

Sunday, April 30, includes works from the rocker's recent book (*Eye to Eye*) and new additions from his current work. Nash is considered a "pioneer innovator in the world of digital photography and printing."

Color photographs of rural America "both intimate and monumental" on view in "Mike Smith: You're Not From Around Here." Work depicts "places where the forest stops and agriculture begins...combined with more ominous images of what may have taken place out behind the shed." Closes on Sunday, May 7.

"John Gutmann's Century," also on view through May 7, features the German-born photographer's focus on "America's joie de vivre, its parades, billboards, cars, and sports" during the 1930s.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, artwork created during the Works Progress Administration-era mirrored a period in American history when the country was recovering from the Depression. "Art of the WPA from Collections of the San Diego Region," opening Sunday, January 29, includes 60 paintings created in San Diego during that time by artists such as Belle Baranceanu, Phil Dike, Dan Dickey, Charles Reiffel, Everett Gee Jackson. Through Sunday, March 19. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, the museum's growing contemporary collection and acquisition strategies are chronicled in "Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000–2005," on display through Sunday, July 9. Exhibition includes 90 works in wide range of media, dating from 1960s to present, representing a variety of artistic approaches.

"The Eye of the Collector, the Wishes of the Donor, the Spirit of the Philanthropist: Modern European Paintings at San Diego Museum of Art," on exhibit through Saturday, April 15, groups modern European works according to their donor in honor of the museum's 80th anniversary.

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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Allegory of the Ostrich

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To say that Sepp, an ex-wrestler, and Willi, an ex-waiter at the Metropol, are the pyromaniacs doesn't give away the plot of Max Frisch's *Biedermann and the Firebugs*. It's obvious from the get-go. They are what they seem. The only one who refuses to believe is Gottlieb Biedermann, bourgeois manufacturer of hair tonic. He swears he's for tolerance, but his integrity is questionable (in German, *biedermann* means "a man of honor," though it's often used ironically, with the secondary meaning, "philistine").

Frisch wrote *Biedermann* as a radio play in the late '40s (and first staged it in 1958). It's an allegory of the ostrich mentality that denies the obvious: as when President Benes allowed the Communist Party to take over Czechoslovakia (Frisch's specific target), or when German citizens watched the rise of the Nazis without saying a word. Gottlieb Biedermann represents all who look away.

"Not everyone's a firebug!" he shouts, as if grasping a shard of innocence in paranoid times. In a sense, he resembles Diogenes the Cynic, looking for an honest person. But Biedermann's no innocent either. A heartless tyrant, he dumped poor Knechtling — he invented Hormotone hair tonic and asked for royalties — who then committed suicide.

In an odd way, the firebugs, Sepp and Willi, also resemble Diogenes. They're on the lookout for "real people." When they think they've found one, who turns out not to be, they torch his digs.

You could almost make a verb out of Frisch's protagonist: "to *biedermann*": to enable by default. Because he's more afraid of change than disaster, he'd give matches to a firebug. They know their best camouflage is not to joke or resort to sentiment — i.e. Biedermann's tactics for his own cover-up — but to tell the bare, unadorned truth.

For Cygnet Theatre, using a melange of twitches, subtle-broad asides, and disarming confessions to the audience, Tim Irving gives a detailed, funny performance as Biedermann. If anything, however, he's too endearing and way too human. Irving's natural warmth could charm vipers. This makes his character a comic victim rather than the brunt of Frisch's *épater* — i.e., squash — *le bourgeois* venom.

To Frisch, Biedermann's the monster. The author cements his hatred of the entitled burgher in an epilogue: Biedermann and his wife, Babette, roast in hell. The firebugs turn out to be Satan and Beelzebub. Cygnet cut the epilogue. The show concludes with Eric Lotze's blazing red, orange, and yellow lighting and the sound of the city in flames.

The cast grounds the characters in realism. This creates humans with foibles, but they aren't.

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Lisel Gorell-Getz, Tim Irving, Laura Bozanich in *Biedermann and the Firebugs*

Biedermann and the Firebugs, by Max Frisch
Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area
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Quidam: Cirque du Soleil, conceived by Guy Laliberte
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Though defanged (including a comic book set), Cygnet's production has much to recommend. Daren Scott's tattooed Sepp, dark circles under his eyes, recidivist leer, is the perfect Usual Suspect. Once in the home, he behaves like Biedermann, ordering the maid (harried Lisel Gorell-Getz) around and demanding everything be just so.

As Sepp's more semi-sophisticated cohort Willi, Joshua Everett Johnson proves once again why he's one of San Diego's most versatile actors. He's done Shakespeare and Shepard. Here he's a sly Satan — rooster shock of hair, dead eyes — sliming through another day of mayhem.

Shulamit Nelson dresses Biederman in a three-piece suit and his wife (Laura Bozanich sharp in a mostly reactive role) for a Betty Crocker TV commercial — sculpted hair, pert dress — circa 1955. Three fire-



Quidam: Cirque du Soleil

men, who serve as a Greek chorus, wear yellow jackets and helmets. On opening night, they spoke crucial lines in slurs, especially the clincher: "Call it fate, they tell you, and ask no questions. But stupidity alone can undo our all-too-mortal citizens."

The jaw-droppers of *Quidam*, Cirque du Soleil's new show, beguile: the gymnastic strength moves of Jerome La Baut and

Asa Kubiak's "Statue"; the human pyramids of "Banquine"; and the "Diabolos." In the latter, four young Asian women take center stage. None is over five feet tall, and each holds two sticks connected by a piece of string. As they wear polite, fixed smiles, they spin small wooden barbells up and down on the string, like Yo-Yos. Then they lob them to each other. Then they fling them up in the air, do a backflip, and catch some-

one else's on the way down. Then they do double backflips.

In one of the evening's most impressive feats, when one of the strings came off a stick, the performer reattached it, tested it with a few quick spins, and caught a falling spool without missing a beat — or changing her frozen smile.

The story of *Quidam* makes more sense in the program notes than onstage: something about strangers and anonymity; and Zoe, who thinks she's seen everything. But no matter; Zoe, her guide, and the audience are in for extraordinary treats — as when her family, seated and reading newspapers, suddenly floats into the air — and, surprisingly, more mundane ones than usual.

Though the music's loud as ever, the show's got dull spots. People walk on and off — wearing the latest fashion: hybrid-weird — for no motivated reason. *Quidam* also has two audience-participation scenes, which are mildly funny but feel like filler between the special acts. The languid pace conjures up the opposite of the old military expression "Hurry up and wait." You want to shout, "Hurry up and spell-bind!" But then out come the

"diabolos," or 17 Slavic artists shaping human towers, and your notion of the humanly possible demands rethinking. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ajax

Marianne McDonald's new translation of Sophocles' tragedy combines crisp dialogue and contemporary relevance. Sophocles attempts a kind of old-school restoration. Famous for writing about people not as they are but "should" be, he looks past Ajax's moment of insanity — in which he slaughters cattle thinking they are the Greek leaders — and stresses his nobler achievements. In McDonald's hands, the play's existential questions (can one mistake erase a heroic life?) don't feel like didactic chin-stroking. But owing to stiff, strident performances at 6th@Penn, they don't come off as all that human either. With few exceptions, and when they aren't just shouting, the cast gives wooden, costume-pageant deliveries. Exceptions highlight the rule: Fred Harlow's forceful Agamemnon, Patricia Elmore Costa's fierce, slimy Menelaus, and Brandon Walker's angry Teucer bring spark to a production sorely in need of same. Amanda Stephen's black and gold set's a plus, as are Paul Savage's slide projections on Ajax's tent: especially the eyes of Athena — wide, irate orbs that make the goddess of wisdom look like the patron saint of madness. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Beautiful Thing

Diversions Theatre presents Jonathan Harvey's tale of two London lads who fall in love. Rosina Reynolds directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS,

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Biedermann and the Firebugs

Reviewed this issue.

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Evita

The Welk Resort Theatre opens its new season with Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Tony Award-winner about the second wife of Argentine dictator Juan Perón. Sha Newman directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 2; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

The Exonerated

Dead man walking — free. Taken from court transcripts, interviews, and case files, Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen's docudrama follows the fates of six Death Row inmates wrongly convicted of capital crimes. Each was released after facing death (often within sight of the electric chair) for years. But just how free is that? Though it could have spent more time on the re-entry shock of the condemned — the Lazarus Effect? — and that it went deeper into fewer victims, *Exonerated's* an important work. And at Lynx Performance, it can be quite moving. The play's become a national event, performed by stars, script in hand, as a staged reading. Lynx director Al Germani and a game, though uneven ensemble give it a full performance. This makes for stark immediacy. As does the production's reverse theater-in-the-round configuration. The audience faces the condemned, a row of actors in folding chairs. Behind the audience three condemners sit on elevated seats. As overhead lamps illumine and shroud them in darkness, they turn circumstance, racial profiling, and judicial expediency into injustice.

Worth a try.

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Halpern and Johnson

The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Lionel Goldstein's bittersweet comedy about "two very different men with one thing very much in common." David Ellenstein directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Harvey

PowPac Community Theatre offers Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy about Elwood P. Dowd and his drinking pal, a six-and-a-half-foot invisible rabbit. Bob Christiansen directed.

POWPAC COMMUNITY THEATRE, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AcroTurf. 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.

Noises Off

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Prelude to a Kiss

OnStage Playhouse stages Craig Lucas's comedy-romance about what happens "in a soul-transference between totally different people." Daniel Ziskso directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Quidam

Reviewed this issue.

THE GRAND CHAPITEAU, DEL MAR FAIR-GROUNDS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 800-450-1480.

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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.

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Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to Be a Star

Every seven seconds, a Baby Boomer becomes "officially old" by turning 50. Mark Winkler, Marie Cain, and Shelly Markham's musical revue bemoans, and eventually (and predictably) accepts this condition. In the finale, five performers vow to find new "Potential" in their sixth decade of life. All five are polished pros: Steve Anthony does a spectacular tap number ("When 50 Wore Tux"); Teri Ralston adds emotional depth to songs with skimpy lyrics; Susan Jordan handles the comedic chores with ease (and does a sultry samba with Anthony); David Holmes and Brian Byers always contribute. Problem is: they're much better than the material. *Too Old* has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian piece "The Child



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Is Father to the Man"; and Holmes' touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros), are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along — of which *Too Old* could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of

course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, *Too Old* needs major reinventing. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

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Thirty-Thousand-Dollar Monkey Hot Monkey Love Café co-owner Alma Felan says her establishment will be moved from its site on El Cajon Boulevard by May 1.

for African Assistance because of a parking easement."

The Alliance for African Assistance is a nonprofit organization that helps immigrants. A Hot Monkey Love parking lot was accessible only by driving across African Alliance property. Felan and her attorney Sandy Troy declined to speak on the record for this

fundraisers and asking supporters for donations.

— Ken Leighton

Punk Embarrassment

"Somebody made a death threat on Bush," says Joel Scheingross, founder of Sandiegopunk.com. "It was either the FBI or Secret Service who contacted the person who was running the [website message] board at the time. He gave them full access to IP addresses.... I got rid of the message board in 2004. There were way too many racy things I did not want to be associated with. What bugged me most about hosting the message board was deciding what threads to delete. I believe in free speech. I had to decide to take away free speech."

Scheingross, a 20-year-old junior at UC Berkeley, was a freshman at Helix High when he started the site six years ago. Concert listings, CD critiques, and show reviews are regular features.

"It's not a great money-maker, but it's been profitable since 2002. Last year we averaged 1200 hits a day." Scheingross says the Vagrant and Side One Dummy record

labels were advertisers for many years.

"They definitely kept the site going for a long time, but they don't advertise anymore. Off the Record and M Theory [record stores] are now big advertisers. Google has an ad program that pays you based on how many people click through to them. I get about \$60 a month from an ad that would normally cost \$100 or



SCHEINGROSS SLIPS ON FREE SPEECH SLOPE

\$120."

What local bands got a boost from sandiegopunk.com?

"Underminded signed to Kung Fu Records in 2004. They would have made it on their own, but I think they got some good publicity out of sandiegopunk.com."

How did a recent performance listing of five skinhead bands get on the site?

"It was my mistake. It

won't happen again. I post a lot of shows. I'm pretty embarrassed."

— Ken Leighton

Liver Spots in TJ "All they wanted was a steel guitar player," says Rick Schmidt about his appearance in a Shania Twain video. Schmidt, a Carlsbad-based pedal steel player, says he's done work "for everyone from Minnie Pearl to Scott Weiland." Last fall, though, while playing downtown with the Shadowdogs, Schmidt caught the attention of a producer who cast him in the Twain video for "I Ain't No Quitter." The video, which is aired on the CMT channel, was shot in Tijuana.

"They drove us down to a restaurant in Lord-Knows-Where, Tijuana," says Schmidt. "It was converted to look like a honky-tonk. They shot it in TJ just to save money. I met a bunch of hot dancers at the border, and they took us all down in a van. Shania wasn't even there. She shot her part the day before...."

"I thought I was gonna be in [the video] big time. I ended up being in there for two or three seconds; it's just my hands in front of a video screen with Shania singing. All

I am is a hand model. I'm 54, so they had a makeup artist fix up my liver spots.... I got \$350. I had to negotiate to get



TWAIN DIDN'T MEET VIDEO COSTARS

that much. It was more than what the dancers got. You know what they say about the squeaky wheel."

— Ken Leighton

Midget Madness

singer/bassist Chris Angelo says, "We can fit on any stage, no matter what size it is.... All of us are five foot five or less." The trio plays original rock reminiscent of the Buzzcocks and Dead Kennedys.

"We've all been buddies since [Hilltop] high school," says Angelo, 22. "We all wrestled.... I got a full [scholarship] to Iowa State.

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The all-age, alcohol-free music venue may relocate to a new space in University Heights.

In an e-mail she sent out last week, Felan wrote, "We've hosted more than 3000 acts in the 3½ years that we've been in business in this location. We are not ready to quit.... As many people know, Hot Monkey Love Cafe has been battling a lawsuit against our neighbor Alliance



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article.

"We have to come up with \$30,000 for relocation," Felan's e-mail noted. She is asking bands to play

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But it ended because of financial cutbacks. They only offered me a 30 percent scholarship [for his sophomore year].”

So, Angelo returned to San Diego to concentrate on Midget Madness with his

MIDGET MADNESS
BREAKS TENSION

brother Jon, 24 (guitar), and Neto Garcia, 24 (drums).

“Our name was taken from a series of midget porno videos,” says Angelo. “I don’t think we own the name, to tell you the truth. If they wanted to come after us [for use of the name], they wouldn’t get anything because we don’t make anything.... The name breaks the tension. Tall girls really don’t go for short guys.”

Midget Madness appears tomorrow at the State House Pub near SDSU.

— Ken Leighton

Prescription for Numbers

It’s unlikely that San Francisco’s Numbers will go to Tijuana when they return to San Diego this week. “It’s, like, a lawless place,”

drummer/vocalist Indira Dunis says of their last visit to Tijuana. “As soon as we crossed the border, three or four cop cars from every direction surrounded us. They wanted cash or something. Our host ran over and cleared everything up.”

Dunis was shocked at the volume of pharmacies that carry drugs available in America only by prescription.

“I actually did try to buy something. I was, like, ‘All right. While I’m down here I might as well try.’ I think I went in and asked for Xanax or something like that. They were, like, ‘Oh, we don’t have that. But we have something very similar.’”

“They did? Why didn’t you get that? That’s probably how it works!”

guitarist/vocalist Dave Broekema asked.

“I didn’t realize until I was walking away that that was how it worked. I choked, man.”

Then the band got hassled by an American who claimed

INDIRA DUNIS TRIED
LAWLESSNESS

he was wanted in Mexico and the States; he asked for \$50. Keyboardist/vocalist Eric Landmark called him a “lawyer on a bender.”

“I gave him a dollar and he tore it up and threw it in our faces,” Landmark says.

Numbers play the Casbah January 29.

— Jeremiah Griffey

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: OUTSIDE M-THEORY MUSIC

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Crunk Event When former Angel Hair and the VSS vocalist Sonny Kay moved to San Diego in 2001, he never thought his Gold Standard Labs record label would begin the ascent to become one of the most respected in the country. Kay’s distribution company had collapsed and he could no longer afford the high rent prices of San Francisco; here he found refuge with some local bands whose albums he had released.

Soon after the move, Kay entered into a partnership with Omar Rodriguez-Lopez from the Mars Volta, which helped pay overdue bills and brought national attention to the label. When the All Tomorrow’s Parties festival asked the Mars Volta to curate its 2005 Christmas weekend, Gold Standard Labs — now based in L.A. — stepped a little further into the limelight.

“It was kind of like the company Christmas party after a year of breaking our asses,” Kay says. “All Tomorrow’s Parties was out of control. I saw a lot of people letting their hair down, so to

speak, who normally don’t.”

Though he fought a cold that weekend, Kay did perform with his latest band, Year Future. He says he heard about some of the fun everyone else was having.

“I was in bed by one or two each night, but I heard late in the night, after their performance, the entire Volta crew got served by security for creating havoc in [Los Angeles’s] 400 Blows’ chalet. Actually, the most amusing

SICK SONNY KAY DOESN'T MEET
PARTY STANDARD

and potentially damaging stories have to do with [another band]: ecstasy, mushrooms, alcohol, and free love of many varieties. The Volta dudes couldn’t come close.”

According to a journal post by Ralph Darden, who

performed with his Chicago-based outfit the Jai-Alai Savant, members of the Locust got themselves into trouble by trashing a chalet so badly that they were physically threatened by security.

“This weekend was turning into a seriously crunk event,” Darden wrote. “Someone stole the men’s room bathroom stalls in the venue. The whole fucking thing. People are animals when they get into the spirit of an event.”

— Jeremiah Griffey

Falling Star “It was a four-star hotel, and there was our roadie Gizmo, naked and duct-taped to a cot that was propped up in the hallway,” says Kicking K8 drummer Billy Nychay of the band’s stay late last year at Chicago’s Wyndham Hotel. “[Gizmo] made the mistake of getting drunk and I had the key to his room. He was naked and sleeping on a rollaway cot, so we just wrapped him up in tape and rolled him out into the hallway for all the old ladies to see. It went down to a one-star hotel after that.”

Nychay says police were summoned, but no arrests were made.

“We were hiding out in a different room; they couldn’t find us.”

KICKING K8 AND JAGERMEISTER
GET ALONG WELL

The four-man group — originally called Bent — formed in late 2004 as a jam band. A Kicking K8 EP will soon be released through liquor manufacturers Jägermeister.

“We have a sponsorship endorsement deal with them and [director of brand marketing] Rick Zeiler, who lives in San Diego. He saw we had some stuff recorded, and he said, ‘Hey, let’s start up a label and put this out for you guys.’ We were, like, ‘Hell, yeah!’”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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A Troubadour's Travails

"I realize what a slave to convenience I've become."

It seems that I am in the midst of a wicked streak of bad luck this week," blogs San Diego-based singer/songwriter Laura K at *myspace.com*. "It all started Sunday afternoon, during an otherwise enjoyable visit with my dad. While we went hiking up Cowles Mountain, some bastard smashed the window of [my father's] rental car to steal my bag. Contents included my cell phone, digital camera, favorite T-shirt, keys, and all the necessary information to steal my identity...As my week has been turned into a huge pain in the ass while putting all the pieces back, I realize what a slave to convenience I have become. Can I honestly complain about a lost cell phone while headlines on thousands of hurricane victims scream at me every day?"

Laura K frequently plays at Twiggs, the Tiki, and Blind Melon's (where she hosts an open mike on Mondays).

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"My Alvarez RD20 is one of the first guitars I ever picked up, and she's been my loyal companion ever since. I bought it at Blue Eagle Music in Athens, Ohio, this tiny guitar shop in my college town, with familiar folks who have played guitar since long before I was born. If I went back

years down the road, they'd probably still remember what kind of strings I use."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Every venue, every stage, and every sound guy are so different. Getting all the elements in place can be a challenge, especially when playing somewhere for the first time. It's all about getting a feel for your surroundings and audience, whether it's five people or five hundred."

BEST/WORST GIG?

"My first gig actually happened to be my worst. I had been playing guitar for only six months, and I had organized a huge benefit concert and couldn't pass up the opportunity to make my debut. It was in a crowded, smoky bar with horrible acoustics. I could barely hear myself — not that I even knew what I should sound like anyway. I was so nervous; there were times I literally thought about walking off the stage. I kept going back for more. My favorite gigs are the ones that keep me in touch with why I play in the first place, and they aren't necessarily the biggest. I love playing benefit concerts, art shows, and local gigs like the Ocean Beach Farmers Market."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

LISTS

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"I once saw Tony Danza at the Los Angeles airport. After a week in L.A. for the first time, I was a little bummed about not seeing any stars. But 'the Boss' came through. I've also run into Cory from *Boy Meets World* and David Schwimmer at a little bar in Hollywood."

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GOING?

"Musical ideas are recycled and combined but constantly evolving — in the same way that a collage is a work of art. It's easy for people to be skeptical about the direction of music today or feel like it's all been done. But there's always a way to do it better, or at least, to do it your own way."

TOP FIVE CDs?

1. Patty Griffin, *Living with Ghosts*. "This is one of the most beautiful albums ever made. Though I've heard it a thousand times, it still has the power to make me cry on my way to the grocery store."
2. Joni Mitchell, *Hits*. "Joni has a way of making me nostalgic for times and places I've never been

but wish I could visit."

3. The Indigo Girls, *Retrospective*. "Makes me want to take a road trip, fall in love, travel around the world, and come back home again...all in one listen."
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Johnny Gill [611]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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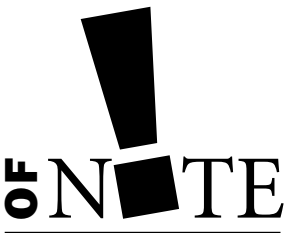
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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the immortal words of *Spinal Tap*, there is a fine line between stupid and clever. New York City's **Morningwood** has found that line and straddles it — lewdly, and with a pronounced emphasis on the stupid. The stupid things about this band are numerous and obvious, starting with its sophomoric name. The clever part comes with the music, which is a radio-friendly pastiche of new-wave, alt-rock, and mall-punk clichés, with some catchy hooks and a good-humored mix of silliness and horniness. It's clever in the way that a good advertising campaign is clever. You might expect as much from a band that counts among its membership a former member of the Wallflowers.

More than the music, Morningwood's modus operandi is probably best illustrated in the video for its best song, "Nth Degree," in which the band members pose for fake album covers modeled after a variety of bands, from Kraftwerk to the Circle Jerks. The premise anticipates the principal criticism against this band — that they don't have anything new to say — and defuses it by making a joke out of it.

But that's not enough. Singer **Chantal Claret** tries her best to give Chrissie Hynde-like attitude, but her youthful, high-pitched voice isn't quite up to the task. So, she shows off her cleavage as often as possible in the hopes that it will serve as sufficient distraction. It's very nice cleavage, but when Claret is lamely trying to make an anthem out of "All I wanna do is take off your



MORNINGWOOD

clothes" or attempting to lead a chant of "M-O...M-O-R...M-O-R-N-I-N-G-W-O-O-D," she just sounds as if she's trying too hard.

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Bryan Bowers: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Tiger Army: House of Blues, Friday, February 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Aerosmith [529] and Lenny Kravitz: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

Jeff Tweedy: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, February 11, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Keller Williams [817]: 4th & B, Saturday, February 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Tiger Army: House of Blues, Saturday, February 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dougie MacLean [824]: Sherwood Auditorium, Sunday, February 12, 700 Prospect Street. 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt [533]: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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Tom Rush /830/: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, February 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Robert Cray Band /941/: House of Blues, Saturday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"Bob Marley Day Festival": San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 20, 3500 San Diego Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-220-8497.

Nada Surf /194/: House of Blues, Tuesday, February 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

X /219/: House of Blues, Wednesday, February 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Robyn Hitchcock /509/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

The Derek Trucks Band /950/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos /476/: House of Blues, Friday, February 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Sevendust /261/: House of Blues, Saturday, February 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"San Diego Brazil Carnaval 2006": 4th & B, Saturday, February 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-849

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Lucinda Williams /864/: House of Blues, Sunday, February 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

MARCH

Eric Taylor: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, March 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Styx /523/: House of Blues, Thursday, March 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Allison Krauss: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, March 8, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips /528/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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The Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: House of Blues, Saturday, March 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Saves the Day /218/: Soma, Sunday, March 12, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach /608/: Pala Events Center, Monday, March 13, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Opeth and **Devildriver:** House of Blues, Monday, March 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Korn /265/ and **Mudvayne:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Cesaria Evora /885/: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David Gray /610/: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, March 20, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Kem: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Beth Orton: House of Blues, Thursday, March 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Ghostface Killah: House of Blues, Sunday, March 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders /558/: House of Blues, Monday, March 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders /558/: House of Blues, Tuesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

UB40 /737/: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Stereolab /116/: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

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Blizzard: The Jumping Turtle

The Bloody Hollies: The Casbah

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Cake: House of Blues

Call Down Five: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Chasing Shadows: The Jumping Turtle

The Company: Dreamstreet

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The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons

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Earth Shine: Dreamstreet

The 88: The Casbah

Elysian Sky: The Jumping Turtle

End of Power: The Kensington Club

Farewell Down: The Jumping Turtle

Fermata: The Jumping Turtle

Fkenal: The Kensington Club

Gone to Oblivion: The Jumping Turtle

Goodbye, Blue Monday [295]: Belly Up Tavern

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said, my daddy called liquor "gosh" — ain't you?" I fail to ask what the consequences were for coming home drunk. Nor do I think to ask him the name of that one song that he played at the all-nighter. Instead, I reach out to shake his leathery hand. The feel of him reminds me of the time I scratched a tortoise's neck at the zoo.

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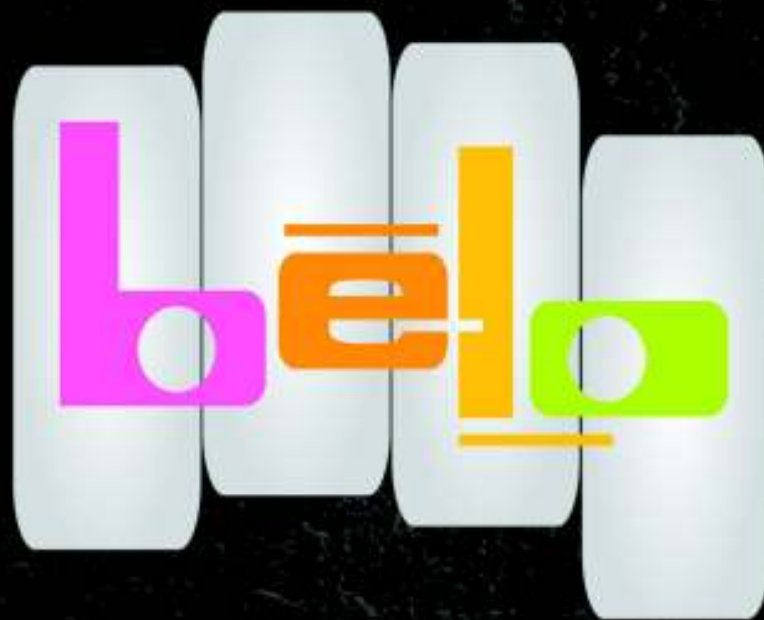
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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Alt Ending: The Jumping Turtle

Audkik: 'Canes

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Big Backyard: Tiki House

Big Blue Cat: Surf N'Saddle

Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge

Bullet Treatment: House of Blues

The Burden of Proof: Bub's Whiskey Dive, Blind Melons

The Calvins: The Kensington Club

Carol Ann: The Jumping Turtle

Caustic Uproar: The Jumping Turtle

Crash Kills Four: The Jumping Turtle

Dropping Daylight: Epicentre

Dynamite Walls: Soma

The Electric Waste Band: Winston's

The Elephant Army: The Jumping Turtle

Emerald River: Viejas Casino

The Experiments [419]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Ryan Ferguson: Soma

Flight Risk: The Jumping Turtle

Four Eyes: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Freaky Flow: Longshot Saloon

Free Confusion: The Jumping Turtle

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Gogol Bordello: House of Blues

Gossip: The Casbah

Half Empty: The Jumping Turtle

Peter Hall [502]: Island Sports and Spirits

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge, Humphrey's

The Hillstreet Stranglers [469]: The Jumping Turtle

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The House of Heroes: Epicentre

Huge Rooster: Blind Melons

Innocent Noise: Longshot Saloon

Jake: Dreamstreet

Kingston Falls: The Jumping Turtle

The Kneehighs: The Casbah

Knife: Soma

Red Lane: Patrick's II

LBP: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Load: The Jumping Turtle

The Loons [536]: The Casbah

Love Arcade: Epicentre

The Love Handles: Fannie's Nightclub

Magnussen: Dreamstreet

The Modern Rhythm Band: Humphrey's

The Motel Blackouts: The Kensington Club

My Boy Kevin: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

Night Shift: Boar Cross'n

Nude Bar-B-Q: Surf N'Saddle

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Numbers: The Casbah

Outerspace: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Paradise: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Phix: Winston's

Pickford's Party: Hennessy's Tavern (Gaslamp)

Po'Girl: The Casbah

Pop Rocks: Jimmy Love's

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Red Light Runner: The Jumping Turtle

Rev: 'Canes, The Jumping Turtle

Rock Dirty Raw: 'Canes

The Rockoholics: Second Wind (Santee)

Satisfaction: The Casbah

Serious Guise: The Kraken

Sic Waiting: The Jumping Turtle

Six-Foot Deathtrap: 'Canes

Six-Ounce Gloves: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Sixteens: The Casbah

Smoke Staxx: Tio Leo's Lounge

John Sotter: The Jumping Turtle

The Stiletto's: Riley's Sports Bar

Straight No Chaser: State House

31 Knots: The Casbah

3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons

Pat Travers: Belly Up Tavern

Triple X: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Trophy Life: Longshot Saloon

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Uptown Groove: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Wasting June: The Jumping Turtle

West of 5 [505]: Dick's Last Resort

Cory Wilkins: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

The Wrecking Crew: House of Blues

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's

Atomic Groove: Humphrey's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Chicago [600]: House of Blues

Gary Day: The Valley House Restaurant and Lounge

Randy Fontaine & the Swingers: La Playa Cantina and Grill

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Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: The Calypso Cafe

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Thrusters, Magnolia's

John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Jorge Camberos & His Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Jerome Dawson: Humphrey's

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

Johnny Gill [611]: Belly Up Tavern

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Paul Ingram Jazz Trio: Caffè Salotto #1

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

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Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Yari More & His Orchestra: Sevilla

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

Gretchen Parlato: Dizzy's

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Riley's Sports Bar

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Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

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Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American Grill

Jason Weber: Mister A's

Patrick Yandall [632]: Humphrey's

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Beehive & the Barracudas: House of Blues

Buck-O-Nine [739]: Blind Melons

Diego Roots: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

The High Life: Dreamstreet

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NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Stone Senses: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

The Strive Roots: Blind Melons

Travesty: Dreamstreet

Uplift: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The Band in Black: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Wayne "the Train" Hancock: Belly Up Tavern

John Reischman & the Jaybirds: AcousticMusicSanDiego

Southbound Johnny: Renegade Inn

Two-Timin' Three: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Muriel Anderson: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

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Michael Mandrell: Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living

Carolyn Mark: The Casbah

Erin McCarley: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Eugene Mirman: House of Blues

Anton Mizerak: Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living

Carlos Olmeda & the Gooses: Lifepoint Cafe

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Armenta de San Diego: La Valencia Hotel
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Angels in Agony: Second Friday of the month, synthpop, industrial, and gothic with DJs DarkAngel, NoSleepDamon, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Istr, and Tom King. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spins house and breaks; guests on live horns and percussion. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursdays, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *Jade Shader, Years Around the Sun, and Goodbye, Blue Monday*, rock/alternative. Friday, Wayne “the Train” Hancock and Two-Timin’ Three. Saturday, Johnny Gill and Anisha Nicole, pop/alternative. Sunday, *Lake Trout, Benzos, and Viva K.* Monday, *Pat Travers.* Tuesday, hip-hop.

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.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull*, jazz.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday, 9 p.m., *Diego Roots, Outerspace, and the Stone Senses*, reggae.

Boar Cross’n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk*, rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Anna Troy*, folk.

Bub’s Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, *Burden of Proof*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Len Rainey & the*

Midnight Players, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore and Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Middle Earth*. Monday, *Uplift*, reggae. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, blues.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *West of Memphis*, blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Zydeco Blues Patrol*; 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., live jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny “B” Blues*.

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. Thursday, *Lee Coulter*, acoustic. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Band in Black*, country. Saturday, *Triple X*, rock.

Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living, 331 East Elder, Fallbrook. 760-723-8291. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Anton Mizerak and Michael Mandrell*.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *John Sotter*. Friday, *Load, Rev, Scar’d Sanity, Fermata, and Iencyde*. Saturday, *Sic Waiting, Wasting June, Flight Risk, Alt Ending, the Elephant Army, Half Empty, Red Light Runner, Crash Kills Four, Free Confusion, the Hill Street Stranglers, Caustic Uproar, Annihilation, and Dark Haven*. Sunday, *D.A.P.S., Kingston Falls, the Night Fell Silent,*

Thyne Scabbard, and Carol Ann. Monday, *the Iron Workers-Local 69*, blues. Tuesday, *DJ Mini Mee*. Wednesday, *Gone to Oblivion, Chasing Shadows, Farewell Down, Elysian Sky, and Blizzard*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *3 EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

La Playa Cantina and Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Randy Fontaine & the Swingers*, acoustic pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, acoustic pop.

Le Papaguyo, 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-944-8252. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Flounders*, acoustic.

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Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, classic rock. Friday, DJ event, '80s music. Saturday, house/hip-hop. Wednesday, *the Stiletto's*, rockabilly.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Shenanigans Irish Pub, 7030 University Avenue, La Mesa. 668-1256. Live folk/blues.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, *Augustana*, *Reeve Oliver*, and *Dynamite Walls*. Friday, *In Flames*, *Trivium*, *Devil Driver*, and *Zao*. Saturday, *This Holiday Life*, *Ryan Ferguson*, *Knife*, and *Writer*. Sunday,

Amber Pacific, *the Lashes*, *Paramore*, *Terminal*, and *Payton March*. Tuesday, *Head Automatica*, *Morningwood*, and *Rock Kills Kid*.

State House, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-955-8126. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Straight No Chaser*, indie rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Big Rig Deluxe*, *Smoke Stacc*, and *the Robin Henkel Band*, rockabilly/blues. Monday, *tango*. Tuesday, *zydeco blues*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Torero Grille, 5998 Alcala Park, University Center. 619-260-4600. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Appleseed*, rock/indie rock.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless

otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Muriel Anderson*. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Domsday Device*, *Ernie Halter*, *Brian Benham*, and *the Zoo Story*. Saturday, *Rachael*, *Amy Ayres*, *Grand Canyon Sundown*, and *the Zoo Story*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Monday, open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four* with vocalist, *Halina*, jazz.

DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Main Room: Friday, '80s music/hip-hop/R&B/rock. Saturday, house.

Red Room: Friday, house. Orange Room: Friday and Saturday, downtempo/swanky lounge.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Patty Hall*, folk/funk/blues.

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Scan. Saturday, *Satisfaction*, *the 88*, *the Plus Ones*, and *the Daffodils*. Sunday, *Gossip*, *the Numbers*, *the Buzzkill Romantics*, and *31 Knots*. Monday, *Akron*, *Silver Sunshine*, and *Winter Flowers*. Tuesday, *Po' Girl*, *Carolyn Mark*, and *Tom Heintl*. Wednesday, *Bad Credit*, *the Kneehighs*, and *Bloody Hollies*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Jorge Camberos & His Quintet*.

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Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz. Friday, *DJ Hector*, Latin/Euro-house. Saturday, *DJ Joe*, Latin/Euro-house. Monday, *rock en español*. Tuesday, *Yari More & His Orchestra*, salsa/jazz.

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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Coronado Island Marriott, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic. Friday, *Undecided*, rock. Monday, *Gary Rich*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic folk. Wednesday, live rock.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos*, rock *en español*.

EAST COUNTY

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Love Handles*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

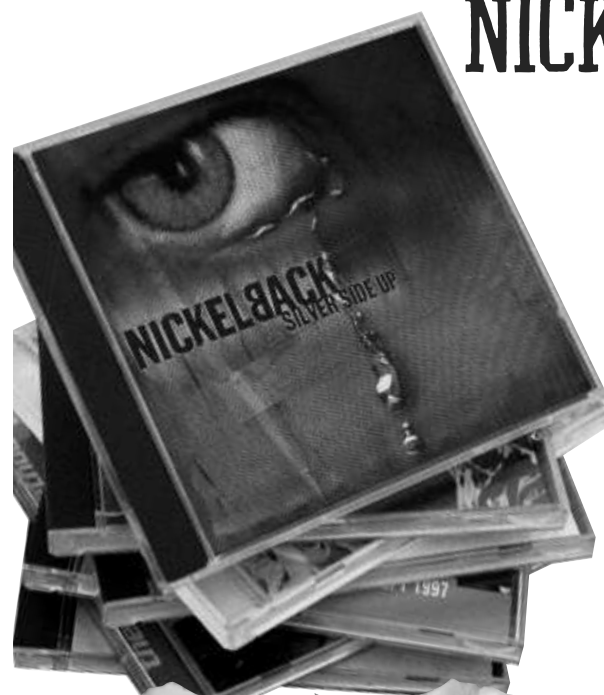
Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Call club for information.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *the Rockoholics*, classic rock.

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They Only Taste Rich

The restaurant reviewer for a rival publication just quit because, he wrote, he was getting too fat on the job. That can be a serious hazard for restaurant reviewers and for many frequent restaurantgoers — but if all restaurants were like Talus Café, there'd be no problem. Chef-owner Richard Wood favors ultra-lean meats and mainly organic ingredients. His dishes aren't rich — they just taste that way.

I was shocked, for instance, to learn that the creamy butternut-squash caramelized-pear soup du jour was not, after all, a guilty pleasure, but a guiltless indulgence. A soothing purée spiked with fresh-grated nutmeg, the underlay of sweet pear sets this potion apart from all the other butternut soups on local winter menus. At the end of a rough week, I felt as if I was sipping liquid consolation. But its opulent creaminess stems from a body of roasted squash purée thinned (not thickened) by nothing more sinful than nonfat milk. Had I known, I'd have lapped up the last drop, then licked my paw.

Calamari with spicy Italian sausage was another stealth lean dish. "I usually don't eat calamari," said my friend Scott. "Typically, it's too chewy. But this I like." The calamari were sautéed until tender and robed in a light-textured red pepper-and-tomato sauce. What made the dish was the slightly spicy sausage: We thought it was from Pete's Meats, it was so flavorful. Instead, it turned out to be a 96 percent fat-free product with a flavor like Pete's but a fat count more like Lean Cuisine.

A marinated, roasted eggplant terrine was another entrancing first course. Its shape was less terrine and more roulade (resembling a fancied-up "cheese log"), with sliced eggplant rolled around goat cheese, roasted red bell pepper slices, and pesto, drizzled with green-tinged extra-virgin olive oil, and accompanied with a slice of rosemary bread infused with garlic butter. This may not be a totally original concept, but it's wholly delicious.

Moroccans would count themselves lucky to taste the "Moroccan beef skewers," although they might be puzzled by the spicing done in their name. The tender broiled filet mignon kebabs sport a complex, salty-spicy marinade with non-ethnic touches of soy sauce and balsamic vinegar. They're plated on a salad of radicchio and baby greens, overlaid with roughly mashed butternut squash.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

An appetizer that everyone craves in winter — when we all long for summer produce — is an organic heirloom tomato salad with buffalo mozzarella, fresh basil, and aged balsamic reduction. Even in January, the three types of tomatoes from San Diego's miracle-rendering Specialty Produce Company — probably greenhouse-grown south of Ensenada — were reasonably ripe, even if not so sweet as they'd be come September.

As is all too common, entrées here aren't as rewarding as the starters. Nonetheless, the four of us enjoyed a "Thai style" salmon — a tasty dish even if its Thai credentials are barely tenable. A beautifully cooked hunk of wild but mild Chinook is bathed in a creamy-textured red curry sauce that includes fresh, reduced coconut milk, orange juice, and white wine, with a hint of medium-hot chilies and a waft of black pepper. Nestled under the fish is a bed of jasmine rice suffused in more coconut milk — tasting a lot sweeter than the usual Chao Koh canned brand from Thailand.

Louisiana-style meat loaf, the most popular

entrée, according to the chef, does have truth behind its regional claim: The recipe comes from the chef's Louisiana-born grandmother. It's a dense, salty loaf studded with sweet red peppers, garlic, and pockets of soft-cooked grits. Made with ultra-lean ground beef and a touch of turkey, its

texture is closer to hand-shredded meat than a typical mom-style hamburger loaf. It's splashed with applejack-brandy barbecue sauce, sweet and boozy, and comes with

skin-on garlic-smashed red potatoes and a veggie medley of spinach, zucchini, and young carrots with their green tops on.

After reading the description on the menu, Scott was bent on ordering the chicken breast stuffed with sun-dried tomatoes and feta cheese. The bird may be organic and it boasts a pleasantly tangy stuffing — plus three sauces (cream sauce, Kalamata tapenade, and basil pesto) — but Scott and the rest of us were disappointed by the dry meat, produced when a nude, boneless breast is "crusted" under high heat to replace the crispness of the missing skin. Gnocchi (Italian dumplings) are among the

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HOURS: Tuesday–Friday 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., 5:30–10:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Weekend brunch, \$14; lunch: soups and salads, \$3–\$7.25; entrées, sandwiches, crepes, quiches (with soup or salad), \$7–\$8; dinner: soups, appetizers, and salads, \$5.50–\$8.50; entrées: \$12.50–\$24.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic Mediterranean-style healthy cuisine, with mainly organic produce, wild-caught fish, lean meats. Small but smart international wine list at affordable prices, most choices available by the glass

PICK HITS: Roasted eggplant terrine; sautéed calamari and Italian sausage; butternut squash and caramelized pear soup; Thai-style salmon.

NEED TO KNOW: Heated, roofed courtyard dining; dining room is up one steep step. Street parking. Some dishes (e.g., meat loaf) very salty. Two vegetarian entrées. House-baked breads, but most desserts outsourced.

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most difficult of dishes to pull off, and Talus doesn't. Its pumpkin gnocchi are weighty and gummy, bathed in an acrid tomato and white wine sage sauce that made the garnish of yellow summer squash slices taste like sour pickles.

Flavorful rosemary rolls and bread come from the tiny kitchen, but there's not much room to bake pastries, so most desserts are outsourced from the Living Room and St. Tropez. The server brings you a tempting-looking tray of the evening's sweets, but upon tasting, we found things to be less than meets the eye: A ricotta cheesecake was heavy and dry-textured; a fruit tart offered canned fruit atop a sludgy,



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shortening-flavored crust; and a molten chocolate cake had a dry texture for something dubbed “molten.” This last does sport two scoops of fascinating pumpkin-ginger gelato.

Servers are pleasant and friendly but need more training: for instance, at the start of our meal we ordered a youngish red wine to go with our entrées (as well as a white for the appetizer course). I assumed the server would pop the cork on the red while we were eating the appetizers, to let it “breathe” and mellow, but she didn’t do so until our entrées were on the table. The wine’s flavor was just opening up as we finished our meal.

But Talus is overall a charming restaurant, a pleasant place for a classy but affordable meal. It’s got the perfect formula for health-conscious Hillcrest, with good, comforting food that wrecks

neither your budget nor your New Year’s resolutions.

ABOUT THE CHEF-OWNER

“When I was studying in France in my early twenties,” chef Richard Wood remembers, “I was with several friends and we ventured out into the Champagne region and ended up in this beautiful field with a decrepit abandoned house with a huge overgrown yard. We all commented on how beautiful the house must have been at one time. The name ‘Talus’ was on the two stone pillars that marked the property. When I saw this restaurant for the first time — we are the only house-restaurant on University Avenue — it brought me back to that spot. I realized then how lovely this house was and how much it needed some work and some care. And that’s why I named the restaurant Talus.

“At Talus we actually have

four different areas,” he says. On the site of the former Abbey Café, the restaurant occupies two separate buildings and the open courtyard between them. From the street, to the left you can see the small kitchen through the front windows, including trays of pastries that make it look like a mini-bakery. (The restrooms are behind this section.) Then there’s a gated street patio, which serves as a small Euro-style café serving pastries and beverages at off-hours. In the center is a roofed and heated courtyard for al fresco dining. The entrance to the dining rooms is up a tall step through a door from the right of the courtyard, leading to small, warm-colored rooms, romantically lighted by tall candles from the Abbey. You can barely see your food in this light, but your companions look good.

“I started out as a dishwasher at the age of 15 in an Italian

restaurant in Seattle,” says Wood. “Then I was promoted to prep cook and discovered that I had a knack for it. Even at an early age I’d been stepping into the kitchen and cooking the family’s food, because we were all a little nervous of my mother’s cooking. Then when I was studying at Portland State University to be a therapist, I was sort of miserable. Every night after school, I had to go to work. I was by then the chef at an Italian restaurant in Portland. I didn’t take it too seriously yet, it was what I considered just a job to take me through college, but I was good at it. After thinking it over, I woke up one morning and realized that I should try becoming a chef. I immediately dropped out of college, moved back to Seattle, and started culinary school at the Culinary Arts Program of the Seattle Art Institute. After graduating the two-year course, I went straight to Paris to study

at Le Cordon Bleu, under chef Jean Pascal, for a year and a half.

“I went back to Seattle and had a small catering business, where I specialized in airline catering for private airlines. That was where the money was at. These were generally gourmet dinners for people like Bill Gates and Paul Allen — millionaires who would fly into and out of Seattle and hit the private jet field, where I was. But I did not like the Seattle weather. I like sunshine. So I started looking for a job in San Diego, but I found nothing up to my caliber, or that paid enough. I hit the L.A. market and ended up landing a job in Beverly Hills at the Mosaic, as executive chef and marketing director.

“I gave myself two years in Los Angeles before I’d move to San Diego and open my own restaurant. After a year and a half, I started coming down here to search. This was the first place I saw, and I just fell in love with

it. I looked at other restaurants afterwards, but then I bought this one off the Abbey. It took about six months of negotiations before I actually took possession of it. I finally opened it about four months ago.

“Aside from some outsourced desserts, we make everything from scratch from all-organic, very healthy ingredients, top-of-the-line meats and seafood. Everything I create comes from my years of experience. I never plagiarize a recipe. When I read a recipe, I’ll always add my own derivatives to it. My prices are very reasonable, low actually, because as a new restaurant, I have to be very competitive to bring people in here and earn their trust. I’m just thankful that I’m on University Avenue in Hillcrest, where there’s a community that supports its restaurants.” ■

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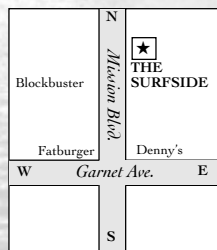
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"Never leave the ground on an empty stomach."

Oh, Lord. "Hank. Ya gotta see this. Quick." Hank stumbles up the dirt slope. "Better be good, son, 'cause...oh wow."

We both stare. Now I'm not an arty type but I'm thinking caterpillars, green, blue, orange, white, black, hovering, huge, in the air, twenty yards away, with the Pacific half a mile below. And dangling below them, what look like pupas. Except they're...people. They curl and swoop around each other in a kind of silent, slo-mo Technicolor air dance.

Okay. They're paragliders. Guys who run down the grass and off the cliff and sail under parachutes on the updraft from the ocean.

"Let's go watch and snack on something," I say.

"No, man. Gotta pick up that monitor at 4:30." "That gives us nearly an hour, man. See those white tables and chairs near the cliff? I'm hungry."

I start into this biting little breeze, heading toward a bunch of blue Pepsi umbrellas silhouetted against the hazier blue of the water. It's like the Café at the End of the Earth.

Actually, what's up there is a kitchen. You sit out under the Pepsi umbrellas to eat.

If you're in time.

"Sorry, I've turned the griddle off," says this chef on the other side of the counter. "I can get you snacks. Or, guess I could do you a quesadilla."

Damn. "How 'bout a burger?" I ask.

"I could do you a hot dog," he says. His name's

Gary. He's been here four months. "See, the grill's off. It's cooled down. But, well, I guess I could sauté you a burger in the pan."

That sounds promising. Don't normally hear "burger" and "sauté" in the same breath.

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"Thanks! Yes," I say, and watch while he goes through to a small partitioned cooking area farther along the counter.

"With cheese?" he asks.

"Yes."

"American, cheddar, or

Swiss?"

"Cheddar."

"Want to kick it up to Cajun burger? Nice and spicy."

"Sure," I say. "Love spicy."

"See?" he says, holding up a CD-size patty. "Half-pound burger. I've hand-formed it myself, added spices...here, smell it."

I do. It's herby-spicy.

"And I don't cut the tomatoes till I do each burger," he says.

Huh. But now thinking *dinero*. Lessee. Hamburger's \$6.00. Cheeseburger's \$6.50. Cajun burger, too. The menu's labeling, I see now, is kinda cool, all paragliding-related. Breakfast stuff is called "The Launch," because "you should never leave the ground on an empty stomach." They have a \$4.00 breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa. The "Mile High" omelet's bacon, cheese, and bell peppers (\$5.50). Then there's chicken and fish and Gardenburger sandwiches called "Al-

ternate Flight Routes," because "great discoveries are motivated by taking risks." The "Landing Zone" is for "oddballs with no other place to call home." We're talking bratwurst and sautéed onions (\$4.25), or a Philly cheesesteak (\$6.25).

But Hank's shaking his head. "Nothing here for me," he says. "I need salads."

"The grilled mahimahi is really healthy," Gary says. It's \$7.00. "We use lemon pepper, sautéed onions, fresh garlic, and it's in a whole-grain honey-wheatbread sandwich."

Hank isn't tempted, but thinking of Carla, I say, "Give me one of those to go."

We get a coffee (\$1.00) each, then Hank goes off to see how far down the cliff these air-sailors swoop. While I'm waiting, a gal walks up to Gary. Alaina, the manager. "She's also Number Three in the world Frisbee golf championships," Gary says.

We talk Frisbee golf till Gary comes up with the burger. Wowee. That's one big chunk of char-sealed meat in there. Caramelized sautéed onions on top, along with the tomatoes, lettuce, and *pepino*, a big pickle. I take my eyes off the swirling *carnivale* and concentrate on the taste in hand. This burger's worth it. I swear I get cayenne flavors. Cajun. I hack into the pile of potato salad that comes with it. Gary says he makes this too. It's red-skin potatoes and celery and has me gloop-

ing till the last forkful. I lean back, look up at the rainbow sky.

Hank comes heaving back up from the cliff edge. I hold up the Cajun's remains. "That, my friend," I say to Hank, "is a burger."

But the biggest treat is Carla's mahi sandwich. I just have to bust into it. There's something about the sweet, dark bread, the unfishy fish, the tartar. It's a treat, and I lean on Hank to try it. But he's on the Trim-Slim, Yoyo-No-Mo' diet plan, and nothing will shake him. I wish I had his grit.

But then, I woulda missed these two treats.

It's getting late. Lots of guys are circling in, busy as Lindbergh Field at this hour, but quiet, except for a guy who's walkie-talking one of the paragliders into a landing. He comes to sit down. Turns out he's David Jebb, the owner. Used to be a cop with the SDDP. Running this, he says, beats everything.

"When the weather starts warming, we're going to stay open later," he says, "because with the sunsets we get from here, I tell you, they'll blow you away."

But no. I want the wind to blow me away, flying one of these silent wings. Seems even Charles Lindbergh learned flying here. But he probably had *dinero*. Guess I'll have to be happy with occasional Cajun chops and membership in the Green Flash Club. ■

The Place: Cliff Hanger Café, Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla (858-452-9858)

Type of Food: American

Prices: Breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa, \$4.00; half-pound hamburger with potato or macaroni salad, \$6.00; cheeseburger, \$6.50; Cajun burger, \$6.50; "Mile High" omelet (with bacon, cheese, bell peppers), \$5.50; bratwurst and sautéed onions, \$4.25; Philly cheesesteak, \$6.25; BBQ chicken wrap, \$6.00; grilled mahimahi in hoagie roll, \$7.00

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New Godfather In Town

"My goal is to make California-class wines in Ramona."

Not long after Beth and Victor Edwards had moved onto their hillside property on the east side of Ramona, the neighbors — longtime residents of the place across the road — paid a visit.

"Well, what do you want to do with this land?" asked the old-timers.

"We're going to grow grapes and make wine."

"Oh, well, then, you're in a good spot. There used to be a vineyard over there" — the man gestured to the hill across the road. "And there's still the remnants of a vineyard up there," he said, pointing down Route 78.

There may have been some comfort in knowing that they weren't attempting to boldly grow where no grape had grown before. But that little piece of history helped in more important ways. When the Edwardses and several other members of the Ramona Vineyard Association petitioned to have Ramona Valley recognized as an American Viticultural Area, says Victor, "They did ask for some historical documentation. They asked, 'Was there a history of growing grapes here?'"

"I paid my dues and went to the Guy B. Woodward Museum and researched it," recalls Beth. "Ed Fletcher — of Fletcher Hills and Fletcher Park-

way — was the first to drive a car up here to Ramona. He bought a bunch of land" and started trying to sell it off. Says Victor, "He was advertising Bolina Valley" — the part of Ramona where the Edwardses ended up planting their own vines — "as having 'that red soil that grape-grow-

ers and winemakers love so much.' That was back around 1920." Victor also visited "the old head-pruned vineyard up the road, just past Old Julian Highway. I talked to the owner of Bernardo Winery, and he said that as a small child, he came up to Ramona to pick grapes with his

father. From his childhood recollections, he thought there might have been a thousand acres up here." They had their history of grape-growing, along with their soil and weather analyses, and on January 6, they got their AVA.

"Only three years ago," says Ramona grape-grower Bill Schweitzer, "there was John Schwaesdall" of Schwaesdall Winery.

"The Godfather," adds Victor. If you wanted Ramona wine, Schwaesdall was it. Now, there are nine bonded wineries in Ramona. Now, things are happening.

"I think we're progressing in the correct way," says Beth. It started with the formation of the Ra-

mona Vineyard Association — at the time, a group of amateur growers who thought Ramona had potential as a wine region. It started with guest speakers from Nova Vine nursery in Sonoma, from Ben Drake's Temecula vineyard management company. Since then, says Beth, "People have been buying the grapes, seeing what the grapes can do. We've been working on finding out what we can do best. We've gotten our AVA lined up. People are getting their wineries bonded." Tasting rooms will have to wait for that last (and in some ways, highest) hurdle, the major-use permit. But things are happening.

For now, says Bill, "We don't have the production to compete with Callaway or Mondavi. Our niche market, as I define it, is the San Diego tourist market." The AVA is a help there. "We want to identify our wines with some place in San Diego County that they can name. 'We visited San Diego, and we're taking this wine home to Grandma.' Or, for somebody in Ramona: 'Here, here is something created in my town.'"

But the AVA may also pave the way for bigger things. Says Beth, "The Cilurzos were the first winery in Temecula. They were there, making wines out of their Italian heritage. It wasn't their career goal, but it became a big influence in their lives and in their children's lives." The Cilurzos were among the pioneers. "And Callaway came." Likewise, she thinks, the Ramona wine industry "can be big, if the pockets are deep. Now, there's an opportunity for a big investor to come in and say, 'Oh, Ramona Valley. Let's plant 200 acres and get somebody else to take care of it and make a name.'" Already, the Edwardses have heard of



Ramona Valley in the days of Ed Fletcher

people deciding to go ahead with proposed vineyard projects after hearing about the AVA.

"I think it's a watershed event," says Victor, and timing fits nicely with Ramona's demographic shift. "Ramona used to be really rural, the turkey capital of the world...."

"Big trucks, big dogs, big guns," adds Bill.

"But new people are moving out here," continues Victor, and as you get farther from town, you get bigger and bigger lots. "They ask, 'What can we do with this land?' We're proving that you can grow grapes, and that fits right into their lifestyle while keeping the rural country atmosphere to Ramona." A neighbor who is selling five multi-acre parcels "is very interested in growing grapes out here. I think he's selling those parcels as potential vineyard estates."

"The other good part about Ramona Valley," says Beth, "is that it fills a very nice niche in the San Diego wine-tour region. You can start off and hit wineries in Escondido [Belle Marie, Orfila] or Carlsbad [Witch Creek] and work your

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way out to Julian [Orfila, Menghini]. We cover a big section right there in the middle. Hopefully, someday, we can be like Temecula wine country, only we'll have more varied regions."

Adds Bill, "It always frosts me when I'm driving down the freeway and I see the wine tour bus taking people from the cruise ships in San Diego harbor up to Temecula."

"They might as well stay in San Diego County," says Beth.

And someday, says Victor, "I hope we will take it to the next step. My goal is to make California-class wines from Ramona. At some point, that means you're competing with all the other wines in California. That's another few years down the road." For now, "our little Albertsons right now has wine from Temecula, and they've also got a few rows of wines from Ramona. Everything is little baby steps, but moving forward." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert—an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

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Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carinitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch

to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles,

pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints.

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When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one drive-way west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poke* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or

mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Open Wednesday to Sunday, continuous lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/05)

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomato version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon.

Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights. Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.* (3/05)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged Ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Dinner only, Wednesday to Sunday. Moderate at Oystar Bar; upper

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Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — N.W. (9/03)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a

plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and

burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are avail-

able; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — E.W.

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a

traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. The synergy between Executive Chef Jason Knibb and Dessert Chef (and cheesemaker) Jack Fisher has taken this restaurant to a new level of craftsmanship, with a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate

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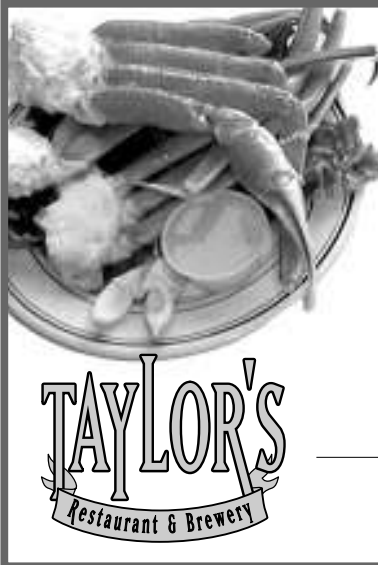
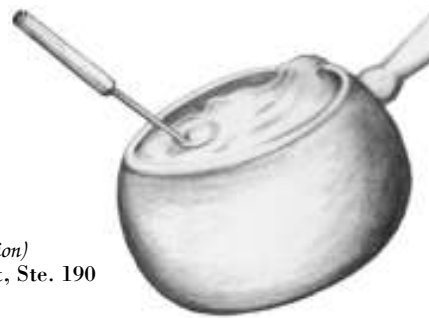
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Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat

meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — M.N. (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday. Lunch and dinner 3 p.m. to midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open daily for lunch; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phe-

nomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich gar-

lic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded,

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Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This

spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal “slow food” cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées, such as apricot-glazed grilled chicken. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in

composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better-tasting than U.S.-made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner weeknights, three meals on weekends, until 11 p.m. nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties.

The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say “hot,” expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue

291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: “Round-up” (mild), “Giddy-up” (spicy), or “Stampede” (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the “Ripcurl” hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Johnny B's 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to

7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday, Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill

7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to “please don't steal the forks.” But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the “dynamite” sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-honey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

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vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the

Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* along-side applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light

over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-

made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising



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punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small

heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacog*os *cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade

flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hour Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable, with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fourth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *ke-laguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (3/05)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the superb mango and

ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily except Monday. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions,

bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — N.W. (9/05)

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat-in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef

po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/05)

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (5/04)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tast-



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George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its

focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias

are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Soleil @K Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab cakes, and desserts are witty as well as

tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights,

open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (souful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajás*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily,

lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*



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Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéé items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage.

For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open

daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jockey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Rio District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style

hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday

Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W. (7/04)*

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No Competition

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There once was a time when I thought Albert Brooks looked to have unseated Woody Allen as America's reigning comedy filmmaker. That would have been as long ago as *Modern Romance*, 1981, and would have lasted at least another ten years, through *Defending Your Life*. Allen around that time had gotten a little away from comedy, with *Interiors*, *September*, *Another Woman*, among others. Even when he got back to it, in *A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy*, *Zelig*, *Broadway Danny Rose*, even in one of his finest inspirations, *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, he did not always get back to being funny. The other Brooks, Mel, had by then run out of gas (*History of the World Part I*, *Spaceballs*, *Life Stinks*) and had fallen by the wayside. Since that period, Albert, too, has dropped off in both inspiration and productivity (*Mother, The Muse*), while Woody, although he can seldom be bothered to follow through on his inspirations, has regained some ground through sheer persistence. No contemporary filmmaker can match his pace over so long a haul. But the competition, if it ever existed anywhere

but in my own mind, no longer matters. Not only has it sunk to a lower level, but the emergence of the Coen brothers has thrown it into the shade. Nobody in the past fifteen years has made me laugh like they have.

REVIEW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

The new Brooks and Allen films, *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World* and *Match Point*, tantalizingly arriving in town together, can hardly revive any rivalry, even though Brooks is back in top form and Allen not far below. It will not work as a head-to-head matchup simply because Allen has again gotten away from comedy. Apples and oranges. He has also, more notably, gotten away from Manhattan and environs, if also not for the first time. (Don't forget *Sweet and Lowdown*, *Shadows and Fog*, *Love and Death*, et al.) Yet he has never before so successfully gotten away from himself, and not just because he is not on screen in this one. (He has tried that often enough, too.) The story — a didactic illustration of the role of luck in human affairs, taking as its central metaphor a ball clipping the top of the net in a game of tennis, freeze-framed indecisively in midair — traces the progress



Match Point

of a lowborn Irish tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers), not quite good enough to have held his own on the circuit with Sampras and Agassi, interested now in life's finer things — literature, art, opera — and wanting to “do something special, you know, make a contribution,” but led by happenstance into the British upper class, into

the affections of a sweet-natured, uncomplicated heiress (Emily Mortimer), into the family business, into a pact, if you will, with Mephistopheles, and into a bit of a sticky wicket. His prospective brother-in-law's American fiancée (Scarlett Johansson), a struggling actress but an accomplished flirt, has a certain something that his own

ladylove lacks: “Did anyone ever tell you you have extremely sensual lips?” And Jonathan Rhys-Meyers should know! These two pairs of lips appear destined to meet.

The developments to this point and beyond unfold organically, efficiently, covering a lot of ground swiftly yet without hurry, in the craftsmanly



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manner of Golden Age Hollywood. They hold, even if they do not tightly grip, your interest. The decision of DreamWorks to tout the film as a “thriller” betrays a degree of worry over viewer impatience. At a full two hours, this is (correct me if I am wrong) the longest Woody Allen film to date, and it had no apparent need to be. In truth, the closer it comes to the vicinity of a thriller, the more it starts to slow down, to drag, to grind. (Not that Allen hasn’t a trick or two up his sleeve: an unforeseeable reprise of the central metaphor and a deceptive unlucky bounce.) Certainly in the earlier stretches, the film is not without humor, the humor of ambitions, relationships, desires. It can quite comfortably be classed as a Human Comedy, if no other kind. It reminded me in tone a little of Allen’s last one, *Melinda and Melinda*, the one that intended to split its time between comedy and tragedy but in fact could never much differentiate. A betwixt-and-between tone. A detached and dispassionate tone.

The British milieu and accents prove to be an effective, a brilliant disguise for Allen’s familiar rhythms and idioms, and I can’t help but wonder how well the film would hold your interest if you stumbled into it without knowing what — or rather, whom — you



Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World

were seeing. (The golden glaze and the calm camera, long since recovered from the fleeting jitters of *Husbands and Wives*, might have clued you in. And while the opera on the soundtrack, in place of Allen’s preferred jazz, could have thrown you off the scent, the scratchiness of the mono recordings — Caruso, where most modern

filmmakers would have opted for a digital Domingo or Pavarotti — might again have got the scent up.) My own suspicion is that, for all its polish and proficiency, the film desperately depends on your awareness that it’s Allen and your search for substantiation. For recognition. It’s a sure cure for your recent boredom with him.

The Brooks film is different. The enormous pleasure of it is in finding him once again as he was, at his self-belittling best, and for the first time since his first film, *Real Life*, literally playing “himself,” though one would hope not altogether accurately. Naturally he is older. It is now more than six years since his last directing job,

although his mere acting job in *The In-Laws* has not gone forgotten: “Why in God’s name did they remake that?” wonders Penny Marshall (as “herself”) before interviewing him for the lead role in her own remake of *Harvey*. (His prouder calling card, the voice of a fish in *Finding Nemo*, did not expose him to personal inspection.) The hairpiece and/or hair dye, too monolithically dark for his melting, crumpling face, can here be seen as the vanity and insecurity of the character rather than of the actor. Whether or not he meant it to be seen as that.

The idea of the film is self-evidently an inspired one. The U.S. State Department, hoping to win the hearts and minds of the Muslim peoples by better understanding their sense of humor, recruits a “respected” comedian to travel to India and Pakistan for one month and to write up a 500-page report on his findings, with no remuneration beyond the Medal of Freedom and its tricolor ribbon. And, too, “You’d be doing your country a great service.” It might be enough to say that the idea is done to a turn, and that the best a critic can do is not to spoil the gags. (Well, maybe for just one example, the unspoilable running gag of a roomful of Indian phone operators fielding toll-free calls for OnStar, Harry and David, even the White House.) I would simply want to add that the idea is a good one not only as an entry, albeit tangential and superficial, to the subject of the War on Terror, but even more so as an entry, and a deep one, into the subject of Albert Brooks, a way for him to confront the bugaboos of his spotty career, the cruel truth that many people (Muslims, doubtless, but Gentiles, Jews, too, merrymaking Americans of all stripes) do not find him funny and many others do not even know who he is. “I bet he thinks he’s writing to *Mel Brooks*,” he grumps at the letter of invitation from the head of the State Department commission, Fred Dalton Thompson (as “himself”). And later, at a meeting much more courteous than Penny Marshall’s bum’s-rush audition, when he at last gets to ask, “Why me?” the answer doesn’t flatter: “Quite frankly, our first few choices were working.” To the extent that the idea affords Brooks a way to confront these bugaboos, it equally affords him a way to prove his bravery, notwithstanding his demurral at the illegal border-crossing into Pakistan: “I’ve never been known for bravery.” He always ought to have been. He should surely be hereafter.

It could no doubt be alleged that the limitation of all of Brooks’s films, and this one no exception, is his obsessive concern with self and little else. But in mitigation it could be answered that the other principal characters on display, while few in number and not deeply probed, are astutely cast and played: John Carroll Lynch and Jon Tenney as the stolid, imperturbable State Department flunkies assigned as chaperones, and Sheetal Sheth as the endearingly enthusiastic but uncomprehending Hindu amanuensis. The further, the deeper mitigation of Brooks’s self-concern is of course his self-satire. If he spends most of his time looking at and into himself (instead of for comedy in the Muslim world), at least he’s not satisfied with what he sees. And not only can he make fun of himself, he can actually be funny doing it. Slayingly funny. His solo concert in an out-of-the-way school auditorium, ostensibly to gauge the responses of a New Delhi audience to assorted types of comedy, serves on

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the one hand to document for eternity material from Brooks's stand-up bag (the ventiloquist bit, the improv bit), and on the other hand to attest to the mortification, the slow and painful on-stage death, of the insatiably needy and insufficiently loved performer. The film may peak at that point, just two-thirds of the way through. But the peak is a Himalaya. ■

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Aeon Flux — The live-action adaptation of an MTV cartoon remains so cartoonish — what with its computer-generated futuristic utopia, computer-animated internal organs, computer-manipulated stunts and body doubles, computer this and computer that — it's a wonder it bothered with flesh-and-blood actors at all. Charlize Theron, who may have been worried after *Monster* and *North Country* that you were beginning to view her as a frump, demonstrates that she can be as sleekly dehumanized as Kate Beckinsale in *Underworld* or Halle Berry in *Catwoman*. ("I want to know what it feels like to be a person," she says at one point, a tad disingenuously.) Frances McDormand, who played opposite Theron in *North Country*, cannot be dehumanized to quite that extent, but she can at any rate be given a monstrous Pre-

Raphaelite hairdo. Director Karyn Kusama, once upon a time the maker of the gritty little *Girlfight*, might have persuaded herself she was still carrying the flag of feminist empowerment, but she could not very well persuade the rest of us unless maybe the computer was named HALLE 9000. With Marton Csokas, Jonny Lee Miller, Sophie Okonedo. 2005.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Annapolis — By-the-numbers military training exercise: a sensitive riveter, not content just to build ships, joins the Naval Academy on a promise to his late mother. There's a withholding father, a hard-ass drill instructor, a roly-poly lagging roommate, a foxy female officer, and a boxing tournament for proving manhood. James Franco might hope to remind you of Montgomery Clift in *From Here to Eternity* (his character's name, Huard, even sounds a bit like Pruitt), but he can only hope. With Tyrese Gibson, Jordana Brewster, Donnie Wahlberg, and Vicellous Shannon; directed by Justin Lin. 2006.

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Big Momma's House 2 — Comedy sequel starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long, directed by John Whitesell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

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Brokeback Mountain — Here's fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite denials ("You know I ain't queer" and "Me neither"), a love that would survive each man's marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: "This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation." Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrast-

ingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumowrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in *Ride with the Devil*, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What's new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Ice Storm* seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway. 2005.

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Broken Flowers — Jim Jarmusch's mainstreamiest film to date has a lot of laughs in it, despite the pretentiousness of the *cinéma d'enlui* pacing and deliberately dissatisfying ending. Laughs are laughs,

nonetheless, and once they've fought through the pretentiousness, they cannot be wiped off the scoreboard. (Another impediment to be fought through, another potential wet blanket, is an image a shade or two dark and dreary.) The idea of the film is a simple one and an immediately appealing one. We start with "an over-the-hill Don Juan" (words of a huffily departing girlfriend) who receives an unsigned typewritten letter from a former lover, informing him that he has a nineteen-year-old son bent on tracking him down. At the urging of his mystery-buff neighbor (an unlikely neighbor in so swanky a suburb, a West Indian family man with three menial jobs and more than that many children), he draws up a list of possible suspects from the pertinent time period — a list of five, one now deceased, scattered across the country, as revealed through a search of the Internet — and sets out to track them down, pre-emptively, and to smoke out the source of the letter. The itinerary of our amateur sleuth leads to a broad spectrum of people and places, and in between, to some invigorating on-the-road shots through a rental-car windshield. Put more pretentiously, it adds up to a tour of Paths Not Taken, a graph of Life's Changes. With only a little effort, we can imagine Woody Allen coming up with such an idea and going to town with it. We cannot quite imagine, these days, that the idea would have turned out this funny; that he would actually have gotten anywhere near to town with it. The deadpan detach-

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ment of Bill Murray, a minimal reactor, a frosty mirror, a cautious counterpuncher, makes a perfect match for that of his director; and the humor, sprouting out of the gaps, the schisms, the chasms between people, comes through as less strained, or less buried under pretension, than normal for Jarmusch. You are free, once the closing credits are rolling, to pursue the mystery into the trackless recesses of the human heart, the enigmatic ego, the predestined identity. But you will then have to leave behind the laughs that made the trip pleasurable. Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, Julie Delpy, Chloë Sevigny. 2005.
★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1/30, 6:30 P.M.)

Bubble — Steven Soderbergh’s low-budget digital production, set in a doll factory, with a cast of nonprofessionals. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/27)

Caché — Reviewed next issue. With Daniel Auteuil, Juliette Binoche, Maurice Benichou, and Annie Girardot; written and directed by Michael Haneke.
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/27)

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. (“Bergdorff’s,” he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Inves-

tigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, “Sears, Roebuck.”) The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.
★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Casanova — Undisclosed chapter in the career of the 18th-century rake: his courtship of a protofeminist ghostwriter and swordswoman, the Ms. Right who can tie him down for keeps. The sort of romantic fantasy, in other words, that ruins real lives. A tiresome rompish costume party in antiquing golden light, under a shower of Baroque standards (Vivaldi, Corelli, Albini, et al.). Venice looks magical, but sounds predominantly British. With Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller, Jeremy Irons, Oliver Platt, Lena Olin; directed by Lasse Hallström. 2005.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 — A family feud, over Labor Day at Lake Winnetka, between the twelve-kid Bakers and the eight-kid Murtaughs, or anyway between their hotly competitive dads (Steve Martin, Eugene Levy). Humor and sentiment every bit as cheap as *Cheaper* One. The only notable change is in the suddenly sculpted Hilary Duff, who either has done some work or, odds are, had some work *done*. (The change in directors, Shawn Levy to Adam Shankman, is undetectable.) Bonnie Hunt finds a few crannies in which to do something resembling acting. With Piper Per-

abo, Tom Welling, Carmen Electra. 2005.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — The mythic children’s book by C.S. Lewis makes for a good children’s film, better, to pick a couple of nearby co-ordinates, than any of the Harry Potters, better than any third of *The Lord of the Rings*, albeit still rather longish at two hours and twenty minutes. In the first place, and in spite of the existence of six other books in the Narnia series, it has a beginning, a middle, and an end — and all in one film! (What a concept!) In that respect, it calls to mind the original *Star Wars*, not the original trilogy, much less the following trilogy, but the single, solitary film. The stand-alone film. The ending of *Narnia* in particular, with all its triumphal pomp and circumstance, calls that film to mind. The beginning, on the other hand, calls to mind an even better children’s film, *The Secret Garden* (the 1993 version at any rate), with four parentless children packed off during the London Blitz to a gloomy mansion of rigid rules (“No improper use of the dumbwaiter,” etc.), where they soon discover, at the back of the wardrobe in the spare room, a portal to the alternative universe of Narnia, populated by talking animals and a messianic lion named Aslan. (The transitions between the two worlds are dreamily seamless.) A prophecy, they further discover, has foretold of their coming as well as their overthrow of the reigning Wicked White Witch, wonderfully visualized — an icicle crown, frozen-stiff hair, snowman’s lump-of-coal eyes, clammy, oystery skin — and commandingly played by Tilda Swinton. The narrative incidents unfold smoothly and swiftly and at times quite excitingly. And the execution of Aslan, in an atmosphere that reeks of a witches’ Sabbath, is about as brutal as it could be without becoming as sadistic as *The Passion of the Christ*. His immediate resurrection, although the logic of it had been withheld from us, and although the Christian allegory of it cannot be ignored, is nevertheless easier to swallow than, subsequently, the prowess of the children on the battlefield or the wholesale resurrection of casualties on that field. The lesson in courage at that point, or those points, gets a bit muddled. It almost smacks of cowardice. With Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, and the voice of Liam Neeson; directed by Andrew Adamson. 2005.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Conformist — The enormous suspense potential of the Alberto Moravia novel, about an Italian Fascist whose yearning for normality and acceptance has brought him the assignment of murdering his former professor, remains buried beneath the hot-shot gimmickries and smartaleckries indulged in by Bertolucci — the shuffled time sequence, the overly choreographed snow-white insane asylum, the mountains of walnuts piled high around a bureaucrat’s office, the virtuoso hand-held-

camera scramble through the forest, and the like. With Jean-Louis Trintignant, Dominique Sanda, Stefania Sandrelli. 1970.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/26, 1 P.M. ONLY)

The Family Stone — Christmas comedy about the gathering of a clan, and allies, in snowy New England at the holiday. The core family, name of Stone, numbers seven, so a lot is afoot: terminal cancer, a pregnancy, a gay-couple adoption (minorities within the minority: the couple is interracial and one-half hearing impaired), an old flame, a guttering flame, two new flames. It all sorts itself out, in a next-Christmas coda, with no sticky residue. The cast, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Claire Danes, Dermot Mulroney, Luke Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Elizabeth Reaser, Ty Giordano, Diane Keaton, and Craig T. Nelson, could use any help they can get, but what they get from the bilious photography is skin the complexion of uncooked chicken. Written and directed by Thomas Bezucha. 2005.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Fun with Dick and Jane — Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotcheff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelpia, Enron, and other corporate miscreants. Fast pacing, that is, and loose plotting. Jim Carrey, as the out-of-work executive who stops his financial free fall with a spree of armed robbery (armed with a squirt gun), can still execute a pratfall and can still out-flex Gumby, but now a little more restrained, a little more aged, he is starting to look less like the new Jerry Lewis and more like the new Johnny Carson. Ace cinematographer Jerzy Zielinski (Agnieszka Holland’s *The Secret Garden*, *Washington Square*, and *The Third Miracle*, for three) sees to it that the star, his co-stars (Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin, Richard Jenkins), and their antiseptic surroundings at least look good. 2005.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Glory Road — Yet another Disney raid on the annals of sport for an Inspirational True Story: the 1966 NCAA basketball final in which the upstart Miners of Texas Western (today, UTEP) sent out five blacks for the opening tip against the “basketball royalty” of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. This story, within a larger story of sports in America as an agency of social change and collective consciousness-raising, is such an intrinsically good one (what took so long to get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from dramatization, or more particularly, Disneyfication. Nor can it benefit from its transformation into a visual accompaniment for a double-disc collection of golden oldies. It does depict some good practice sessions and good coaching lessons, with the dagger-eyed Josh Lucas as Don Haskins, the fifth-year coach at Texas Western, not first-year, as portrayed here, much less straight from coaching a high-school girls’ team. (Ah, Hollywood.) And Jon Voight, in a putty nose to rival the one he wore as

Howard Cosell in *Ali*, creates a sizable diversion in his comical but not disrespectful portrait of the old-school Kentucky coach, Adolph Rupp. (“You’re going to win this game,” he assures his disarrayed troops in the desperate waning minutes. “Now go out there and make me a prophet.”) And there are a couple of gratifying shots of UK black students huddled around a TV set in a dorm room and stifling their cheers for the opposition. With Derek Luke, Austin Nichols, Mehdad Brooks; directed by James Gartner. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; 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; VISTA VILLAGE)

Good Night, and Good Luck — Unabashed hero worship of the “crusading” CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow’s television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow’s somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal “Salute to Edward R. Murrow” in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor’s scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow’s example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow’s stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire — The fourth installment in J.K. Rowling’s series of children’s books yields a two-and-a-half-hour movie which, for all its furious activity, gets virtually nowhere. It gets, more specifically, through the “legendary” Triwizard Tournament, only to arrive at the dampening admonition, “Dark and difficult times lie ahead.” Potterites, under the freedom-of-religion pact, ought not to be begrudged their mythology; and two and a half hours of lavish illustration might well strike their eyes as a feast. The skeptic or the mere apathetic is more apt to notice the presumptuousness of filmmakers who expect their audience to meet them seven-eighths of the way. (Have you done your homework, kiddies?) The skeptic or apathetic will also be quicker to sense that the unabated spectacle of special effects becomes almost routine, almost humdrum, regardless of how imaginative

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some of those effects may be: the sailing ship that surfaces and submerges like a submarine, the ghostly face of Sirius molded in the glowing embers of the hearth for a fire-side chat. Such a viewer will also be more prone to argue that this sort of anything-goes fantasy, with few established rules, fosters a feeling of passiveness if not instinctive, involuntary withdrawal. The new director, Mike Newell, is the best of the three to take the controls in the series to date (Chris Columbus for parts one and two, Alfonso Cuarón for part three), although a runaway train is open only to the most limited guidance. We are reminded of his capabilities not so much by any demonstration of them as by the presence of Miranda Richardson, his scintillating star in *Dance with a Stranger*, and quite delightful here in the new role of Rita Skeeter, nosy news reporter for the animated scandal sheet, *The Daily Profit*. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson, Michael Gambon, Ralph Fiennes. 2005.

★ (VOGUE)

Hoodwinked — A fractured fairy tale, the Red Riding Hood tale, told in a fractured narrative after the fashion of stuff like *Pulp Fiction*, *Go*, *Snatch*, *Sin City*, with a dash of *Rashomon*, a whisper of *Citizen Kane*. The intersections of four narrative lines, from four differing points of view, are fun to spot; and the minor character of a banjo-picking bluegrass billy goat, who can say hardly anything without singing it, is truly funny. The bottom-drawer computer animation sets a useful low standard, a base baseline, against which to measure the quality-controlled slickness of Disney or DreamWorks: the nearest thing today to a George Pal Puppetoon in arthritic rigidity. Co-writers and directors Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech can fully match the big boys, though, in shoot-from-the-hip hipness. If that's what you want from your fairy tales. With the voices of Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Patrick Warburton, David Ogden Stiers. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)

Hostel — Sophomoric gore, “presented” by Quentin Tarantino but directed by Eli Roth. Youthful backpackers interrupt their tour of Amsterdam (a cannabis cafe, a disco, the red-light district, no time for Anne Frank House) in order to pursue the promise of beautiful and easy girls in Slovakia, where indeed a couple of beautiful and easy girls lead them straight to a torture chamber. The Slovakian tourism board cannot be pleased. Jay Hernandez, Derek Richardson, Eythor Gudjonsson. 2006.

● (CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

King Kong — Fresh from *The Lord of the Rings*, Peter Jackson could presumably have done anything he wanted. What he apparently wanted was to do a remake. Check that, a second remake. A 21st-century Kong. A CGI Kong. A kung-fu Kong. (Three T. rexes at a time, one hand tied up with a savory maiden.) And not least, a three-hour Kong, even though it takes over an hour to get to him, and though he must share screen time after that with an entire ecosystem of slimy, slithery critters. Jackson, remaking almost slavishly the 1933 version rather than the rerouted 1976 version, returns the action to the original period, plays up and jokes up, with help from the turtle-faced Jack Black, the film-within-the-film element (Fay Wray is unavailable because “she’s shooting a picture with RKO”), and imbues the beauty-and-beast theme with the sort of modish, operatic amplification that says so much about our Age of Indulgence, squeezing every last

drop of emotion from the death of the ape, all the way down to the emotion (among the most sensitive individuals) of mirth. The Kong films show a sharp decline, this one a farther step down from the last than the last was down from the first. Three hours are not automatically “better” than one and three-quarters or two and one-quarter. Even the supposed progress in special effects — from stop-motion models to computer animation — is largely illusory. The former falsity of stiffness and creakiness has simply been replaced by the falsity of fluidness and facileness. Exhibit A: the stampede of brontosaurus, an enlarged replication of the running of the bulls at Pamplona, wherein these nimble, fleet-footed behemoths scarcely seem to occupy the same space as the humans, even when stepping on them. Exhibit B: the attack of the giant bats on Kong, fluttering like shadows and creating a timely diversion that affords the boring romantic couple (Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody) a means of escape by hang-gliding from a bat’s feet, easy as catching a ride on the trolley. In whatever measure such effects might be “better” than the old, it’s too short a measure to make up for the falloff in imagination. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; VOGUE)

Last Holiday — The old, old — fifty-six-year-old, to be exact — Alec Guinness vehicle retailored to the expansive personality and physique of Queen Latifah. As a mousy cookware clerk at a department store in New Orleans, given three weeks to live and determined to blow her bank account on a dream vacation at the Grandhotel Pupp (pronounced “Poop”) in Karlovy Vary, the actress shows a bit more than her usual capital-A attitude — a reserve, a restraint, a wider range. That’s hard to sustain, though, when she’s doing things like snowboarding down a “black diamond” ski slope or BASE-jumping from the top of a hydroelectric dam. You go, girl. She is flatteringly photographed in the bargain, although the lighting that gives her (and a nonthreatening LL Cool J) a golden glow, gives the white folks jaundice and anemia. One of those is the pre-eminent French actor of his generation, Gerard Depardieu, in a subordinate role as the hotel master chef who holds the secret of life: “Butter.” Which is tantamount to seeing a French comedy starring Firmine Richard wherein Robert De Niro would pop up intermittently, speaking broken subtitled French as a philosophical hotdog vendor. Wayne Wang, the director, appears to feel no urgency to correct the course that has led him away from *The Joy Luck Club* and *Eat a Bowl of Tea* toward *Maid in Manhattan* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Not the most credible source, in other words, for a moral homily on living without fear. Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, Jane Adams, Giancarlo Esposito. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World — Reviewed this issue. With Albert Brooks, John Carroll Lynch, Jon Tenney, and Sheetal Sheth; written and directed by Brooks.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Matador — Smarty-pants comedy-thriller written and directed by Richard Shepard. Pierce Brosnan, producer and star, further purges himself of James Bond (if *The Tailor from Panama* didn’t do the trick) in his garish portrayal of “a facilitator of fatalities” who befriends a timid American businessman on a job in Mexico: “For an assassin, he’s very nice.” He certainly appears to be enjoying himself. The viewer will be hard pressed to match him. Greg Kinnear, Hope Davis. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 1/27; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 1/27; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 1/27)

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KATHY GRIFFIN ALLEGEDLY (USA) 2004, Anchor Bay
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Match Point — Reviewed this issue. With Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Scarlett Johansson, Emily Mortimer, Matthew Goode, and Brian Cox; written and directed by Woody Allen.

★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Memoirs of a Geisha — Nipponese bodice-ripper, from the best-seller by Arthur Golden, though it plays as if it could just as well have been by Danielle Steel, a Cinderella story of the rise and fall and rise and fall and rise of a blue-eyed geisha in pre-war and postwar Japan. “A story like mine,” she starts out, meaning more than she means, “should never be told.” Nor should it be illustrated with the frenzy, flamboyance, and insufficient illumination accorded it by the razzle-dazzle director of *Chicago*, Rob Marshall. (Earlier in the gestation, it was going to be Steven Spielberg.) Gong Li is still Gong Li, and still beautiful, but in the lead role Zhang Ziyi is now Ziyi Zhang: the boom in Asian imports has brought no consistency in appellation, only confusion. (The catty rivalry on screen between the older actress and the younger, and eventually the all-out catfight, gains an added dimension when you recall that the one was bumped by the other in the films and affections of Zhang Yimou, or Yimou Zhang.) Using Chinese actresses is of course defensible in a movie aimed at the

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I’m sure you’ve heard of *Serenity*, the action-adventure blockbuster by *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* creator Joss Whedon. A spaceship named *Serenity*, with a crew of outlaws, is running from an Alliance (think the Empire from *Star Wars*) operative that wants one of the crew dead. The movie is pretty darn entertaining, but to really appreciate it, you should be a rabid fan of the original TV series, *Firefly*.

Fortunately, it’s not hard to become a fan of *Firefly*. Even after Fox botched promoting the series, the fervent fan base banded together on the Internet to convince Universal to give the crew another spin as a major motion picture. Five times now I have loaned my *Firefly* DVDs out, and, five times, the recipients have purchased their own copies. You can’t stop the signal!

SERENITY (USA) 2005, Universal
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Pearl Jam: Live at the Garden is an absolute must for anyone who loves live music. The audio mix is immaculate, and the images are cut to include just enough focusing and whip-pans to remind you of the crew trying to chase down this amazing performance.

Watching *Jaws* in 2.35:1 Anamorphic Widescreen is like seeing it for the first time. Spielberg uses the entire frame to paint this picture. It’s funny how well it’s aged, considering the shark was, at best, almost as believable as the Universal Studios ride. The Collector’s Edition has lots of bonuses.

There are numerous Oscar-worthy performances in *Magnolia*, Paul Thomas Anderson’s powerful tale of nine unremarkable souls whose journeys weave together remarkably. Anderson invents situations that not only COULD exist, but MUST. Jason Robards’s dying Earl is worth the price of several admissions.

PEARL JAM: LIVE AT THE GARDEN (USA) 2003, Sony
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JAWS: THE ANNIVERSARY COLLECTOR’S EDITION (USA) 1975, MCA
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American masses, just as their speaking in English is defensible. Their speaking in unintelligible English rather defeats the purpose. With Michelle Yeoh, Ken Watanabe, Koji Yakusho, Youki Kudoh. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Munich — Steven Spielberg’s profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist massacre of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics and the bloody aftermath of tit-for-tat reprisals. The director, while he plainly wants to pay his respects to all par-

ties, has not rid himself of his grandiosity and his self-indulgence. The overextended running time is simply, contradictory though it sounds to say so, a shortcut to Importance, a direct equation of size with significance. And the assorted lightening, whitening, fading effects in the cinematography of Janusz Kaminski (*Schindler’s List*, *Amistad*, *Saving Private Ryan*, etc.) call attention to themselves in their inconsistency. For a very large fraction of its two-and-three-quarters hours, however, the action is tense and unpredictable, kept within the straits of credibility by various means: by a consciousness of, if not a strict fidelity to, the factuality of the case; by a care not to let the thrills overpower the aversion to violence; by an accent on the human factor. With Eric Bana, Daniel

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Nanny McPhee — Emma Thompson as a magical governess, with Colin Firth and Kelly Macdonald, directed by Kirk Jones. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR

HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/27)

The New World — Two-and-a-quarter-hour history lesson, trimmed down from two and a half after its initial release, on John Smith and Pocahontas, and the latter's marriage to another, John Rolfe, and her intended sojourn in England which became instead her eternal rest. Terrence Malick's account is not a love story, or not just ("Love — shall we deny it when it visits

us?"), but rather a vision of utopian idealism ("I shall make a new start, a fresh beginning") and the ineluctable progress of America from its native innocence ("They are gentle, loving, faithful, lacking in all guile or trickery") to its imported corruption ("Lord, they're gone away from You, they have not hearkened to Your voice"). No one could deny that Malick has a vision, or at the very least a favorite shot: a solitary person adrift in a sea of tall grass or grain, engulfed by nature, enraptured in a state of childlike wonder, wandering around confusedly as if trying to remember where he might have mislaid his script. Large chunks of the words in a very sparse screenplay have been dubbed onto the soundtrack later, in murmurous, barely audible voice-overs from more than one narrator. (Most,

if not all, of the parenthetical quotations above come from these first-person ruminations.) The employment of multiple narrators is of course a modernist storytelling device which Malick seized upon in *The Thin Red Line* — an advance on the solo, subliterate female narrators of his *Badlands* and *Days of Heaven* — and it sounds all the more anachronistic, all the more pretentious, in a setting of the early 17th Century than in one of the Second World War. Despite the bigness of the budget (the excellent set of the frontier fort must have cost a mint by itself), this is a bona fide art film, one whose jump cuts — very tiny jumps — cannot juice up its stagnant pace, one whose integrity is declared most clearly in its ineptitude. It's too earnest, it seems to say, to be bothered with entertainment.

Colin Farrell, Q'orianka Kilcher, Christian Bale, Christopher Plummer, David Thewlis. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:45, 10:05; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:25) 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 7:05, 9:50; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:30, 10:35 Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:15; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 3:55) 7:25, 10:00; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:35, 8:20; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; **Match Point** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10) 4:30, 7:15, 10:10 Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35) 4:45, 8:10; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:20) 6:50, 9:30; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45; **The Matador** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:25, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:50, 10:10; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
End of the Spear (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:35 Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:10; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 6:10, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 6:10, 8:10, 10:10; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:30; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40) 4:30, 8:20; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30, 2:00, 3:10, 4:45, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:05 Sun. 12:30, 2:00, 3:10, 4:45, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00; **Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:25, 10:20; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:10, 10:25; **The New World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:15, 10:25; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:40 Sun. (1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:15, 9:50

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 7:20, 10:00; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 5:40) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:20, 3:50) 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20; **Casanova** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 7:15; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 6:45, 9:10; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20, 3:50) 7:00, 9:15; **Match Point** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 10:10; **Munich** (R) Fri. (1:40, 5:30) 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (1:40) 5:30, 9:30; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 3:35) 6:30, 9:05; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 6:25; **The Matador** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:00) 6:40, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (1:35) 4:00, 6:40, 9:25; **The Producers** (PG-13) Fri. (4:05) 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 4:05,

9:45; **The Squid and the Whale** (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:40) 9:00; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Annapolis (PG-13); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **Glory Road** (PG); **Last Holiday** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Munich** (R); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **Syriana** (R); **The Matador** (R); **The New World** (PG-13); **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13); **Underworld Evolution** (R)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (2:15, 5:15) 8:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; **Caché** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **Casanova** (R) Fri. (4:30) 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 4:30, 9:50; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri. (2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 7:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Annapolis (PG-13); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **Casanova** (R); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **Glory Road** (PG); **Hoodwinked** (PG); **Hostel** (R); **King Kong** (PG-13); **Last Holiday** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Munich** (R); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **Syriana** (R); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Matador** (R); **The New World** (PG-13); **The Ringer** (PG-13); **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13); **Underworld Evolution** (R)

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **End of the Spear** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45 (4:30) Sat.,-Sun. (4:30); **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:15, 10:15; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30, 7:15, 10:00; **The Visitation** (PG-13) Sat.,-Sun. 1:45; **The Work and the Glory** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (4:15); **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:30, 7:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Annapolis (PG-13); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **End of the Spear** (PG-13); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **Glory Road** (PG); **Hoodwinked** (PG); **Hostel** (R); **King Kong** (PG-13); **Last Holiday** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Munich** (R); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **Syriana** (R); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Family Stone** (PG-13); **The Matador** (R); **The New World** (PG-13); **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13); **Underworld Evolution** (R); **Walk the Line** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 8:00,

10:30 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10 Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:20, 9:45 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:20; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 7:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:55) 7:35; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40; **Syriana** (R) Fri. (3:30) 7:10, 10:05 Sat. (1:00, 3:45) 7:10, 10:00 Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:10; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 10:00 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The White Countess (PG-13) Fri. (5:00) 8:00 Sat.,-Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 8:00

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Call theater for program information

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Bubble** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:15, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; **Capote** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Transamerica** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bears (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Mystic India** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **The Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 12:10, 2:15, 2:45, 4:50, 5:20) 7:25, 7:55, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 12:10, 2:15, 2:45) 4:50, 5:20, 7:25, 7:55, 10:00, 10:30; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:35) 7:35; **End of the Spear** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (12:05, 5:05) 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05) 5:05, 10:05; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 5:00) 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 5:00, 9:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:25, 5:15) 8:05, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:15, 8:05, 10:55; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:00) 7:35; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **The Matador** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **The New World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **Underworld Evolution** (R)

Fri. (11:30, 11:50, 2:30, 4:50, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 11:50, 2:30) 4:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30, 10:50

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50 Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:25; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:30; **Match Point** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:20; **The Matador** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; **The New World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05 Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:10, 9:55; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00 Sat. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 9:50

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40 Sat. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45; **End of the Spear** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 7:35, 10:00 Sat. (11:30, 1:50) 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 7:35; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:10 Sat. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:10 Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 4:15; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (2:25) 5:20, 8:20 Sat. (11:20, 2:25) 5:20, 8:20 Sun. (11:20, 2:25) 5:20, 8:10; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:15, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 7:15, 10:25; **End of the Spear** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 4:15) 7:05, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25) 4:15, 7:05, 10:10; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:10, 4:35) 6:55, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:10) 4:35, 6:55, 9:30; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (12:20, 5:20) 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20) 5:20, 10:20; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 4:30) 7:20, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:20, 10:25; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00) 7:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 4:20) 7:35, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:20, 7:35, 10:45; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:55) 7:50; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:10,

4:55) 7:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30

(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 just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It’s a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dis-

similar 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 Hopper. 2005. ★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18)

Rumor Has It — Barren ground for the comic charms of Jennifer Aniston, as a hesitant fiancée investigating the possibility that her Pasadena family was the model for the Robinsons in *The Graduate*. That would make Shirley MacLaine Mrs. Robinson, and Kevin Costner the nuptial Lochinvar. (A self-described “dilettante Che biographer,” he ignorantly pronounces his subject’s surname as “Gwa-vara.”) When those

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Jane (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25, 4:05) 6:45, 9:30; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:35) 6:55, 10:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:05, 4:25) 6:50, 9:10; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:00, 4:40) 7:50, 10:40; **Match Point** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30, 4:20) 7:25, 10:30; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:00; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:35; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15) 6:15; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:25) 6:40, 10:05; **The Matador** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **The New World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:20, 10:25; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 1:50, 3:40, 4:35) 6:20, 7:15, 9:55; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:15) 9:15

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **The New World** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30

(1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Work and the Glory** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **Annapolis** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:35, 4:25, 7:00, 9:50 Sun. 1:35, 4:25, 7:00; **Big Momma’s House 2** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:00; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10 Sun. 1:45, 4:35, 7:25; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30, 2:55, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35 Sun. 12:30, 2:55, 5:05, 7:20; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. 1:55, 4:50, 7:40; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:20, 3:25, 6:35, 9:40 Sun. 12:20, 3:25, 6:35; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:20, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25 Sun. 1:20, 4:05, 6:45

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La Costa 6

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two once again come face to face at the climax, the music comes from a different 1967 movie, *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. The script is similarly heavy-handed, a hammering rhythm of easy set-ups and smashes. With Mark Ruffalo, Richard Jenkins, and Mena Suvari; directed by Rob Reiner. 2005.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same “realistic” conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspensus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who’s who, it’s still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travellers, a druggy street hustler en route to Hollywood for a career in gay porn, and a pre-op transsexual, a week away from his



Tristan and Isolde

“reassignment” surgery, who his young companion does not at first realize is a man, much less realize is his — the companion’s — long-lost father. It boasts a flat tire of a script, or anyhow a low-on-air tire (from first-time writer and director Duncan Tucker), but also a fascinating, disorienting performance by Felicity Huffman in a gender-blurring no-man’s-land, moving as if she were balancing a jug of water on her head, talking in a tranquilized monotone, stiffening her face into a fragile mask, generally acting like she has a gun at her back, all very understandable for someone who lives in breathless dread of being found out. Kevin Zegers, Fionnula Flanagan, Burt Young, Elizabeth Peña. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Tristan and Isolde — Kevin Reynolds, the director of *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and *Waterworld*, tries to rescue the legendary lovers from the clutches of Wagner and deliver them to the shopping mall.

Deliver them, more exactly, to mushy, muddled action scenes, to dull, gray, lightless photography, to moonfaced, crêpe-flat closeups, to a Johnny Depp manqué (James Franco), a Kate Winslet wisp (Sophia Myles), and a glowering supporting cast of envious no-accounts. It’s bearable, nevertheless, just for the story and its modifications. Such is the power of myth. Rufus Sewell, David O’Hara, Henry Cavill. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolf-slayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fidelity in this case could indicate no taste as

well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006.
● (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 JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

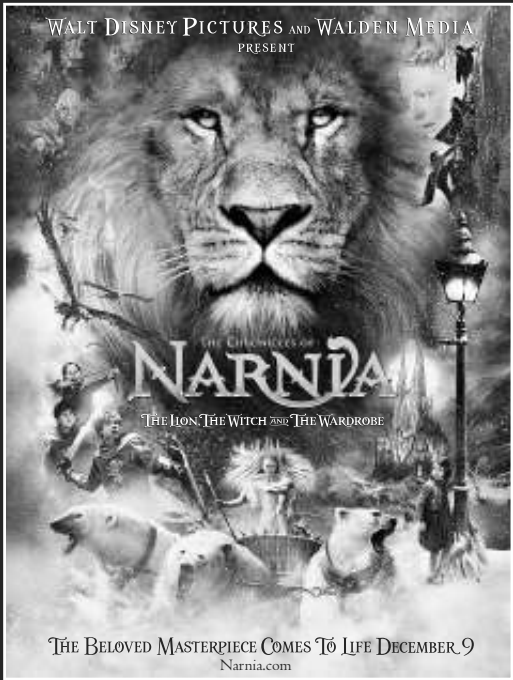
Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year’s *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, 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.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The White Countess — A James Ivory film, and a posthumous film for his long-time producer Ismail Merchant, on which their longtime screenwriter, Ruth Praver Jhabvala, was supplanted by the novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, whose *Remains of the Day* yielded one of the better Ivory-Merchant-Jhabvala collaborations. The present collaboration is not nearly as good, which is a bit of a puzzle, even conceding a somewhat stilted and pedantic script, because it had plenty of other reasons to be good. It has the masterly cinematographer, Wong Kar-wai’s main man, Christopher Doyle. It has a redolent romantic setting, Shanghai in the mid-to-late Thirties, a crossroads of political intrigue, a gathering place for the fallen and the dissolute, an exotic ambience worthy of von Sternberg (cf. *Shanghai Express* and *The Shanghai Gesture*, to stay strictly in the vicinity). It has Natasha Richardson, who is no Dietrich, nor even a Tierney, but is more of an actress than either, as a widowed and exiled Russian noble, now toiling in disrepute as a taxi dancer in a single “shabby” gown, battling at home for control of her daughter against her disapproving in-laws. And it has Ralph Fiennes as a blind and also widowed American diplomat, once “the last hope for the League of Nations,” but now dedicated to a less lofty goal, the creation of “the bar of my dreams,” to be financed with winnings from the racetrack and hosted by, as well named after, the debased Russian noble, The White Countess of the title. Somehow the heady brew fails to come to a boil, remains stubbornly tepid, stubbornly placid, even upon entrance into the race-against-time climax, a cliffhanger with two kinds of love in peril, the maternal and the amorous. Ivory has never been a natural, always been an earnest and lately a capable striver, and here his discreetness, his obliqueness, of approach (his, or his self-willed cinematographer’s) strives to be Wong-ian, more than Sternberg-ian, but he lacks the eye for it, the feel for it. Soft focus, smudged color, smeary light will not fill in a deficient atmosphere. The hero’s blindness, all too clearly metaphorical (“Why do you have such heavy doors? You think they’ll keep out the world?”), might be a broader metaphor than intended. Vanessa Redgrave, Lynn Redgrave, Hiroyuki Sanada. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/26; KEN, FROM 1/27)

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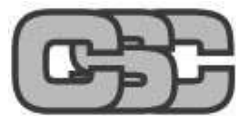
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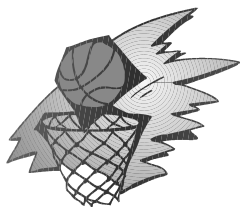
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THE INDIGO EVOLUTION. Movie documentary explores the phenomenon of psychic children, children who feel they have purpose. James Twyman producer/director of "Raising Psychic Children," will show movie at Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Boulevard, San Diego Ca 92116, January 27, 7pm, January 28/29, 3 and 6pm, \$10 movie only. \$20 movie plus refreshments. Reservations, Oliver 619-459-4125, Jordan 619-795-9530.

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1. Fictional character with an ivory peg leg
5. "Zoom-Zoom-Zoom" car company
10. Time out?
14. Designer Chanel
15. "Be _____"
16. "Sorry if _____ you down"
17. Reason why a flock might be physically incapable of flying south for the winter?
20. Grass that's unrolled
21. Like the air around Niagara Falls
22. Forster's "_____ With a View"
23. 1960s Minnesota Twins pitcher Jim
24. IV x IV
25. What Sam had to contend with after a level-headed Diane left "Cheers"?
31. Catcalls
32. Shakespeare's stream
33. PO box item
35. Carpet measure
36. Wing
38. Seldom seen
39. Survived, with "by"
40. Sean Connery, for one
41. Seiko alternative
42. Cowboy's lasso, as seen through the eyes of cattle?
46. Cry's companion
47. Kind of mile: Abbr.
48. "Caddyshack" director
51. First name in westerns
53. Something to drive off of
56. His work is featured doubly in 17-, 25- and 42-Across
59. Places to get steamed
60. "Come Away With Me" singer Jones
61. French 101 verb
62. Party leader?
63. Beat poet Gregory
64. Like Hawaiian shirts

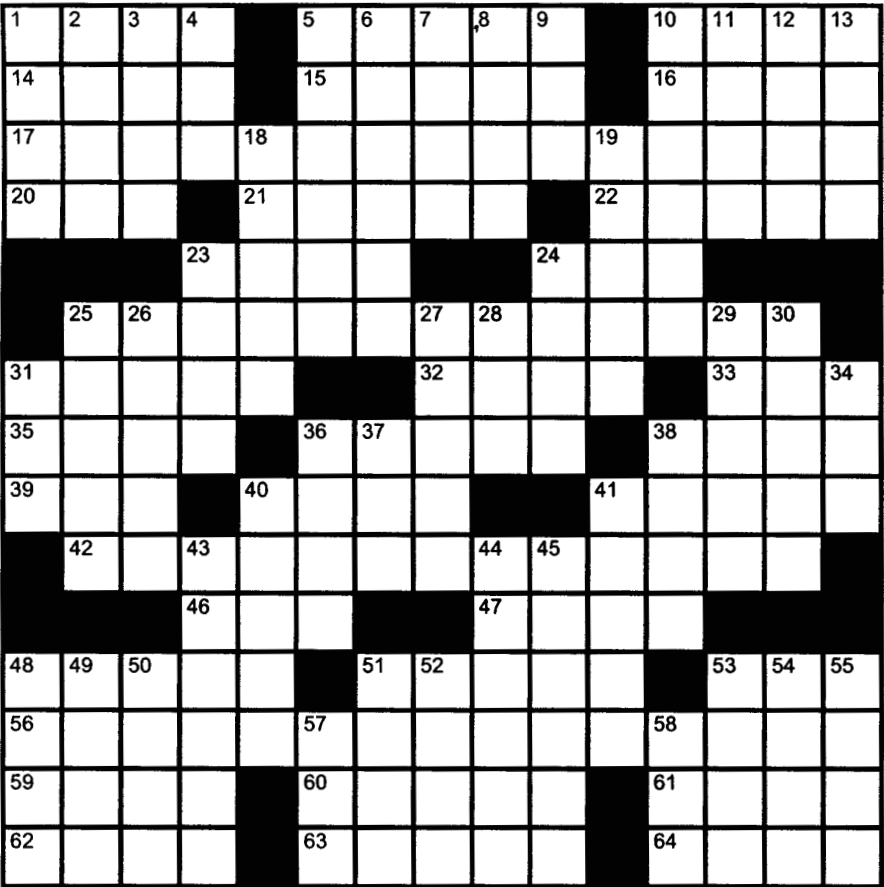
Down

1. Stops stalling
2. Jolly response
3. Scored 100%
4. Bill's '96 opponent
5. "We Belong Together" singer Carey
6. Supplements
7. Verve
8. First name of a famous 1836 Alamo victim
9. "_____ you serious?"
10. Kind of acid
11. Potpourri

12. "Let _____!"
13. It's no big thing
18. They're not PC
19. Super Bowl XXXV ring wearer
23. Actress Sedgwick
24. _____ 360 (2005 Microsoft product)
25. Madonna role
26. Take care of
27. Cost
28. "Who's That Girl?" rapper
29. Carpenter's tool
30. "_____ Grows in Brooklyn"
31. CBS military show
34. Reed or Harrison
36. 6,272,640 square inches
37. "There's _____ in 'team'"
38. Gasser
40. Lush
41. 2005 Al Franken book "The _____ (With Jokes)"
43. Craving
44. Three-time NFL MVP
45. Don Quixote's sidekick Panza
48. Sign of an allergy
49. Pet store brand
50. Writers' degrees, briefly
51. Ah follower
52. Transportation to NYC
53. Cairn terrier on the silver screen
54. Certain shade
55. Squeezed (out)
57. Howard Dean heads it: Abbr.
58. Disney Store offering

RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/19/06.

Of the 190 entrants, 187 were correct. The winners are:

1. Ryan Gorman, *El Cajon*
2. Cindy McMahan, *San Diego*
3. Ron Meyer, *Santee*
4. Dorothy Waterman, *Santee*
5. Nancy Zart, *San Diego*

WOMAN WITH BRAINS looking for man with class. Get an early start on finding that special Valentine date. No emotional baggage please! (2/8) ☎50653

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN, Integrity, loyalty, never married, gourmet cook, artist, author, educated, athletic, dancer. You: never married, quality, animal lover. Military experience a plus. (2/1) ☎49445

FEMALE, 53, OCEANSIDE, born again Christian. Seeking long, sincere, non-judgmental relationship. Please see video "Shallow Hal" before considering. I'm 5', very thin, great personality. (2/1) ☎49443

TALL, INTELLIGENT, Funny Latina, 45, newly separated. Seeking man under 50 in the South Bay for conversation and coffee, maybe dancing. (2/8) ☎50662

CARING, COMPASSIONATE lady, 5'3", weight 115lbs. Would like to meet white male, aged 57 to 65, for a relationship. (2/8) ☎50655

GREAT PACKAGING, SUPER contents! Bright, poised, positive, myriad tastes/in-

terests, childless, 56, 5'4", size 2. You're distinguished, accomplished, upscale lifestyle, motivated, confident, ethical, sensual, mellow, monogamous. (2/8) ☎50665

NEW YEAR, NEW FRIENDS. Attractive, middle-age, down-to-earth sister. Seeking attractive, down-to-earth cool guy, someone fun to hang out with. (2/1) ☎49446

FUN, FLIRTY, FIT, YOUNG Latina. Enjoy walks on the beach, quiet times, good wine. Seeking healthy, happy, loving man for friends leading to more. (2/8) ☎50651

SPECIAL LADY, 54, ACTIVE, outgoing and sincere. Seeking active, honest, financially stable gentleman. Let's enjoy weekends dining out, travel, walks, talks, dancing, movies. (2/8) ☎50663

43, ATTRACTIVE BLACK Latina, vibrant, spiritual. Seeking professional man, 40-60, articulate, financially secure, race open, for sincere, romantic, friendship, committed relationship. (2/8) ☎50646

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, PETITE, real estate agent, 59, loves travel, outdoors and arts. Seeking a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (2/1) ☎49450

VERY ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, tall, smart and honest. Seeking professional, established, cultural, financially stable, sincere gentleman for a long-term relationship. 5'8", nonsmoker please, 40-56. (2/1) ☎49444

GODDESS SUMMONS WARRIOR! This tall, black, beautiful, sexy goddess immediately summons a strong yet gentle emotionally stable, humorous, unencumbered white male, 28-48. No posers please! (2/8) ☎50644

SWEET LOVELY LADY, 67, pretty, curvaceous, fun loving, kind, 5'6", San Diego South Bay. Seeking kind, sincere, light-hearted gentleman, 70-78 years, 5'10"+, for long-term relationship. (2/8) ☎50649

WHITE FEMALE, RETIRED, single, 50s, attractive, good shape, flexible. Searching for single, white, genuine, 50s, early

70s, secure, mature, honest, sincere for monogamous relationship. (2/1) ☎49449

SWEET, PETITE, 59, youthful, fit, Caucasian lady. Down to earth, happy and healthy. Enjoy getaways, movies, exercising, and life. Seeking financially successful Caucasian homeowner. (2/8) ☎50645

CURVACEOUS BLONDE. Southern belle, 40s, 5'2", 150lbs. Seeking sweet gentleman, 30-50, nice-looking, positive; enjoys cooking, movies, beach walks, outdoor fun. Ready for southern hospitality? (2/1) ☎49440

WHITE KNIGHT, VERY attractive, tall, 30-45, financially stable, loves children, sought by beautiful, petite, strong, black princess. 37. Looking for love and happily ever after. (2/1) ☎49460

SINGLE LADY looking for single man, 60 to 65, for friendship and marriage. (2/1) ☎49458

PETITE LADY, SINCERE, attractive, affectionate, sensual. Seeking companion

friend, lover, 55-65. If you are that man looking for the same, call and leave number. (2/1) ☎49461

SHY BRUNETTE, DISABLED, 30s. Seeking gentleman in 20s-30s for friendship, possible relationship. Enjoy various activities, love Star Wars. (2/8) ☎50650

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN Mexican, 5'8", 145lbs., fun, sexy, easygoing, educated. Looking to meet attractive Caucasian, 39-50 years old, fun loving, romantic, for possible long-term relationship. (2/1) ☎49448

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (2/8) ☎50648

HAVING TO START OVER, young at heart, successful professional, fit, fun, 50, white, energetic to share outdoors with mature, honest, unencumbered, secure, strong morale, 45-55, male. (2/8) ☎50652

I'M A STUDENT, 50s, affectionate, sweet, warm personality. Looking for a real rela-

tionship. If you take a chance and call me, I'm worthy. (2/1) ☎49441

ANY GOOD ONES LEFT? White, attractive, 32 years, outgoing, caring, giving. Seeking white or Hispanic male, 23-50 years, ready for serious relationship, same values must. (2/1) ☎49442

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, down to earth lady, 53, wanting to share movies, dining out, walks, simple life with a special gentleman to enjoy happiness together. (2/1) ☎49457

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN single mom, 40, size 18. Seeking a healthy long-term relationship with excitement and happiness, family/quiet times. Must love children. No games. (2/1) ☎49454

ADVENTURER, EXPLORER, fit, trim, petite, dark hair, dark eyes. Seeking 50+, outdoor guy, fit, for exploring camping, hiking, biking, open to life, universe, love, nonsmoker. (2/8) ☎50664

MID-LIFE MYSTERY looking to share San Diego adventures. Pretty, slender, 50s, music, intelligent, professional. You are a confident, laid back, fit, urban lifestyle man. (2/8) ☎50654

SEXY, BLACK LADY seeks open minded cutie. I'm fit, small, attractive. You're under 40, white or Latino, self-aware, spiritual, active, social, confident. Me: same. (2/1) ☎49452

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman who appreciates the best. (2/1) ☎49459

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 70 years, retired, healthy, active, outdoorsy. Love to travel, movies, stable finance, East County. Like to share life with like-minded lady. (2/1) ☎49954

PROFESSIONAL LATINO, 39, 5'11", 165lbs., attractive, adventurous, fun, and very spontaneous. You'll never stay home because I'll keep it fun. Your age and race unimportant! (2/8) ☎49987

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, older woman sought by tall white male, 54. I'm warm, loving, caring, passionate, affectionate, financially secure, unencumbered. Enjoy dining, closeness, togetherness, intimacy. (2/8) ☎49973

MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. Sometimes it takes a while to find someone special. Professional seeking Christian, young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romancing, possibly more. (2/1) ☎49937

RETIRED SENIOR (70s) lady, unencumbered, uninhibited, healthy, active, sought by comparable gentleman, financially secure, for friendship, companionship, travel, cruises, trips, whatever we enjoy doing together. (2/1) ☎49941

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, debonair, 6'1", 165lbs., 53, blue/red, bald, swing dancer, bicycle road racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection! (2/8) ☎49964

ITALIAN-AMERICAN, 51, 6', 183lbs., athletic, biking, hiking, tennis, foreign films, karaoke, dancing, arts. Seeking Filipina, 40-51, very attractive, slim, North County, for relationship. (2/8) ☎49992

MUSIC IS THE QUEEN of my soul. Cute black king, 49, 5'10", 180lbs., loves to dance. Searching for a curvy cutie with rhythm and passion. (2/1) ☎49939

DIVORCED WHITE MALE, 60+, healthy, sincere, intelligent, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure. In search of attractive, fit, divorced white female, 55-68, for possible loving relationship. (2/1) ☎49934

PAPI CHULO, fit, slim, 5'8", 50, outgoing, college educated, homeowner. Seeking super fine Latina woman. (2/8) ☎49989

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/ morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-50, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (2/8) ☎49971

6'2", EYES OF BLUE. Seeking Jewish woman, 35-50 with similar interests. Tennis, swimming, movies, theater, concerts and travel. (2/8) ☎49982

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE MALE, 43, 6'3", 235lbs. Looking for attractive, down-to-earth lady for relationship, best friends, for travel, good times, adventure, romance, companionship. (2/1) ☎49935

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48, 5'8", 150lbs., emotionally available, sincere, metaphysical, professional, homeowner. Seeking similar, 45 to 55. Wants committed relationship. No dogs, smoking or children at home. (2/1) ☎49936

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male-Fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (2/8) ☎49977

57 YEAR OLD MAN, Seeking lady same age or older for friendship, long term relationship. Enjoy affection massages, quiet time together, loyal, honest. (2/8) ☎49979

42, BLACK MAN, 6', 220lbs., excellent shape, very attractive, very confident and peaceful. Seeking attractive lady for friendship and fun. (2/8) ☎49993

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HANDSOME, ADVENTUROUS MALE, good cook, great cuddler. Seeking attractive, intelligent, female companion, 47-56, for outdoor activities, movies, concerts, weekend escapes and rainy Sundays. (2/8) ☎ 49972

OCEANSIDE, NEAR OCEAN. 6'2" white male, easygoing, loyal, down to earth. Likes sports, walks on beach, cuddling, much more. Seeking female in 40s or 50s. (2/8) ☎ 49994

HARD WORKING, NICE, handsome guy, 50. Seeking attractive, fit, sweet-heart, 30-40ish, for hiking, riding dirt bikes, cooking, hanging out in the country, and much more. (2/1) ☎ 49943

OUTGOING MALE, 50. Seeking female with sense of humor, conversation and fun loving. Will train for other qualities. (2/1) ☎ 49956

LOOKING FOR SERIOUS, Relationship. Please be honest, caring, thin, and marriage minded. I like kids, family, and outlooks. Seeking 21+ and ready for relationship. (2/8) ☎ 49978

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. (2/1) ☎ 49938

TALL, TRIM, EGALITARIAN woman from the east with advanced degree who sings the song "Where have all the men like me gone? Long time passing..."(2/1) ☎ 49947

BLACK MALE, 50, CHRISTIAN. Seeking woman of any race between 25-45. Must be Christian. No drugs or alcohol or mind games please. (2/8) ☎ 49965

45, FIT, HEALTHY, outgoing male into hiking, skiing, movies, camping and outdoor activities. Seeking playful, fit, down to earth female. Sense of humor a plus. (2/1) ☎ 49945

ROMANTIC, SINGLE, HONEST Italian, hard worker. Seeking lady, 35-50, to enjoy life with relationship. Non-smoker/drinker, race unimportant. Enjoy music, travel, dining and more. (2/8) ☎ 49966

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CAUCASIAN, 50s, 6', 195lbs., architectural design builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. No cats please. (2/1) ☎ 49951

WIDOWER, TALL, HANDSOME, healthy, virile, educated, upscale, retired, businessowner, homeowner, financially secure, sincere. Seeking attractive, affectionate, sensual, curvaceous lady, 48-65, dates, fun, romance, dining, genuine! (2/8) ☎ 49967

DO YA DO YA WANT MY LOVE. 858. Handsome, white, 56, 5'9", active, nice body, never had children, fun, secure, intelligent, romantic. Let's dance, please. (2/8) ☎ 49963

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 190lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Seeking mature, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful woman to show her the respect and devotion she requires. (2/8) ☎ 49974

ATTRACTIVE GENTLEMAN, 37, financially secure, physically fit, black. Enjoy dancing, movies, walks, music,

sports. Seeking attractive, fit lady who's honest, professional, adventurous, joyful. Let's talk. (2/8) ☎ 49976

I AM 34, I LOVE SPORTS, football, soccer, body boarding, poker and any other sport you can think of. Looking for a nice Asian lady. (2/1) ☎ 49944

53, SLIM, FIT, humorous, divorced, responsible, father, degreed, fun, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, non-smoker, sincere, feminine, trim, North County, for conversation, outings, possibly more. (2/8) ☎ 49969

ACTIVE, 78, FINANCIALLY secure, nonsmoking, homeowner. Liking, quiet home life, barbecues, RV camping, travel, fishing. Seeking lady liking same for permanent caring and togetherness. (2/1) ☎ 49957

GLASS OF WINE, Good conversation, a new relationship. Hugs, romance if interested this 60s guy. Seek lady, wood crafts, tole painting a plus. (2/8) ☎ 49983

HAPPY NEW YEAR LADIES. This male, mid-40s, 6'4", chef is seeking Latina or black female, 30-45, for lots of fun,

movies, long walks on beach. (2/1) ☎ 49960

AUSTRALIAN TAZMANIAN DEVIL, 39, muscular, cute, 5'8", 190lbs., intelligent, educated professional, humorous, witty, sarcastic, father. Seeking attractive, intelligent, adventurous, spontaneous, addiction-free lady, 28-42. (2/1) ☎ 49942

GOOD HEARTED BIKER seeks woman, 35-46, for possibly serious relationship. Love hugs and kisses. Ready to give all my heart. Call me. (2/1) ☎ 49946

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, 52, divorced, healthy, fit. Enjoy life, travel, theater, concerts, movies, all sports, clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with pets. (2/1) ☎ 49948

WANTED: MISCHIEVOUS, optimistic, playful, intelligent woman for nice-looking gentleman, independent professional with many interests. Let's talk. (2/8) ☎ 49986

GENTLEMAN 40s, 6', 175, non-smoker/non drinker, living by spiritual principles. Seeks affinity with adorable

affectionate sensual soul, you're petite/shapely with dark hair. (2/8) ☎ 49981

WANTED: FEMALE, 45-49, white, non-smoker, slender, active, smart, playful, caring. Love music, movies, animals, great food, for fun, and more for attorney, 54. (2/1) ☎ 49949

BOYISH GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional, enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+, friends first. (2/1) ☎ 49959

56 YEARS OLD, EAST COUNTY, non-smoker, 5'10", 180+lbs., healthy, financially secure, need to laugh a lot, curious, look and act younger. Looking for woman with same qualities. Call for more information. (2/1) ☎ 49961

GOT SMILES? ECLECTIC, 50s. Seeking bright, adventurous, lady for outdoors, movies, dining, your interests. Let's explore San Diego and each other. I'm serious, no games. (2/1) ☎ 49950

54, TALL MENSCH MAROONED by Cowles Mountain. Seeking profound,

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PHYSICALLY FIT, affectionate, youthful, gentleman, 60, 6', caring, secure. Let's share happy loving times together. Will treat you well. You'll be glad you called. (2/8) ☎ 49990

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for nice woman in North County, non-smoker, with sense of humor, who likes herself and her life and happy. (2/8) ☎ 49962

YOU'RE SOMEONE SPECIAL. I am a charming and compassionate black male, 51 and fit. Seeking an affectionate lady, 37-50, slim to average, for lasting relationship. (2/8) ☎ 49991

PREFER PEAR SHAPED, Bottom heavy woman, who's smart, creative, articulate. I'm 49, Caucasian, spiritual, like movies, hiking, dancing, comedy, art. Positive unencumbered, open to age. (2/8) ☎ 49980

DISCREETLY HERPETIC, HOT! 38, tall, dark, athletic Caucasian. Private yet outgoing, scuba, ski, food, music, film, reading. You: attractive, intelligent, nice. (2/8) ☎ 49975

HOT, HANDSOME, TALL, white, young, 60, divorced father, La Mesa. Want sexy, slim, clean, passionate woman for intimate romantic evenings, soft music, cocktails, kisses, me. (2/8) ☎ 49968

WHITE MALE, 46, TALL, dark and nice looking, financially/emotionally secure, good personality, nonsmoker, fun and responsible. Seeking curvy, fun, attractive, grounded woman for relationship. (2/8) ☎ 49988

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Roommates

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$600. Includes cable, laundry, furnishings, in peaceful garden setting. Close to shops, cafe/freeway. No smoking. Don, 858-483-4372.

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SOUTH BAY. Share 4 bedroom home. Utilities, digital cable, wireless connections included. House privileges. Near all public transportation. \$500/month, \$100 security. Charly, 619-921-5464.

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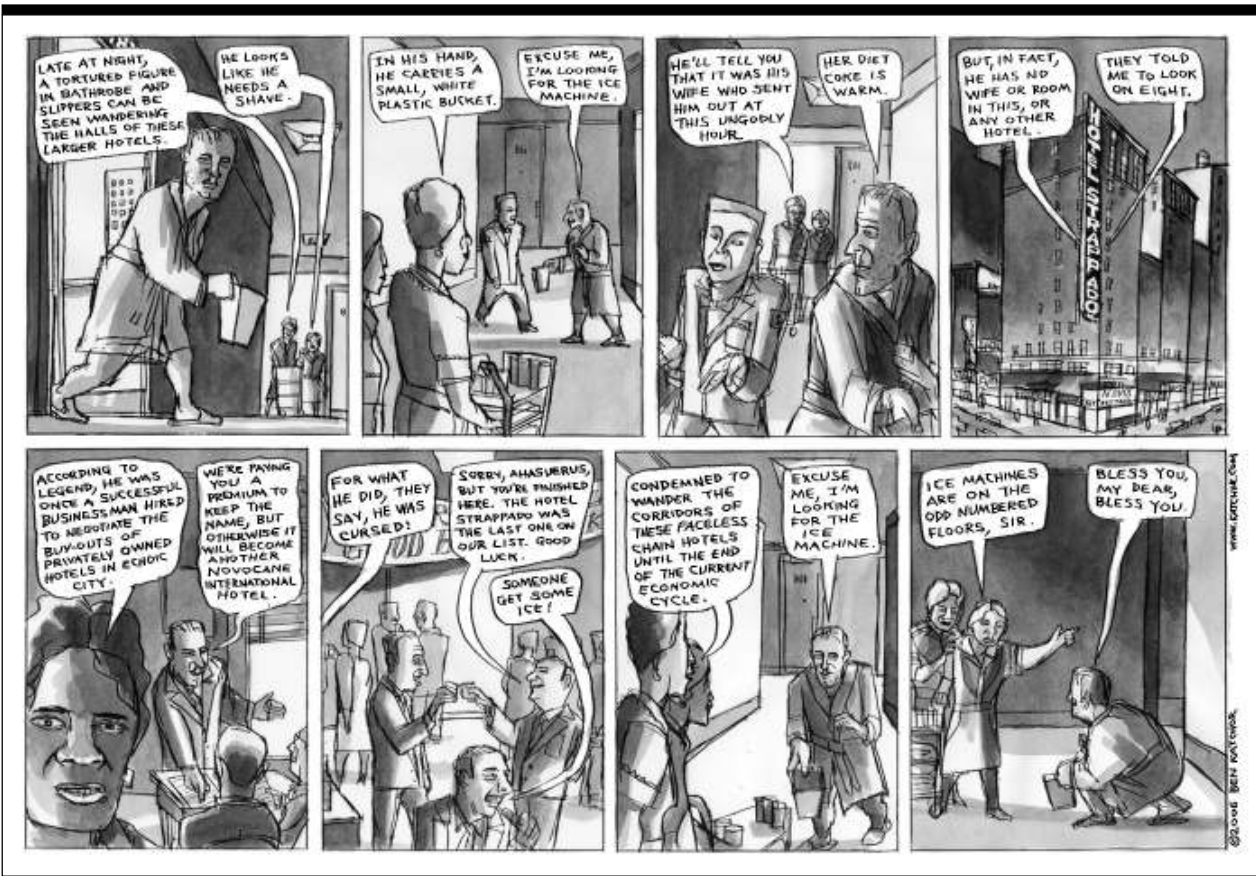
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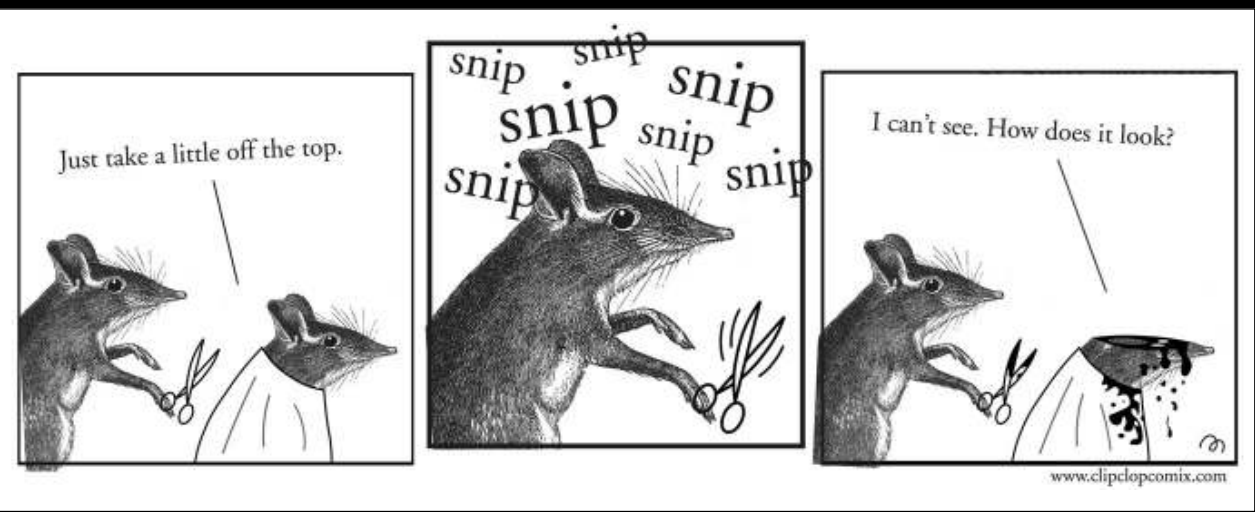
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Cindy Chen

Student

Pacific Beach

Yeah, definitely. It's nice to be complimented. I just take it for what it is. Generally it's older guys, like random older guys on the street will come up and compliment me. They're just, like, "Oh, you're so beautiful," or "You're so pretty," like, weird stuff like that and I'm just, like, "Okay, thanks." I don't think they're pick-up lines; I usually just keep walking. I've never had a random girl be, like, "Oh, you're so cute," or anything like that. Maybe my girlfriends say things like that, but not strangers who are female. I was never really a good student, so I never really got compliments from teachers. I don't think it's hard to give or receive them.



Ryan Karr

EMT

Pacific Beach

Yeah, I take them pretty well. I usually take compliments from girls because they like my eyes. They say, "You have pretty eyes," and I'm, like, "Thanks, I've heard that a thousand times." I've said that before. I'm pretty much used to it, and there probably aren't too many compliments that I've already heard from somebody else. Sometimes girls don't accept compliments well; sometimes girls don't like to hear it because they think you're kissing their ass, even if you tell them they look pretty or something. Sometimes they don't want to hear it. Pick and choose where you give your compliments.



Kacey Padudel

Student

Pacific Beach

Yeah. My friends and family compliment me. When you give a compliment, like someone says, "You look good," and you think, "Oh, I look like crap," it can be such a downer. It can be a downer to the person who gives you the compliment if you don't take the compliment well. Women read into them way too much. I'm from New York, and we read into compliments more there because people are more sarcastic. I receive compliments all the time about my red hair. When I was a kid, I was the odd one [because of my hair] and I didn't look at it as a compliment. People should give compliments more because it helps people's spirits, and you don't know if they're having a bad day or not. Something so little could help someone.



Sheigh Spakowitz

Hostess

Mission Beach

Yes, absolutely; fire away. My mom and dad were always, like, "You're so beautiful." Not in a stuck-up way, but I take them well. If you care if they're really thinking something else then you might [be suspicious of compliments], but if you're sure of yourself and you're, like, whatever, if you're confident in yourself, then you won't wonder what they're thinking and it won't matter if they're telling the truth or not. I think if there's something you're insecure about and people say it, then it makes it that much bigger and you're, like, "Oh my God," so it just magnifies it. You have to be able to give them if you're going to take them. If I like a girl's hair, I'll be, like, "Your hair looks really cute." Be sincere when making compliments and take them well.



Ashley Mesbaum

Buyer

Pacific Beach

Probably not. I don't get them too often. Sure, [my parents gave me compliments], but I don't always believe them when I hear them from drunk guys. I usually don't pay attention [to compliments from random guys]. All of my girlfriends and I are pretty nice to each other. If it's not indecent and if it's appropriate, [I take compliments well]. I think people should give compliments more as long as they are with respect. If they're given too often, then it might be too much.



Alvero Cortez

Cook

University Heights

I accept compliments well. My parents always gave me compliments. I also received a lot of compliments in school and did well, but I couldn't continue with it because I couldn't pay. If somebody doesn't take a compliment well, it's their problem. I give a lot of compliments and it sucks when people don't believe that you're being honest. I compliment everybody; I don't compliment that many girls because I have a lady. Sometimes my lady doesn't want to hear compliments, but I only tell her the truth.

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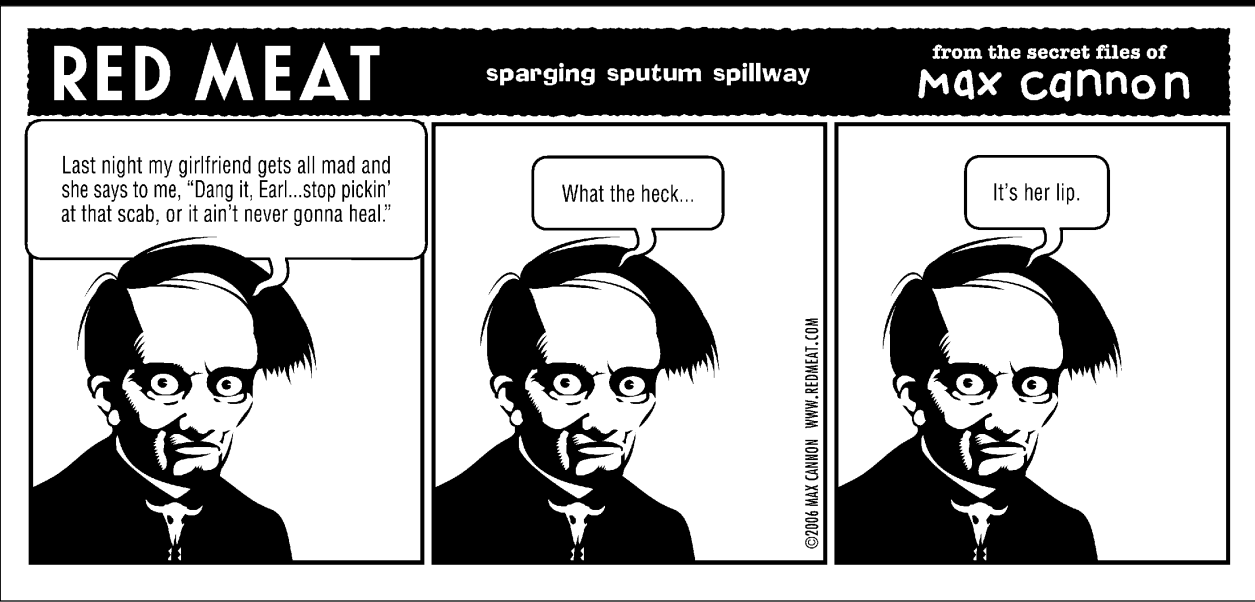
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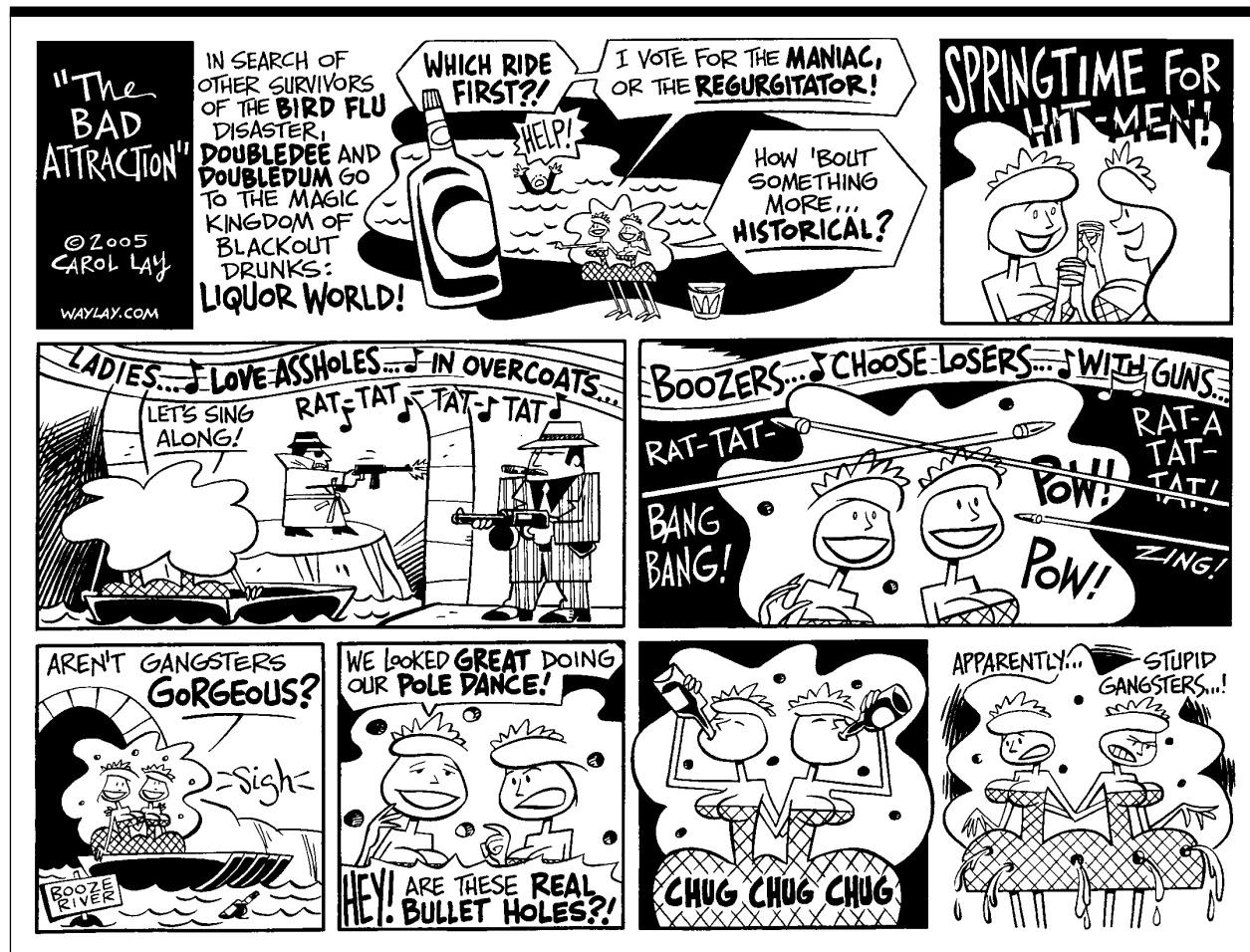
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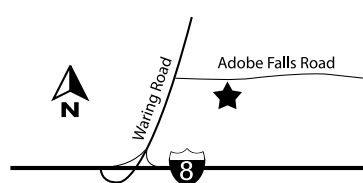
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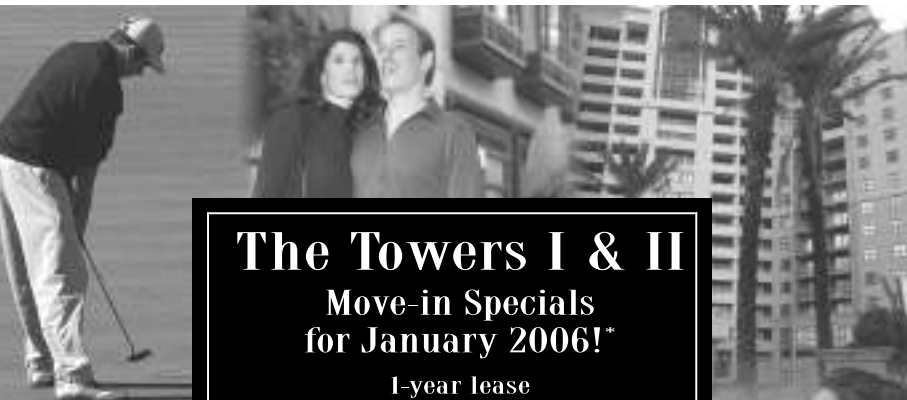
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LEAD STORIES

— Former President Jimmy Carter told *GQ* magazine for a January article that he saw a UFO in 1969 in southwest Georgia as he was preparing to speak at a Lions Club meeting. He recalled that it was a bright light that got “closer and closer to us” but then “changed color to blue,” then to red, then back to white, and then “receded into the distance.” However, he said, “I’ve never believed it came from Mars.” ... In September, Paul Hellyer, a former Canadian minister of defense, asked Parliament to hold hearings on extraterrestrials. UFOs, he said, “are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head,” and he fears the U.S. military might get Earth involved in an intergalactic war.

More People With Too Much Money

— (1) An October Agence France-Presse report noted the 2005 launching of the Paris gourmet bakery Mon Bon Chien (“my good dog”), featuring carob-flavored dog biscuits and foie gras dog cookies, and worldwide introduction of more than 400 new products for dogs, including stress-relief sprays, nail polish, and hair coloring. (2) Gynecologists interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* in December said business was booming for the \$1800 to \$5000 hymenoplasty (the re-creation of the hymen), for men who want to deflower their non-virgin women (surgery obviously good for one night only).

Family Values

— In December, according to police in Jersey City, N.J., Roselean Walker, 36, sat at one screen in a movie cineplex with her boyfriend while her 11-year-old son watched the longer Harry Potter film at another screen, but after her movie ended, she tired of waiting for the son and went home with the boyfriend to New York City. When police called her the next morning to come pick up the boy, she demanded that they drive him home. After officers ordered her immediately to the station, she showed up in a bad mood, threatening a lawsuit for the inconvenience, and wound

up being charged with assaulting an officer (in addition to endangering a child’s welfare). — According to the Nov. 10 *Evening News* of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., a father was under investigation by police after War Memorial Hospital reported an assault on the man’s 11-year-old son. Police said it appeared that the two were playing a video game, that the son had beaten his dad by using a secret upgrade that made his character more powerful, and that the dad, in anger, had spanked the kid, put soap in his mouth, and slapped him several times in the head. (The father said only that he had punished the boy for lying.)

The Continuing Crisis

— In June, a plaintiff’s lawyer in the massive class-action litigation against asbestos manufacturers, under pressure from federal judge Janis Graham Jack of Houston, acknowledged that more than half of previous asbestos claims in one case appear to be fraudulent. The lawyer claims his clients contracted silicosis from asbestos exposure, but most of those same clients also claimed asbestosis from asbestos exposure, when experts say the two illnesses rarely exist simultaneously. Judge Jack found that one plaintiff’s doctor, Ray Harron (who had given up his practice in order to interpret X-rays full-time at \$125 each), had detected asbestosis (but no silicosis) in all 1807 X-rays he saw, and then, only a few years later, detected silicosis (but no asbestosis) in the same 1807 X-rays. — Animals Gone Wild: A billy goat reportedly attacked Zimbabwe’s president Robert Mugabe during a gas-station stop en route to the mountain resort of Nyanga in December, injuring Mugabe’s scrotum and large bowel. ... Fremont, Calif., police officer Paul Rush, who was escorting a teenager home from a traffic stop in January, reported to a hospital emergency room afterward because five chihuahuas had attacked him at the front door of the teen’s home, biting his ankles.

Fine Points of the Law

— Stephanie Conley gave an agent for West Virginia National insurance company a \$174 check on

Aug. 15 (in 2001) for automobile coverage, received the “issued” policy on Aug. 30 (“effective” Aug. 15), and on Aug. 31 was involved in a collision resulting from her negligence. However, by then her \$174 check had bounced, and the company considered the policy null and void. In December 2005, the West Virginia Supreme Court ruled that Conley was nonetheless covered on Aug. 31 because the company had not given her ten days’ cancellation notice. — In December, the Bush administration’s Department of Justice filed a “friend of the court” brief at the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Anna Nicole Smith in her battle with the son of her late husband, J. Howard Marshall II, over his estate. Smith and the administration believe that a federal bankruptcy court (which backed Smith) should control the case and not a Texas state court (which had sided with Marshall’s son).

Awesome!

— With an *Oakland Tribune* reporter and 20 people looking on in November in a parking lot in Fremont, Calif., Tu Jin-Sheng, 50, “grand-master” in one of the Chinese arts of Qigong, pulled a rental truck several yards using only a piece of fabric tied to the base of his genitals. Jin-Sheng is supposedly a leader of the branch of Qigong known as “Iron Crotch,” whose 60,000 adherents worldwide believe that strengthening the genitals increases energy. To warm up for the pull, Jin-Sheng had an assistant kick him hard between the legs. — BBC News reported in September that Sandra Luchian, 15, from Moldova, managed to hand-copy the 607-page *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, filling five notebooks, after borrowing it from a friend in the U.K. (since it was not available anywhere in Moldova and she couldn’t afford to have it shipped to her). She said it took her about a month.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Cut Out for a Life of Crime: (1) The robber of a Fastrip store in Joplin, Mo., ignoring a “Use

Other Door” sign pointing to an unlocked front door, spent valuable getaway time trying unsuccessfully to bash in the companion (but locked) front door with a chair, then finally bashed in a small window along a side wall and crawled out to escape (December). (2) Landon McQuilkin, 21, arrested in November in Jacksonville, Fla., after he allegedly abducted a man and said he would kill him, relented to his victim’s “last request” to visit his girlfriend before he died; with McQuilkin waiting in the car outside her house, the victim went in, locked the door and called police.

Recurring Themes

— On the surface, it appeared that Michael Sargent, an unhappy, 29-year veteran postal worker in Anchorage, Alaska, had managed to work out his anger fairly passively by, according to prosecutors, merely accepting bulk mailings into the postal system without bothering to charge the mailers (cheating the Postal Service out of at least \$106,000 in revenue and perhaps as much as \$436,000). However, a search of Sargent’s home turned up a federal gun-dealer permit in his name, along with 66 firearms, including silencers and a machine gun. Said the prosecutor, “He is a disgruntled public employee. Access to weapons is of concern.”

Undignified Deaths

— Two men, aged 50 and 36, who had taken a taxicab home so they wouldn’t be driving drunk, were killed when the cab was hit by a 21-year-old drunken driver (Albuquerque, November). ... A 21-year-old Mormon man, riding in a truck at about 35 mph with his brothers, who were offending him by cussing, demanded that they stop or he would jump out; one of the brothers, perhaps jokingly, said, “Go ahead,” and the man did and was killed when his head hit the pavement (South Jordan, Utah, November).

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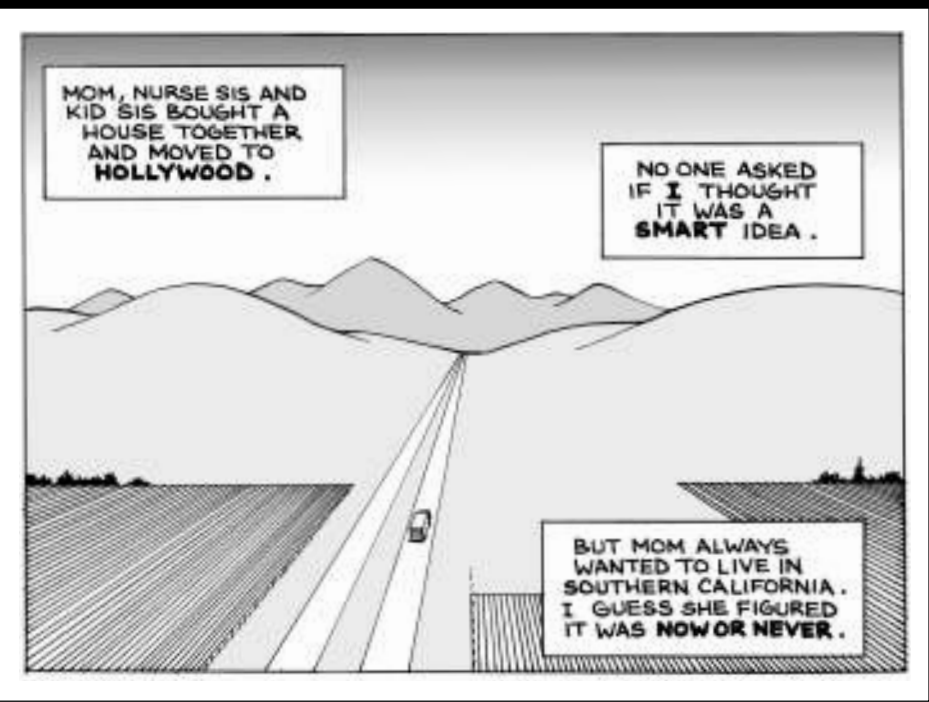
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Thirty Years Ago

They tell tales in the back rooms and archives and lecture halls of the anthropology world, of one John Peabody Harrington, linguist. Now that a comfortable 15 years have elapsed since his death, they delight in his maniacal dedication to his work. Example: Harrington was pulling on a billy goat's ears in a very painful manner. The billy goat was protesting. A passerby asked him, "Harrington, what in God's name are you doing?" Harrington sighed, "Isn't that the most perfect umlaut you've ever heard?"

—"SHE'S NO MOTHER TUMS," Rachel Flick,
January 22, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

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—"PRELUDE FOR A YOUNG PIANIST,"
Jeannette De Wyze, January 29, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The deal called for just Roger, not Roger and

Mel. But after Roger Hedgecock resigned from office last December and announced he was joining KSDO-AM (1130) as afternoon talk show host, his former press aide, Mel Buxbaum, was fired by Deputy Mayor Ed Struiksma. And the unexpectedness of Buxbaum's dismissal, KSDO sources say, prompted Hedgecock to demand his friend be included in the deal — with the title of "executive producer" and a monthly salary reported at \$1200.

—CITY LIGHTS: "AND THAT INCLUDES MEL,"
Thomas K. Arnold, January 30, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

The manicured lawns of Los Angeles's west side sprout forests of signs warning "Armed Response!" Richer neighborhoods in the canyons and hillsides isolate themselves behind walls. Downtown, a subsidized "urban renaissance" has raised the nation's largest corporate citadel, segregated from the poor neighborhoods around it by a monumental architectural glacis. In Hollywood, architect Frank Gehry apotheosizes the siege look in a library designed to resemble a foreign-legion fort. In the Westlake district and the San Fernando Valley, the Los Angeles Police barricade streets and seal off poor neighborhoods as part of their "war on drugs."

—"WELCOME TO POST-LIBERAL LOS ANGELES,"
Mike Davis, January 31, 1991

Ten Years Ago

In mid-September, I'd read in newspapers that [Jamaica] Kincaid, together with Ian Frazier (another Shawn protégé), was considering leaving the *New Yorker* staff. Both Kincaid and Frazier had declared themselves unhappy with editor Tina Brown's asking sitcom queen Roseanne to serve as consultant for an upcoming issue of the magazine. Kincaid was quoted as saying about the Roseanne consultancy, "Put me in a room with a great writer, I grovel. Put me in with Roseanne, I throw up."

I asked Kincaid if indeed she were leaving the *New Yorker* because of Roseanne's hiring.

"That was the catalyst. It seemed that I had to think about whether I wanted to be with an editor that thought Roseanne a source of intellectual inspiration; Roseanne herself, not Roseanne the phenomenon."

—READING, Judith Moore, January 25, 1996

Five Years Ago

Late in the 1870s, Anne and Clemens Sandrock and their two small children moved south from Bear Valley to San Diego. Their route may have taken them along the main road that ran through Mission Valley to Old Town or to Alonzo Horton's New San Diego. There



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were breaks in the south wall of the valley. The slope up which Highway 163 runs today was called Poor Farm Grade; Texas Street was called Mission Grade.

Clemens decided to locate a store at the midpoint, near the intersection of Mission Grade and Mission Valley Road. He built a five-room store and house and put a sign on the front that said, "C.W. Sandrock's Tienda."

—"MURDER IN MISSION VALLEY," Barbara Palmer,
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Dear Saffron,

Help! I'm being pursued by an out-of-control do-gooder. I'm a 30-year-old unmarried man. My father kept harping that he never sees me and that I must come along with him and his wife to a Christmas gathering. He practically begged. I didn't want to attend this dinner, but I went to please Dad. The hostess was a Christian minister. She's nice in her way, but the dinner conversation had religious overtones I wasn't at ease with because I'm not a believer. After the meal she grilled me about my life, which is a quiet one: I work long hours and don't go out much. Without any encouragement from me, she declared that she was going to take me on as a project. Since I don't have a girlfriend or a huge social life, she took this to mean I must be miser-

able. She was going to hook me up with a woman, new friends, group activities, etc. She was deaf to my protests. The truth is that I like my quiet life, and I'm a gay man. I've never come out to my family because they are quite conservative. I'm not going to inform this minister of my sexual orientation because it's none of her business. I also don't want her blabbing that info around and then going on a campaign to "cure" me via Jesus. I respect her life choices and don't badger her about them even though I don't agree with her beliefs. But I know I would not be extended the same courtesy if my sexual orientation were known. The problem is that in her well-meaning mania she is now calling me all the time (my father gave her my number — thanks, Dad!). She has loads of nice Christian women she wants to match me up with and all sorts of events she wants me to attend. I would really like her off my back, as I have no intention of accepting any of her invitations. What do you suggest I do to make it clear to her that she is barking up the wrong tree?

LEMON GROVE LONER

Dear Loner,

You have a right to your privacy and a right not to be harassed. Be polite but firm. The next time she calls, try saying something like: "I appreciate the attention you've given

me and your effort to introduce me to new people. However, I'm happy with my life. I'm not a wildly social person, and I've constructed a healthy existence that works for me. I'm devoted to my work and that schedule doesn't allow me to accept your kind invitations, now or in the future. I thank you, and I don't want to waste your time. I hope you understand." Then get off the phone quickly. If she doesn't stop pestering you, screen your calls. And explain your position to Dad, so that if she complains to him, he'll know better than to try to climb on your back, too.

Dear Saffron,

Regarding "Empty Pockets in Mission Beach," I had some reactions I wanted to share. The letter was from a young man whose wife's grandfather had died. The grandfather made this young couple an interest-free loan so they could put a down payment on their first house. The wife's parents, who were the grandfather's beneficiaries, demanded the young couple begin making the loan payments to them the second the grandfather passed away. Considering the kindness and generosity of the grandfather, I wonder if this young couple really stayed in close touch with him during his last months and

years. It sounded from the letter like they did not. Did they send him cards, phone, visit? That's how truly grateful people would have behaved. They would do better now that Gramps is gone to spend their energy mourning his death and honoring his memory, not resenting a legitimately incurred debt and trying to wriggle out of it. My advice to this couple is to pay your debt and re-establish your financial independence. You'll be glad you did.

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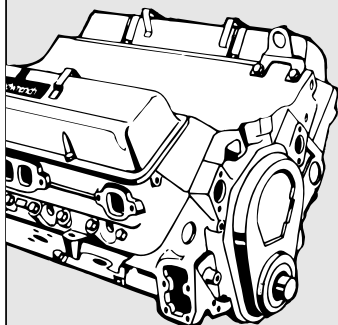
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THE HOUSE THAT MEANT FUN

“There are five things which no one is able to accomplish in this world: first, to cease growing old when he is growing old; second, to cease being sick; third, to cease dying; fourth, to deny dissolution when there is dissolution; fifth, to deny non-being.” — *the Buddha*

My pajamas were packed with my toothbrush. My mom was ready to go, and my sister and I hopped in the car. “Buckle up,” said Mom. We were off to Grandma’s for the night, which was fine with me — time to be the center of attention, time to color, time to watch TV and eat whatever I wanted. To Grandma’s house we go!

My mom pulled the car into the driveway, and I saw the familiar yellow house. The house my great-grandparents lived in. The house that meant fun. The house that held my grandmother, her scents — stale smoke, fried bacon, cheap perfume — her stuff, her bathroom with pink cotton balls and Avon beauty products. The house was filled with silk flowers and elaborate window coverings, little dolls that she had made, and pillows with pictures on them — all appropriate to the season.

That was then.

Today I pulled up to Grandma’s little apartment (not the familiar yellow house I associated her with for so many years)

to find some little trinket, something she had as long as I can remember, something dear to her, which I will make dear to myself. She is gone. She has moved on. The lump in my throat is confusing because I knew she was going to go soon; I wanted her to. I wanted her to be free of pain and suffering. I wanted these things for her before I knew how hard it would be to say goodbye.

I will make her proud when, in front of our family, I read clearly her words, her phrases, at her funeral. I will spread joy to my family as she would have wanted me to. Her “Jeri Joy.” She loved me with enthusiasm, pinching my fanny and telling me how cute she thought I was. She was proud of me, and I was proud to be her granddaughter.

My Grandmother was 68 years old when she died on Wednesday, January 4, 2006. She had lived a hard life and struggled financially through most of it. She lied and said she had a college degree to get

a job at H&R Block doing tax returns. She wanted to be an art teacher, but never had the time or money to go to college. She wanted to write a book, but never did. She wanted many things and only got some of them. Yet, my grandmother wasn’t disappointed; she knew the beauty of living a simple life.

Grandma enjoyed her alone time. She enjoyed being predictable (my mom taught me how to have her iced tea ready for her when she would come for dinner) and reliable. She was always on time, but most often early. My Uncle Billy played football in high school and college, and there would be my grandma, earlier than everyone, so she could get the parking space she wanted and the spot on the bleachers that suited her best. It’s endearing now, but it was boring when I was little, waiting for the game to start and then discovering I didn’t care for football. I think I was about seven then.

I have many memories of Grandma, such as the times I

would call her up and talk about troubles at school or with my mom or dad. Later in life I would call her to talk about my children, and we would share a laugh about how cute and funny or troublesome they were. I would get off the phone feeling relieved, lighter. She was my mentor, my counselor, my confidante, my friend. I am happy I knew her so well. I can hear her voice, her advice, her laughter. I hope I don’t ever forget those sounds.

I wish I knew what *is* with absolute certainty. I wish I knew if she could hear what she wrote for me to read at her funeral. I wish I could have had her in my life forever, but her time was up, her duty done, to the best of her ability. Grandma helped my mother to be a better, stronger woman than herself, which my mom has instilled in me. That was Grandma’s goal, and she accomplished it. I am eager to do more, in her honor.

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Time/Date: 1:08 p.m. on 12/24/05

Officer's Report: When I arrived to the residence, I rang the front entrance gate bell, and the victim, Judy C., met me...I asked her what had happened and if the suspect, Ted M., was still in the area. [She] told

me that she and M. were previously married and kept dating after the marriage was dissolved. She said she had allowed M. to stay in her garage recently because he was homeless and the weather had been very cold....M. had been in and out of jail many times in the past and had left some of his personal items in the garage after [she] told him the police were coming.

Victim's Statement: I was out shopping today and Ted called me on my cell trying to make up with me, since I asked him to leave. Ted told me he wanted to come by and pick up his stuff from my garage.

When I got home, Ted was already there, waiting for me in my courtyard. I opened the garage for him so he could get his stuff, and I went in the house and locked the door. Ted started to hit the closed doors and windows, demanding his paycheck and some extra cash. I wasn't going to let him in because I was afraid he was going to hurt me. I told Ted I didn't have his paycheck and it couldn't be in the house because he sleeps in the garage and the only time he comes into the house is when I feed him.

A few minutes later, Ted came back and started to yell and curse at me through the doors and windows, saying, "I hope you, your mom and your cat die when you go to Kentucky!" and "You don't know what kind of wrath I can give you!"

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Location: [400] Carlos Street,
Logan Heights
Time/Date: 12:50 a.m. on 12/25/05



Victim's Statement: I got a phone call from my ex-boyfriend, Edgar B. I told him I was at a family party at my house and I did not want him to come over. B. started getting upset and he started to curse at me. I hung up but B. kept calling my phone.

I was in the backyard and B. showed up. B. was still angry. B. threw a punch at me but he missed. Some family members chased him into the front of the house. He was in the driveway and he was fighting with my daughter's boyfriend, Juan. I called for my father to come outside and help. My parents both came outside. My mom was telling B. to leave and he hit her twice. Juan defended my mother and started fighting with B. again. B. got into his Nissan truck.

I was standing in the driveway, in front of a four-door Mazda sedan, holding my daughter. B. aimed his truck at me and hit the rear of the Mazda. The Mazda got knocked into me while I was holding my daughter. B. saw me get hit and then he backed up and came forward and struck the Mazda again. I got hit by the Mazda and knocked back.

My mom threw a beer bottle at his truck and he drove away.

CARJACKING

Location: 1917 Euclid Avenue,
Encanto
Time/Date: 3:15 a.m. on 12/27/05



Victim's Statement: I drove in my car tonight to pick up a friend named "Becky" and two of her friends. I don't know Becky's last name. I don't know her address. We then drove to Sycuan Casino. I borrowed \$60 from my brother earlier tonight. I lost all my money at Sycuan.

We all left Sycuan at 2:00 a.m. We drove back to Becky's house and I dropped off the females. I then drove to AM/PM mini-mart to buy something to drink. I saw a black male and a Hispanic male pointing a gun at me. The Hispanic male...punched me in the face. They both told me to get in the back of my car. They demanded my wallet and money. I told them I didn't have any money. They then demanded my bank card and told me to give them the PIN. The Hispanic male continued to hit me in the face. I told them I had some money at my house because I was scared. They then stopped at 2542 Euclid Avenue and told me to get out of my car.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 1000 4th Avenue,
Downtown
Time/Date: 12:55 a.m. on
12/24/05



Officer's Report: When I arrived, Tony C. was standing outside the Yard House. He was holding a cloth of ice to his forehead, to keep it from swelling. I asked him to remove the cloth of ice so I could look at his injuries. Clark had a huge bump to the left side of his forehead, and he had several lacerations to the left side of his face and ear. I asked C. if he wanted me to call an ambulance. He said, "No." I told him his injuries looked serious.

C. was on the dance floor with several of his friends. A Hispanic male approached him and said something. The music was too loud, and he could not understand what the Hispanic male said. The Hispanic male raised a glass bottle over his head. He hit C. with the glass bottle. The glass bottle broke. The Hispanic male walked upstairs. C. did not lose consciousness. The bouncers escorted him out of the club.

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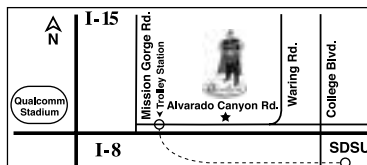
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"What got you started so young?" I ask. "Do you come from a family of pilots?"

"No, I just always wanted to fly, and I started studying up on it and I realized that I actually could do it. The only obstacle was the money. So I called California Flight Academy, and the owner gave me an intro flight, and then he offered me a job cleaning planes to help me cover the cost of lessons."

"I started slow, only flying once every three or four weeks. And I kept

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"Once I was 16, I went back to get my student pilot license that lets you solo with some restrictions. I can't take anyone with me unless an instructor goes along. And if there's a layer of clouds or broken clouds, they have to be at least 5000 feet high. And I need to have at least five miles visibility and less than a five-knot crosswind, or else I can't go."

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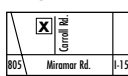
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"I don't even own a low-rider," Ron says, the glow of the television lighting up his slack face and gaped mouth.

"How are we expected to get busty women to shake and roll their hips at the edge of our pool if we don't even have a mansion?" I turn to look Ron in the eye.

"We're so old," he moans.

Turning my gaze back to the TV, I say, "I don't even know what that means." I point to the screen. "That woman just said a word. It sounded like English. It probably is English because she looks American. I didn't understand it, though. I can't repeat the word. It certainly wasn't French or Spanish or Japanese, but I don't know what it is."

"Yeah, what is that, like, Jamaican or something?"

"I don't think so," I say, furrowing my brow with concentration. "This isn't reggae."

"Oh, no way. We'd be all right if this was reggae," Ron agrees. "That'd be something we could understand. We know what reggae is."

"Exactly," I concur. "This isn't reggae and it isn't rap. I listened to rap when I was a kid; it was about being poor and getting hassled by cops. This," I gesture to the screen. "This is about stacks of hundred-dollar bills in briefcases and private jets."

"Wait!" Ron exclaims. "They just said it again. She did, that one with the short shorts and the bikini top, she just said that word again. I've got to look that up on the Internet or something. What does it mean?"

"I'm not old," I mutter. My gaze falls to the floor, and I turn my eyes inside. I say, "I'm 29. I still like hip-hop. I like Sage Francis and DJ Z-trip. Oh no," I gasp. "Are they not cool anymore? Please tell me the Beastie Boys are still alive."

"What the hell are you guys watching?" Brianna yells from the kitchen. She walks to the edge of the front room and leans over the couch to snatch up the remote control. "MTV?" she exclaims at the onscreen guide. "Your asses are way too old for MTV. Here," she says, dialing up a channel. "Watch VH-1."

"Oh, thank God," I breathe out. "I know who Heart is."

"What About Love!" Ron yells with his arms up in triumph.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

FOUR KINGS

NBC 8:30 P.M.

You and three of your friends will never share an apartment the size of a cathedral. You'll never live out wacky capers from your renovated trolley car house or install a roller disco in your bedroom. You won't make catty comments about your roommate's blind dates. You're going to toil as a menial laborer for two-thirds of your life, and the only thing you have to look forward to are television shows about charac-

ters who do those things. Your only hope is that your spouse doesn't get "personal training" from a fitness instructor in the yoga room. Get used to it!

CRUMBS

ABC 9:30 P.M.

The approximation of this show's title to "crap" almost seems like the producers have read this column and they're lobbying me a softball. Keep it up, ladies. You're making this too easy.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

THE DUKES OF HAZZARD

CMT 7:00 P.M.

The Dukes of Hazzard is a thinly veiled metaphor for gay rights. Sure, sure, they're cousins. I know. Keep telling yourself Boss Hogg isn't a symbol of institutionalized elected officials. Daisy isn't their fruit fly, and Jessie's still their "uncle." You keep living in this fantastic world where they're just "good ol' boys."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

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FOX 5:00 P.M.

You need a badass name if you're going to be a hero. Jack, Bruce, or Frank will do. Your name is Mortimer? You're going to be a booger-picking librarian. That's how it is. The white-haired guy with the crooked nose and the bottle of gin in his pocket who runs the boxing club down the street isn't going to take anybody named Aloysius, so your name is Al from now on.

MONK

USA 6:00 P.M.

This season's adorably hip mental illness is Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. But ONLY OCD. Nobody is going to think it's cute if you crap in your sock drawer and light the drapes on fire. It's endearing if the arrangement of your shoes is governed by esoteric self-imposed regulations, or if at dinner parties you need to touch all the water glasses to the back of your neck, but that's all. If you're compelled to collect and save your own saliva in a pickle jar and then carry on a conversation with it, keep that to yourself, please. That's so 1994.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

MERMAID BABY

DHC 5:00 P.M.

YES! Finally, the prophecy rings true. Lead me to Atlantis, little one. Let me hold your dorsal fin and kick, kick like a noble porpoise. For I will be thy demigod!

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

COURTING ALEX

CBS 9:30 P.M.

Oh, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamil-



The Dukes of Hazzard

ton, you old cards. Thank you, George Washington, James Madison Jr., and John Blair. For without you drafting the Constitution of the United States and within it Article III, which defines and outlines of the role of the Judiciary Branch, then we would never have cutesy television shows with ironic titles about the sassy lead female role such as Judging Amy and Courting Alex. Oh, you mad old geniuses in powdered wigs.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

STATE OF THE UNION

NBC 6:00 P.M.

Mmmhmmmm...Condoleezza. Wrap me in Saran Wrap and pop balloons in my ear, Condoleezza. Wear your stiffest collared shirt, and eat an apple strudel off my back, Condoleezza. CONDOLEEZZA!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

ACCESS HOLLYWOOD

NBC 10:30 A.M.

The combination of names for couples that started with "Bennifer" and has culminated with "Brangelina" isn't at all annoying. I don't want to grind my teeth against the curb whenever I see "Vinnifer" in print. I'm mindless, and I enjoy the latest trends crammed up my ass like a Christmas turkey enjoys five pounds of breadcrumbs.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

DANCING WITH THE STARS

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Dancing with Celebrities, Skating with Stars, I refuse. Not until Kicking a Former N*Sync Pansy Right in his Ghoulies premieres will I watch a reality show that mingles plain folk with erstwhile famous performers.

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T.G.I.F.

I swore to myself I would be the world's first rock novelist.

By John Brizzolara

The end of January, the fourth week into the new year of 2006, and I'm trying to free-associate or something, trying to find match-ups in the fleshy RAM that is my memory, riddled as it is with holes from God-knows-what. I took a lot of God-knows-what in my day, and just living to this certain age will show up the scar tissue, the path that God-knows-what scored through the gray matter over the years. GKW is precisely the stuff Negroes were alleged to be hopped up on in Harlem in the '50s and, ironically, what finally did in Ronald Reagan not long ago. So it is with faulty equipment I am trying to think what it might be that is commonly associated with this time of year: post-holidays, a second semester, downtime in the restaurant business, the calm before the tax storm.

What comes to me — and I don't know why, as I look out my window, down a North Park alley, a palm tree shivering nervously in the bleached and cool sunlight — is myself, aged 16 and fresh from Brother Justin's office where I had been kicked out of school for having long hair.

Maybe it was something in the weak January sunlight, a stiffening offshore breeze mimicking the legion of gusts off the Illinois plain in a mid-winter false thaw: an Indian Winter day as we called it, and we may have been the only ones.

"We" were a group of "hard-core apathetics," so termed by the Christian Brothers faculty at Saint Joseph's High School in Westchester. The Apathetics were

mostly honor students, though I wasn't one of them. I was bright and creative but never living up to my potential. The others were Bardwell Montgomery, "the Bard," Steven "Cosmo" Venn or "Steam Vent," Mark and Peter Daly, Wayne "the Rope" Roper, and Mike "Howdy Doody" Buchanan. Others drifted in and out of the group but fell away inevitably for giving a shit about one thing or another. We posed a problem in that we boosted the curve on grades for the junior class but otherwise set a deplorable example. So it was a day like this one, and if it wasn't a Friday, it certainly serves in memory as one of the great Friday-like days of all time. I took my sweet time getting a haircut.

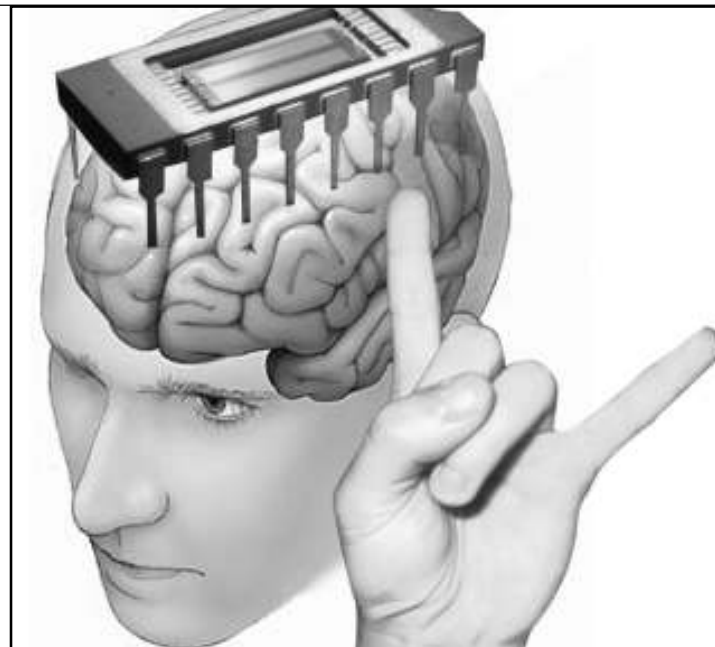
A city park separated the sizable school property from the downtown area of Libertyville or Westchester's — I've forgotten — and I hope it is still there. The center of the park was at the highest point in a slowly rising patch of prairie, and on that morning the wind caught my hair and scarf very poetically at the crest of the — otherwise flat for miles — still rural area. I felt incredibly free that day and sensed that it was a fleeting thing.

I made myself certain promises that day, like the one about returning to Podunk, Illinois, and giving a free concert on this very hill with my by-then successful rock band, the Experimental Blues. I had named us after Al Kooper's the Blues Project and everyone called us the Mental Blues or just the Mentals, and once, on a flyer: the Heavy Mental Blues Band. This concert never happened.

Also, I swore not to get a haircut that day, but I did. I promised not to cut my hair for a year but did after getting it caught while drying it in front of a window fan. I swore to myself I would be the world's first rock novelist. I wasn't the first; Leonard Cohen for one, had already done it; Don DeLillo would do it later, among others. I swore I would never marry and decided I was not going to Vietnam. I didn't go to Vietnam.

In general, I promised myself I would do whatever it took to remain feeling the way I did that day for the rest of my life.

That I was in trouble here and would certainly get shit from my father didn't overly concern me. I had been in trouble a week earlier for reading Lawrence Ferlinghetti in class, a poem called "Johnny Nolan Has a Patch on His Ass," I believe, and that was about as obscene as that poem got, unless I missed something. I felt disappointed in my English teacher, a lay teacher I'll just call Bubba because he's still around teaching and lecturing on Dickens. After all, it was Bubba who turned me on to Nathanael West. I remember him leaning over my desk, first period English, flecks of dried Maalox at the corners of his mouth, his breath smelling of gin. "After you read the Dreiser, read West. Consider it my apology for *Idylls of the King*. Had to do it, you know. Had to do it."



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"You're a romantic," he said with some disgust and a little too loudly. He might as well have said, "Why, you're a homo, son."

I needn't have got the haircut (a merciful trim from an old timer who was a big-band musician) as my father went to bat for me surprisingly in this case. As an advertising man he knew "a good gimmick" when he saw one, and I was making more money with the Mentals than working at the factory or the frozen-food section of Piggly Wiggly.

In no way have I felt as consistently good as I did on that January day in 1967, but it is far from a discouraging thing to know that a play of light, a breeze, and a fluttering palm might bring it back — and that it might stay again for a day.

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