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Don't Look Now

*Prestigious Country Club
Joins List of Tijuana Murder Sites*

Under normal circumstances, it would be difficult not to stare at ten men dressed in black who brandished submachine guns. Under normal circumstances, ten men dressed in black who brandished submachine guns would be the sort of thing that caught a person's eye.

Around 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at the entrance to Club Campestre, Tijuana's country club, while young mothers ushered their children to tennis and swimming lessons, ten men dressed in black, brandishing submachine guns, swarmed the club's entrance and abducted 34-year-old Ivan Escobosa.

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Sewer story With San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** talking up the possibility of fee increases to pay for water and sewer projects, engineering and construction firms that stand to gain contracts worth millions and perhaps billions of dollars are circling. Part of the battle will involve making the right friends in the bureaucracy, and that may mean it will soon



be time to ante up for a few more rounds of golf with decision makers.

According to the most recent financial disclosure forms on file at city hall, **James A. Wageman**, senior civil engineer in the city's Metropolitan Wastewater Department, was treated to a \$75 round of golf on August 4, 2004, by Malcolm Pirnie, a wastewater consulting firm. That December 5 Wageman got a \$50 ticket to a Chargers game from Lee & Ro, another engineering consultant. Six days later, the report says, Wageman received an \$80 golf round from TOG Consultants, which the disclosure says specializes in "landscape construction." Wageman says the Chargers ticket was provided by a consultant who "is a very close personal friend." The golf rounds, he says, were in exchange for earlier rounds for which he had picked up the tab. "It was a wash." **Alan Watkins**, the department's information officer, reported that in August 2004 he bagged an HP Photosmart printer worth \$210 from Wareforce, Inc., a "computer technology service provider." Watkins says the gift was a door prize at a data processing seminar attended by city workers. ... Lobbyist disclosure filings for the new year are in at city hall, and they reveal that San Francisco lawyer **James R. Sutton** — who has advised many of the city's big-money political committees, including that of Mayor Sanders, about loopholes in the city's campaign and election laws — has also become a popular influence peddler. Among Sutton's lobbying clients are the Building Industry Association; Lodging Industry Association; Qualcomm; the San Diego County Apartment Association; and Westfield Corporation, the shopping-mall owner.

Better late than never Is San Diego State University president **Stephen Weber** on the way out? Last month the *New York Times* revealed that Weber was in the running to become chancellor of the State University of New York, where he once served as president of the Oswego campus and in 1995 and 1996 was the system's interim provost. "Given my commitment to public higher education, my previous experience working in the SUNY system and the fact that New York is a special place for me and my family, the prospect of leading SUNY is a unique situation I feel I need to explore," Weber wrote in an e-mail to SDSU faculty after the story broke. He lost the job to SUNY acting chancellor **John Ryan**. Now rumors are flying that Weber's wife **Susan** is unhappy with life



Stephen Weber

on Aztec Mesa, including Weber's ugly dustup with city councilman **Jim Madaffer** over the future of the Paseo redevelopment project and the Adobe Falls housing-and-hotel proposal rabidly opposed by Del Cerro residents. Though he's denied it, inside word has it that Weber could be gone within a year or two.

Hard knocks Embattled ex-San Diego city manager **Lamont Ewell**, who has resurfaced as Santa Monica's city manager, shared some newly gained wisdom with L.A. TV station KNBC: "The biggest lesson that I personally learned is to pay attention to the details." ... Speaking of details, policy chief **Julie Dubick** has the dubious distinction of being the first member of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s staff to get a notice from the city clerk's office for filing an incomplete personal financial disclosure report: "Please provide the 'general description of business activity and the nature of investment' for all businesses reported." ... La Jolla's **William Barkett**, the wealthy Democratic kingpin from the Central Valley whose wife was a last-minute **Gray Davis** appointment to the Del Mar Fair board, has recently been shoveling money into political causes, including \$25,000 to the county Democratic Central Committee on December 8; \$20,000 to **Steve Westly** for Governor on December 28; and \$2100 to **Friends of Juan Vargas** for Congress on the same day.



Lamont Ewell

Photo finish Incoming San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso** has beaten fellow rookie **Kevin Faulconer** in the derby to be first to have his photo posted in the official council mug shot case near the elevator bay at city hall. Apparently taking a cue from President **George W. Bush**, Democrat Hueso is the only councilmember so far to pose with an American flag.



Ben Hueso

Meanwhile, Faulconer has just changed the name of his campaign committee to "Friends of Kevin Faulconer Debt Retirement." The successor committee's most recent filing, which reflected things up to last November 26, listed total debts of \$24,291, with \$5300 of that owed to Faulconer himself. ... Housing Development Partners, a nonprofit corporation controlled by the San Diego Housing Commission, has been sued by the survivors of **Robert Vasquez**, who died in a December 17, 2004, blaze at downtown's Mason Hotel, which the city had ostensibly rehabilitated for low-income housing. The wrongful-death case alleges that the hotel lacked an "adequate sprinkler system" and "proper emergency exits."

— Matt Potter

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Canary in Coal Mine for National Housing Woes

By Don Bauder

In the Old West, nimble-fingered gamblers — often called bunco steerers — would ride into town and set up rigged games of chance. After fleecing locals, they would vamoose, often pursued by a posse swinging a hangman's noose.

dos to sell them, not live in them, and (2) homebuyers taking on exotic mortgages so they can buy houses they can't



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The San Diego housing market today is a little like that. Two kinds of gamblers are leaving town in a hurry: (1) speculators, or people buying con-

afford. The former have been skipping town for a year, and the latter are being restrained by regulators who fear a wave of foreclosures and defaults.

Two abuses are exacerbating this situation: (1) overblown housing appraisals and (2) false statements of family income on mortgage applications. These deceitful practices — typical of financial bubbles — have permitted the gambling game to go on.

For the rest of the nation, "San Diego is like the canary in the coal mine," says Edward Leamer, director of the Anderson Forecast at the University of California, Los Angeles. As the real estate bubble expanded, San Diegans had to live with high home prices and low affordability. It was shocking when only 10 percent of families could afford the typical home, and now it's down to 5 percent.

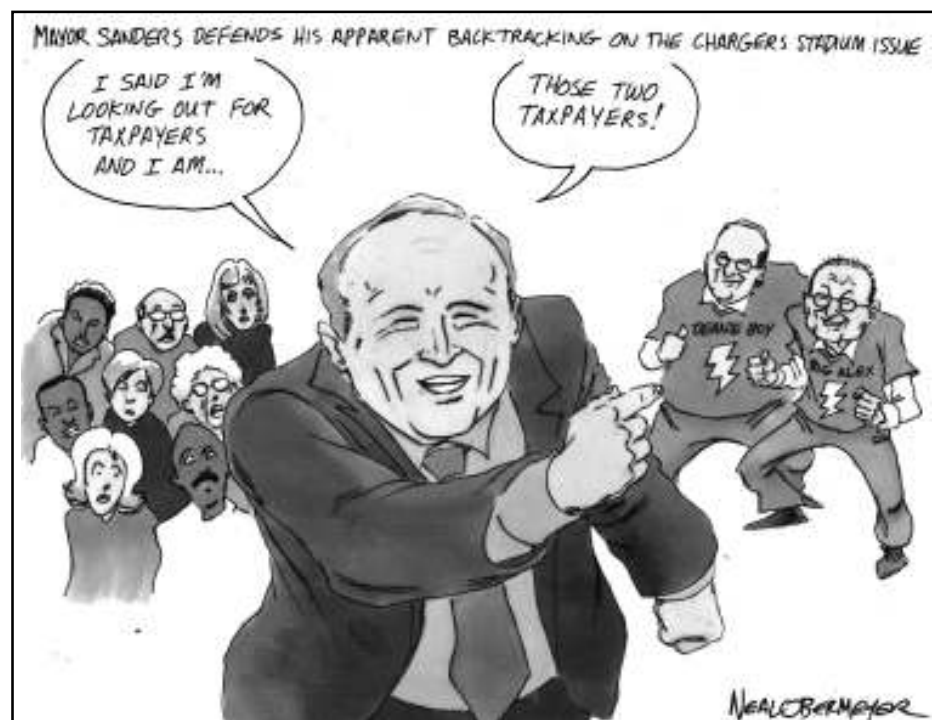
So people took on complex mortgages, with names such as "interest-only" and "option adjustable rate," permitting homebuyers "to buy a bigger house than they ought to buy," says Mark Riedy, professor of real estate at the University of San Diego.

Over the past two years, interest-only loans have been almost half of San Diego mortgages, among the highest percentages in the nation. Now, the Comptroller of the Currency and other regulatory bodies intend to rein in these loans at federally chartered institu-

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Social Security Numbers Up For Grabs

By Joe Deegan

Greg Cook, a ham radio enthusiast who runs his own computer networking business, places the police scanner on the

table next to my coffee cup. "If I leave it on while we talk," he tells me, "a cop might radio in somebody's social security number." No sooner does Cook turn on the scanner than a police officer can be heard giving a man's name, address, California driver's license number, date of birth—and social security number. Several more times during our conversation the same scenario catches our attention, sometimes with the social security number included, sometimes without it.

"Having your name, address, license number, and social security number broadcast on police radio can happen to anyone," says Cook, who twice in his life has aroused San Diego police suspicions that he was someone else. The

On December 6, however, the 41-year-old Cook's social security number became a bone of contention with San Diego police sergeant Chris Sarot, who detained him at 12:30 a.m. on a hilltop lookout off El Mac Place in Point Loma. For about two minutes before Sarot arrived Cook says he had been playing with his car radio at the site, which is an especially good place to pick up many frequencies, including Los Angeles stations and a local pirate FM station. The site also overlooks the Pacific Ocean and Point Loma Nazarene University. "Sometimes so many cars are up there that I leave because I can't find a place to park," Cook tells me, "but on that night I was the only car there."

have warrants on."

Officer Sarot handcuffed Cook during the detention and gave him a hard time for having a flashlight and scanner in his car. The scanner was still in his backpack, says Cook. During questioning, when Sarot demanded his social security number, Cook had a request. Could the officer send the number to headquarters on the patrol car's mobile computer terminal rather than over his unsecured radio? At that point, Cook says, Sarot replied "belligerently" that he would not return to his patrol car just to avoid broadcasting the social security number.

Sarot then used the police radio to call all of Cook's personal identification information into headquarters. "He ran me for local, state, and national warrants," Cook says. "It turned out there were two Greg Cooks with outstanding warrants. One turned up in the national search, though I didn't get what state he lived in. In the end, the driver's licenses, physical descriptions, and dates of birth were different than mine." Cook was cleared.

Sergeant Sarot later tells me by phone that he first spotted Cook illegally parked. The



Police scanner

radio is secure enough. The technology is such, he says, that people with scanners outside the system can get only "bits and pieces" of conversation from the radio.

But Sarot is "only half right," according to Cook. The police

Cook and I were able to listen to steady streams of police radio conversation.

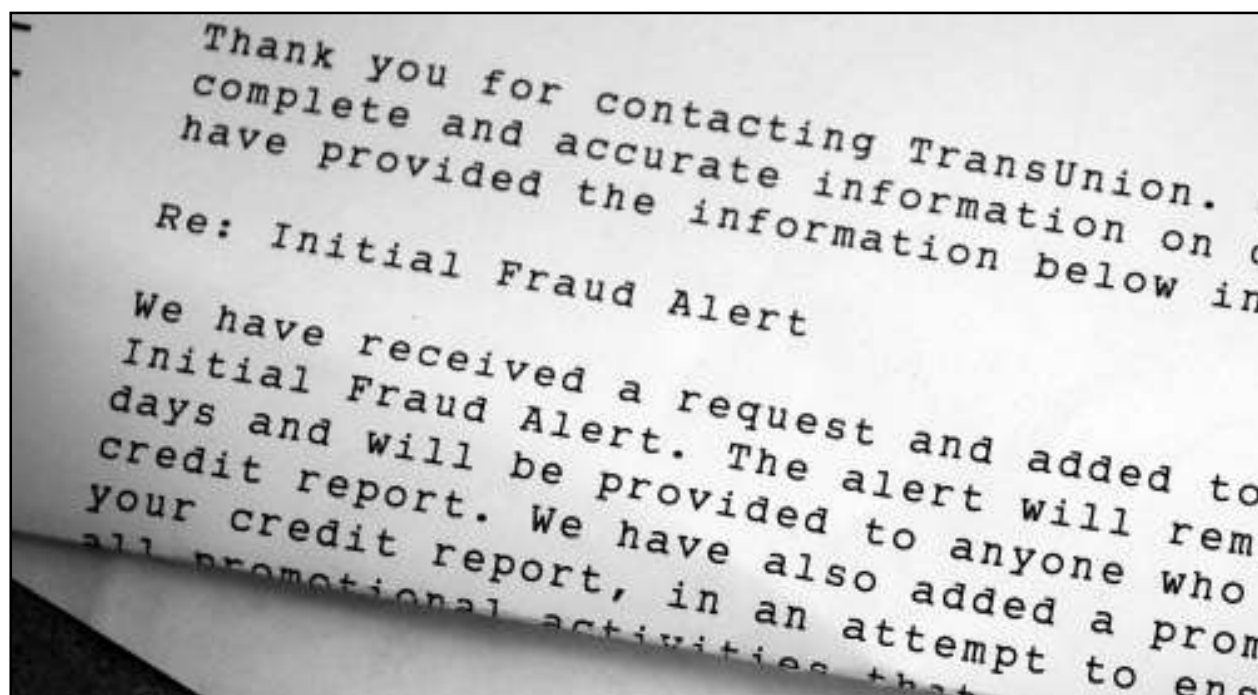
In the days after the incident, Cook contacted the police department's division of internal affairs and was promised a meeting to air his complaints. He also called three credit bureaus to have them put an identity-theft warning in his files. Experience taught him to do so. In 1994, he says, his California driver's license number was stolen and used to commit a crime. Police originally suspected Cook but later implicated a store clerk who then was prosecuted and convicted in the case.

"Over the years, my experience with San Diego police has been positive," says Cook. But he criticizes the way they so cavalierly broadcast social security numbers and other personal information during routine detentions. "It contributes to identity theft. It's been going on at least since 1996, and the thieves know about it. Scanners are ubiquitous. Many NASCAR fans have them in connection with their sport. All anyone has to do is go on eBay and buy one for \$50 to pick up police radio transmissions." Cook tells me that those transmissions are also turning up online.

It is surprising that San Diego's police are not more

sensitive about exposing people's personal information. According to a February 16, 2001, story in the *Union-Tribune*, Cox Communications accidentally provided Pacific Bell with 11,400 unlisted numbers, including those of undercover police officers, which were published in the 2000 phone directory. In response to a class-action lawsuit, Cox offered affected customers "a range of benefits." Law enforcement officials were scheduled to receive \$5000 "plus an additional \$4,000 to cover moving expenses for those who felt they had to relocate for safety reasons." The story quoted San Diego Police Officers Association president Bill Farrar as saying, "The problem is you just don't know who ended up with [the mistakenly revealed] information."

Police departments will be taxed with greater burdens in the future if identity theft increases. Privacy advocates believe that law enforcement has done little so far to fight it. They say that most people learn from credit card companies that their identity has been stolen and that company procedures to protect them financially are usually the only subsequent steps taken.



first time occurred in the late 1980s. In that incident, according to Cook, police distinguished him from the man they were seeking after taking him downtown for questioning. Today he doesn't remember whether they asked for his social security number.

Cook says he had no clue why the police wanted to approach him. "I was only sitting there, and my license tags were up to date," he says. "But I do have a very common name, and I think that's the reason police in the past have confused me with people they

officer says he also became concerned about how late Cook was sitting "alone on his truck's passenger side" in a residential neighborhood. Sarot defends his refusal to transmit Cook's social security number over his computer by saying that the police

radio is on a "trunking system," he tells me, which causes frequencies to keep changing, making it impossible for conventional scanners to stay with them. But "trunk tracker" scanners are capable of tracking one channel. That explains why on the night I met him

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tions. Regulators and market forces will probably slow down the freight train at other kinds of lenders.

"This will take the steam out of the housing market," says Leamer. "There has been a race between affordability and exotic financing. Affordability has been trying to keep people out of the market, and exotic loans have tried to keep

them in. Over the last couple of years, exotic loans won that race. When the exotic loans start to lose, the San Diego market will lose a lot of demand."

"The price of the asset has gone way beyond its long-term

fundamentals," says Robert Campbell, publisher of San Diego's *Campbell Real Estate Timing Letter*. "It's become a Tinkerbell world." As regulators "tighten up on funny-money loans," those housing prices will come down to earth

quickly.

Campbell just heard the story about a San Marcos fellow who bought a \$700,000 home in mid-2004 without putting any money down. "Today the home is worth \$610,000. It's \$90,000 under-

water," says Campbell. The fellow hasn't made a mortgage payment in a year. He figured he would have to sell the house for \$760,000 to make the back payments and get out even. But his broker told him that the highest price he could get for the home is \$610,000, based on comparable prices in the area. "There is a silent crash going on," says Campbell, who talks to real estate brokers every day.

"I have not yet seen a bankruptcy" as a result of the exotic mortgages, says bankruptcy trustee Richard Kipperman. "But we know it's coming."

While the downtown condo market was sizzling, 25 to 30 percent of buyers there were speculators, or flippers, trying to make a quick profit selling a unit that often hadn't been built. "In San Diego, the speculator market has dropped by 80 percent in the past 12 months," says Peter Reeb of Reeb Development Consulting. The biggest concentration of these gamblers was in downtown condos. There have also been a lot of high-rollers snapping up condo conversions but fewer in single-family homes, says Reeb. Now the craphooters see what's happening to the housing market, and they are scurrying off to other gambling dens, such as commodities pits.

Perhaps the biggest risk-takers have been those taking on the exotic mortgages. Interest-only loans present hazards. The borrower has the option to pay only interest for five to ten years. The loan balance remains the same—thus, the borrower is betting that home prices will rise. If they fall, the homeowner could be in the soup.

Interest-only loans often have adjustable rates; therefore, they are vulnerable to rising interest rates. Such loans also carry higher interest rates than comparable fixed-rate mortgages. In taking on such an arrangement, a family is betting that its income will rise during the next several years.

Riskier still are so-called option adjustable-rate mortgages. Interest rates are adjusted monthly and the payment is adjusted annually. Borrowers can decide how large a payment they will make. If they decide on the lowest possible monthly payment, as many do, the balance of the loan bal-

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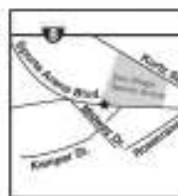
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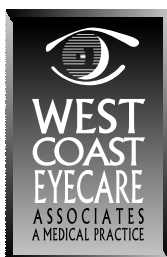
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Housing woes

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loons. That's called "negative amortization," and it can be poison.

"These [exotic] mortgages scare the heck out of me," says Sharon Hanley of Oceanside's HDS Associates, which publishes housing data. "I wrote to both senators and to my congressman saying we have to do something about these mortgages; they are putting people in hot water." Those who peddle the exotics often speak with forked tongue. In some variations, Hanley says, "the monthly payments have the potential of almost tripling by the fifth year, but you don't see that in the disclosure."

The loans "are terrifying for the average person, but if you just got out of med school and expect to be making \$150,000 a year, they can work," says Hanley. But those resulting in negative amortization will wreak havoc.

So what will happen to San Diego housing prices? Many analysts see the bubble slowly leaking, not bursting, because the underlying economy is doing reasonably well. But as the downtown condo picture worsens, many economists are forecasting price declines. In the early 1990s, home prices plunged 5 to 10 percent in the low and middle ranges and 20 to 25 percent at the high end. But there was an aerospace bust then, and nothing like that is in sight now. "We are returning to a normal market," says Hanley. "It will be a good 2006, but not like 2004 or 2005. Builders won't be closing doors as they were in 1991."

Although there could be "serious delinquency problems" because of the exotic mortgages, Riedy sees a soft landing. "Anything under \$400,000 will continue to rise in single digits [below 10 percent], \$400,000 to \$600,000 or \$700,000 will flatten out, above \$700,000 will flatten out or go down 5 or 10 percent," he says.

"We have been in a soft landing for a year and a half," says Reeb. "In July of 2004 I started to see an imbalance between supply and demand. The available inventory has increased, prices have flattened and declined, and incentives have increased in the downtown condo market."

Large developers will work with lenders to give buyers

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good mortgages. "The resale market does not have that capability. Problems will hit the resale market at the entry-level segment," says Reeb.

The ultimate engine of housing demand is job growth, and that has been slowing for several years, even as home construction has continued to grow. Sales have been slipping, but "we have more product on the market than we need with current levels of job growth," says Reeb.

Campbell points out that the housing market itself has been a big source of job growth. So an implosion could affect the economy generally. He sees a high probability that Southern California home prices will plunge 20 to 40 percent. His Real Estate Crash Index signaled "sell" in August of last year and continues to plummet.

Unfortunately, San Diegans have been borrowing against the inflated equity in their homes to continue their consumption. If home prices decline and lending regulations tighten up, that game could slow. Sales at retailers, car dealers, and other consumer outlets could suffer. This will impact jobs and, in a snowball effect, further whack the housing market. An economy based on debt is risky. An economy based on dangerously speculative debt could be disastrous. ■

Up for grabs

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Several Internet sites refer to "1 in 700" as the rate of convictions in identity-theft cases. Beth Givens, president of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego, believes that the figure probably cannot be documented but that the number of cases that are even prosecuted is small. She calls police radio broadcasting of social security numbers "a careless practice that needs to be abandoned. Putting those numbers on the open airwaves," says Givens, "is an invitation to identity theft."

Keith Burt is director of the San Diego district attorney's Computer and Technology Crime High Tech Response Team. When I call, he says nobody has ever alerted him to problems associated with police use of social security numbers. Nonetheless, identity theft is a major preoccupation of his unit, says Burt.

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He acknowledges that careless transmission of social security numbers by police could be a problem. Whether and to what extent social security numbers are used in routine detentions, he says, is determined by different police departments. But Burt defends use of the numbers in identifying people. He calls the social security number a "key to the kingdom. When we suspect somebody who is saying, 'It's not me,' the social security number is one of the few truly reliable numbers we can use to make sure."

In contrast Greg Cook argues, "Police certainly don't need social security numbers to identify someone when they are doing routine checks for warrants." He notes that the driver's license numbers, physical descriptions, and dates of birth were enough to take suspicion off him the times he was confused with men police were looking for. The use of his social security number was unnecessary.

What about identity theft? Scott Fulkerson, executive director of the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices, tells me by phone that nobody has ever complained to his organization about local police putting personal information on unsecured airwaves. "So my board doesn't yet have a position on the issue," says Fulkerson.

Cook believes that many people never consider that dissemination of their social security numbers and other identity data will result in a problem. "A lot of people would say, 'What's the big deal? I don't have anything to hide.' Okay, I say, then turn loose your MasterCard number. People don't realize how serious identity theft is until they become its victim. It can take months and even years to undo the damage."

Three weeks ago, as though to add an exclamation point to Cook's concerns, San Diego police arrested Jacqueline Lawrence, an employee of the city's General Services Department, for stealing Water Department customers' identities to obtain credit for making online purchases. The *Union-Tribune* recorded on January 18 district attorney Bonnie Dumanis's boast about the arrest: "If you think you can steal someone's identity in San Diego and get away with it, you are wrong." ■

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Thanks, Esmo

I just wanted to say that I think that the article "The Moonlit Compost Heap" by Steve Esmedina (January 26) is absolutely brilliant, one of the best things I've seen in the Reader in a long time. I congratulate you for having the guts to publish it.

Michael McAlister

Not The First

Jeff Smith did not do his homework on *Quidam* (Theater Review, January 26). It is not the "new" Cirque du Soleil show at all but one of the first to tour this country in the '80s. The current edition may be a

reworking, but check the Cirque rosters. I saw the show sometime ago in Los Angeles.

David Freeman
via e-mail

Put Cancer In Table Of Contents

Why don't you put "Mom's Cancer" in the table of contents? About a month ago I thought the thing had ended and she'd been cured and everybody lived happily ever after. And now I look in today's Reader, January 26, and I just came across it, and it's back in there again. So I went and looked in last week's Reader; sure enough, it was in there too, and I had missed it. So then I looked in the January 12 Reader and I can't find it anywhere. For God's sakes, if you're going to keep on carrying it, put it in the table of contents. And by the way, I don't appreciate that nasty letter you had about Bush in today's Reader either.

Name Withheld

The final installment of "Mom's Cancer" ran in last week's issue. — Editor

Plain And Simple

In Joe Deegan's article, "La Jolla Taco Shop Cited for Gaud" ("City Lights," January 19), there were a few inaccuracies regarding our newspaper.

Deegan wrote, "In its October 27 issue, the local weekly ran a short article standing up for the taco shop." This is incorrect. We wrote a balanced story about selective enforcement, in which the taco shop was mentioned. We did not "stand up" for any business, individual, or government agency. It was a news story, plain and simple.

On November 17, we wrote an editorial decrying the practice of selective enforcement. Again, Ryan Hill's predicament was mentioned, but we have never stated one way or another whether he should keep his banners up. We were merely concerned that selective enforcement could be used unethically by city residents or businesses to gain an unfair advantage over another or to give voice to racial prejudices.

We have been the community newspaper of La Jolla for more than 90 years, and we don't appreciate the allusion to bias or favoritism.

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Lack Of Character

"La Jolla Taco Shop Cited for Gaud" ("City Lights," January 19) is offensive, and Deegan should be ashamed of himself for writing it. Ryan Hill is not a victim. He is an exploiter, and Deegan eagerly plays the role of Hill's lackey as he performs all manner of journalistic contortions to create controversy out of nothing.

Deegan presents no evidence that Hill did not violate the law or that the San Diego Neighborhood Code Compliance Department did anything other than exactly what it should have done. Furthermore, what do

the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and La Raza have to do with this story? Since the answer is nothing, is it safe to assume that Deegan only included Hill's reference to them to help augment his racial pandering?

Unless Deegan can provide evidence that San Diego Code Compliance responded to the complaint about Don Carlos in a different way than the department responds to any other complaint, then this is not a racial issue and Deegan is guilty of the worst kind of junk journalism. And why was Vargas's office even asked to comment? Don Carlos is in the 75th District, not the 79th. Did Hill contact Vargas because Assemblyman George Plescia is too white to understand why Hispanic-owned businesses in his district shouldn't have to comply with the law?

Hill's problem isn't racism; it's his own glaring lack of character. Mr. Hill, sometimes we grown-ups have to be accountable for our actions even while others

are getting away with breaking the rules. For those of us who were raised properly, the but-everyone-else-is-doing-it defense became invalid around age four.

Ortega's Taco Shop is just down Pearl Street from Don Carlos. Ortega's follows the signage laws and for good, authentic Mexican food should get anyone's business before Don Carlos does. So why don't Ortega's or any of several other great taco shops in La Jolla that follow the rules get 80 column inches and three photographs in the Reader for free?

Jon Vipond
South Park

Invitation To A Taco

Well, Travis Cleveland of Bonita (Letters, January 26), you would lose that bet. Blockbuster, Hollywood Video, Sav-on, Albertsons, Longs, Vons, Road Runner Sports, gas stations, car dealerships, and the list goes on, which are "successful businesses," also have the same signs and are not stupid people. If you allow a city

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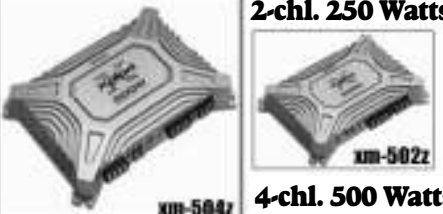
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Matt:

How did swap meets and flea markets get named? I've never seen any swapping at a swap meet, and I've never seen fleas at a flea market.

— Nola from North Park

Well, for that matter, when was the last time you saw a garage for sale at a garage sale? If you call it a yard sale, do you have to sell turf? You can't buy a farmer at a farmers market. They don't give you asbestos shopping bags at a fire sale or hip boots at a liquidation sale. Does anyone own a truck big enough to bring home a bargain from a white elephant sale? Do you need a crash helmet or a spare tire to shop at a blow-out sale? Logic rarely enters the picture when it comes to separating a customer from his or her cash.

Common wisdom about the origin of "flea market" is that it came from the huge and very famous Marché aux Puces in Paris: *marché*, French for market, and *puces* (pronounced "poose"), fleas. Supposedly the area acquired its name because the jumble of old clothes and household goods were suspected of being full of fleas. Americans who toured Europe during the first decades of the 1900s brought the name back and made it popular here.

But New York City had a so-called flea market back before the Revolutionary War. The open-air store's official name was the Valley Market, which the city's large Dutch-speaking population called the Vly or Vlie Market. Non-Dutch speakers Anglicized the Vly to "fly" and the Vlie to "flea," so the Valley Market was alternately known as the Fly Market or the Flea Market. But the name wasn't generally popular until the French fleas hit our shores 80 or 90 years ago.

Swapping at a swap meet is of more vague origin but may also stem from our early history, particularly Western history, when people would meet on certain days to buy, sell, or trade horses in an open-air market. "Swap" was borrowed from an old German word meaning "to strike." It referred to palms striking in a handshake to seal any business deal, not necessarily an exchange of goods for goods. Horse traders were said to have "swapped a bargain" when they unloaded some nag on an unsuspecting buyer.

Your Mattness:

Who decides what are continents? Why is Greenland not a continent? It is bigger than the island/continent of Australia and has more people than Antarctica. How can Europe and Asia be one continent? Where is the dividing line? Where does Central America fit in?

— We Must Know, San Diego

If you've got the spare time, you guys can decide what a continent is. The field's wide open. Look up the word in the dictionary, ask geologists or geographers, and all you get are weasel words — something about a continent being a big body of land, larger than an island, surrounded by water. But don't ask 'em how big an island is because they don't have a good answer for that either. In desperation, I imagine, a spokesman for the Association of American Geographers suggested that a continent is like love. You know it when you see it, but no one can really describe it adequately. "Continent" is a useful catch-all word in certain situations but has no clear scientific meaning.

The ancient Greeks, who first dreamed up the concept, recognized three continents: Europe, Asia, and Africa. Today we consider the Ural Mountains in Russia the dividing line between Europe and Asia (though some consider the whole area the Eurasian continent). But the Greeks separated Europe from Asia using cultural as much as geographic guidelines. And that's where most of our present confusion starts. For example, North, South, and Central America make up a single land mass but are generally considered two continents. That's a decision based on history and culture. And of course you can put Central America wherever you want, since there's no single definition of North or South America.

You can call Australia a continent if you like, but many geographers say it's just a very big island. And if you can't take any more of these wishy-washy answers, I'll tell you definitively that Greenland is only about one third the size of Australia. You've been looking at too many Mercator-projection maps, which tend to exaggerate the size of things near the poles. Check it out on a globe.

Hot activity for geographers has been devising computer-useful definitions for relational concepts like "near," "far," "north," and "south." I was assured that once they had the compass points pinned down, they'd get right on a definition for "continent" and give me a call. Don't wait up.

What's Crap? My Answer!

Well, when we make a mess, we really spread it around. The average human poop (from someone on a Western diet) weighs 200 grams, about seven ounces. Believe it. Our math elf is now in the stocks in the front yard.

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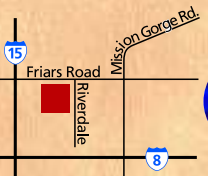
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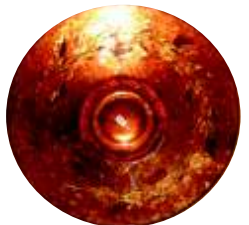


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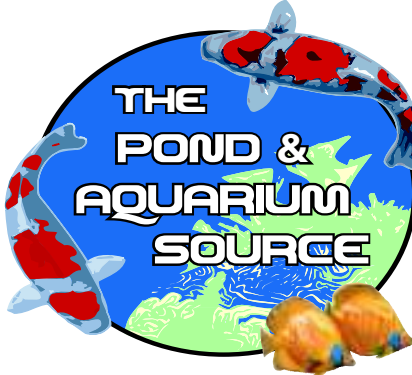
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Detroit Backflip

This started out as an "Up with Detroit" column meant as counterpoint to last week's "Guttersnipe Columnist Slanders Great American City" work product. The idea was to telephone random Detroit bars and ask patrons, bartenders, managers, "What do you like about Detroit?" Figured to collect warm and fuzzy Detroit lore and even the score.

Peter Arabo was the third phone call. Arabo, 28, is an owner of Envy. Said club is downtown, inside the ring, couple blocks from the Detroit River, in the Beautiful People entertainment zone. I learn the club has custom appointments, dance floor, V.I.P. floor, indoor waterfall, celebrity patrons, and lines of well-dressed supplicants at the door. I wanted to know if Peter was Detroit born and raised.

"I was born in Detroit, then moved to San Diego. I used to live in La Mesa."

Bingo. Double bingo. "What brought you back to Detroit?"

"I was a kid, had to go with my father. He had a sister here. All his brothers were in San Diego, so he decided to move here and help his sister. But, I'm in San Diego three or four times a year."

I ask, a little too quickly, "How did you come to acquire Envy?"

"I used to DJ and had a few bucks saved up, \$20,000," Arabo says. "I brought in investors, started my bar with \$400,000. Now we've invested almost \$1,000,000. We keep adding floors."

"You must have been one hell of a DJ."

"I'd do 130 parties a year. For ten years. I DJ'd in Chicago, New York, L.A., San Diego, everywhere. I saw how much money came out of these bars. And now, today, it's my turn to stand behind that bar."

Time for the money shot. "What do you like about Detroit?"

"Detroit is known for its great music, and I'm heavy into the music. We do the electronic music festival. We get two-, three-hundred-thousand people coming down to our plaza on Memorial Day weekend," Arabo says. "Detroit is diverse. All different kinds of people here; big Arabic and Chaldean population."

Arabo tells me he owns three clubs, two in downtown Detroit, one in Pontiac. I ask, "How come downtown Detroit?" I visualize a pit in hell.

Arabo says, "Downtown Detroit is safer than some suburbs."

"Really?"

"Because of the casinos, they need protection. Only the outskirts of Detroit are, I would say, dangerous. Downtown Detroit is like any downtown; it goes down, there's a renaissance, and it comes back. We're on the upswing now."

Need specifics. "How about rents? What does a two-bedroom apartment in downtown Detroit cost?"

"Very, very affordable, maybe \$1,100," Arabo says. "That's brand new. Remember San Diego, right before the first Super Bowl, and no one would go downtown?"

"I remember."

"Then, after the second Super Bowl, you couldn't touch anything downtown."

Arabo sounds like a local. "When were you last in San Diego?"

"Six month ago," Arabo says. "I have family there. My dad and his brother had a successful business; it was called Najors Market. Now, my family owns a chain of supermarkets called Wrigley's. My first cousin, Auday Arabo, is president of California Independent Grocers; he was a deputy prosecutor in the San Diego County District Attorney's office."

Very well, Arabo's San Diego citizenship papers are in order. He's qualified to answer this question: "How would you compare the cities?"

"Obviously, San Diego is one of the greatest places to live in the country. Detroit is a very easy place to make money. A lot of money to be made in Detroit."

"Because?"

"Costs are real low. The cost of labor is lower than other cities. Someone can be very successful here if they are aggressive. I had nothing, started from scratch, worked my way up, and now I have three clubs. My start-up costs were minimal."

"How about Ford and GM? They've announced over 60,000 job cuts. How does that affect you?"

"I can feel the hit," Arabo says. "The 22 biggest companies in Michigan are auto-related. So, there's a trickle effect and it hurts everybody."

"You've noticed a decline in business?"

"Not a decline in people," Arabo says. "I've noticed a decline in how much each person spends."

Time to go. "What's coming up for you after the Super Bowl? What are your plans?"

Arabo says, "My goal is to come back [to San Diego]. I wasn't supposed to be here during the Super Bowl. My partners were supposed to buy me out and I was supposed to be in San Diego. I was trying to open a club in the basement of Martini Ranch [on F Street, one block east of Horton Plaza]. I was going to remodel that. The deal was going to work because my partners [in Detroit] were going to buy me out. But, I ended up buying them out. My goal is to end up in San Diego with a beautiful nightclub."

Well, all ye Detroit personhoods, I tried.

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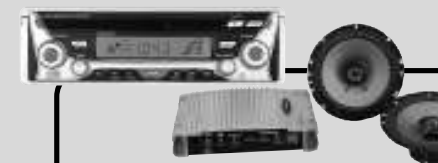
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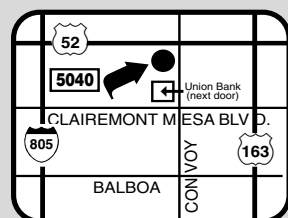


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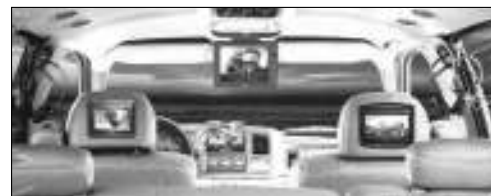
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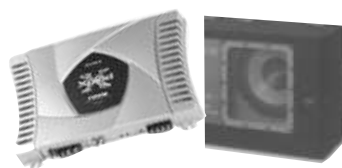
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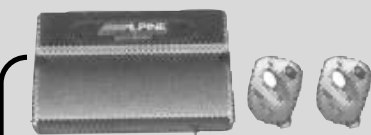
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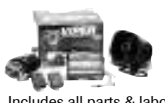
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"All are welcome in this space," said the Reverend Carla Friedrich into the contained hush of the boxy room. "In just a moment, I'm going to ask you to get up and go to a different place in the church. It's just a way of moving out of our regular positions and perspectives. Ask the person you sit down next to what they had to give up or overcome to get here today." After the bustling subsided, Friedrich said, "First, I'm noting your stubbornness. You're still in your regular places. It's very telling, anyway." Laughter. "It's in our willingness to engage with discomfort that we are often made better for it."

The regular organist was absent. "Pearl is going to play the piano for us," said Friedrich. Pearl rose from her pew and sat at the baby grand in front of the Sanctuary. As the yellow mid-day light glowed through the pebbled yellow glass on to the hymnal's creamy yellow page, we stood and sang: "Morning has broken/Like the first morning/Blackbird has spoken/Like the first bird..." The diffused light and the pale almond walls highlighted the dark stained wood of the room's crown molding, its organ, its multipaned windows, and its altar, lecterns, and altar rails. Friedrich ascended to the altar. She opened the massive Bible that rested there and switched on a backlight that illuminated the burgundy curtain that rose behind the altar and the plain wooden cross above it. Everyone prayed in unison and joined in a responsive invocation. Congregants offered prayers of petition, prayed "for those concerns that are too tender to speak," and listened as Friedrich asked and thanked God for His forgiveness. Then the Our Father, then the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy/Lord God of Hosts/Heaven and earth are full of thy glory." The Gospel recounted Christ's expulsion of an unclean spirit in the synagogue, and also His curing Peter's mother-in-law of her fever. After the Swedenborgian affirmation of faith—"Please join in as your will permits," said Friedrich—and another hymn, the reverend began her sermon.

"I'll start with the children's sermon— for the day when this church is filled with young people,

ple," she said as she descended into the congregation, carrying a clear glass head full of paper strips. "This is my head, full of wonderful thoughts. I'm going around, and you can take a thought. These are affirmations. I think of things coming from the other world...as affirmations or defamations.... It's important to take hold of the things that are positive...." Mine read: "I am surrounded by the White Light of the Christ, through which nothing negative can penetrate."

Friedrich introduced congregant Irv. "He's going to give us a few thoughts on movement." Irv— white-haired, goateed, in a V-neck sweater— reminded us that "as you're sitting there in the quiet of this church, you are moving at a thousand miles an hour"— rotating, revolving around the sun, hurtling through the galaxy — and a mass of moving cells and atoms to boot. "Join me in moving, growing, changing, developing, and see also if we can create maybe a new unity within our being, within our church — doing something positive, useful, beneficial."

Friedrich applied the notion of movement

to scripture, noting that physical movements therein "are very real, but they represent something spiritual.... Every doorway is representative of impending movement, the Lord calling us forth.... Even one word can hold so much meaning about movement.... 'And' is a demonstration of the Lord's desire for us to move into a new spiritual state. It's indicative of things being joined together...heaven and earth, God and man, the beginning and the ending." Sometimes, we don't want to "go into the dark places," but we are guided by three gifts the Lord gives us: the desire to seek truth; the spiritual spark of love; and, to put these things into action, a love of movement.

January 29 marked the 318th birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg. "Somewhere in the spiritual world, someone is celebrating," said Friedrich. On a table in the sunny alcove at the back of the church, she and others

laid out coffee, juice, peanut-butter-and-banana sandwiches, apple pie, blueberries, *dulce de leche* ice cream, pineapple upside-down cake, cookies, and two quiches that Friedrich had made that morning. Most everybody stayed after the service, joined hands for a blessing, and shared in the feast.

What happens when we die? "We go on living in bodily form," says Friedrich. "When I say 'bodily form,' I mean that that life is more real and has more substance than this one. We feel that true substance has to do with love and wisdom and God's life. When you enter into that world, you become more substantial. When you do something of interest to you, you feel more alive, more engaged. These are the things that give true substance to life. There will be a lot of activity, using the skills and the love that are in your heart. As a colleague of mine said, 'God doesn't want to bore us into heaven; neither is heaven boring.'"

— Matthew Lickona



CARLA FRIEDRICH

The Swedenborgian Church of San Diego University Heights ★★½

Sermon

content.....★★½

delivery.....★½

Liturgy.....★★½

Music

congregational.....★★

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— EVE KELLY

I crave beauty, particularly the floral variety. The garden's been going through a rough patch for the past year — neglect, thy name is Eve — and so I've been looking for something more permanent to bolster my spir- its. I found it in an architectural salvage shop — a section from an old church win- dow, lilies of all hues against a green hillside. I called Patrick at home and told him to get the measuring tape. I was in luck; the window in our breakfast nook was just slightly larger than my find. Now I needed some help in getting this ancient beauty ready to install.

Paul Bloomquist of Paul Bloomquist Stained Glass in Rancho Peñas- quitos was happy to help. He started by telling me how to determine if my recent acquisition was the real deal — genuine stained glass. “Stained glass’ is a common term for any type of art glass that is held together by lead strips or copper foil tape that has been soldered together,” he said. “However, true stained glass has images or col- ors painted onto it — and then the glass is fired. An example would be a church window on which someone had painted the folds of a robe, or the details of a face. There’s a special paint that’s used, made from ground glass and mixed with a mortar and pestle. You liquefy it using different media, depending on the color. Sometimes, it’s brushed on in large swaths, and then sort of dusted off to create shading. I wouldn’t call true stained glass a dying art, but it’s definitely a limited art. There are only a handful of people in San Diego that do it.”

What I had, said Bloomquist, was sim- ilar to “most of what you see in North Park homes — it’s called leaded art glass. It’s been made into shapes with different colors and textures and striations. All that is imparted into the glass — the glass is the palette, rather than the paint being the palette. A lot of times, the style of the glass is a reflec- tion of the architectural style of the house. Stained glass had its heyday from the Victorian era through the Great Depression. But in the ’30s, it was seen as old fashioned. There wasn’t much done in architec- tural settings until we had a resurgence in the ’60s.”

Before Bloomquist could install my window, he said, he needed to give it a “once-over, to see if it needs any restoration. I look at the solder joints. If they’re breaking, it’s a sign that the window is reaching the end of its useful life. It might need to be released. In that case, I’ll literally disassemble the window — after documenting the work, of course. I take plenty of photographs. I also make a rub- bing, using carbon paper to get a grid of the lead lines. That will serve as my pattern so I can rebuild the window.”

Not every window needs that kind of extensive restoration. “Sometimes, an antique

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window has been stored vertically, and it’s started to bow at the bottom. It may just need to come out of its frame and be laid flat, then maybe have stiffeners or brace bars put in. Sometimes, that’s enough. Once the window is stable, I reinforce the solder joints. Then I re-glaze or re-putty it. I put a slurry on it, which is a glazing com- pound; it’s like the putty you use to fill holes in walls. That gives the window its final stiffness. Without putty, the win- dow is not waterproof, much less stable.”

And generally, the less restoration Bloomquist has to do, the happier he is. “I try to conserve what’s old, unless it’s really shot or doesn’t have any historic value. It’s a combi- nation of the customer’s budget and what their intention is for the window. Sometimes, it’s time to retire it to a nice interior wall. If you have a delicate old piece and you want to keep it as long as possible, you might want to dual- or triple-glaze it. That means putting a piece of protective glass on top of the window — at least on the outside, and sometimes on both sides, so that the old window is sealed between two pieces of glass.” This requires a new frame to hold the additional sheets of glass; Bloomquist con- tracts with a carpenter for that.

As for the four-inch differ- ence between my window space and the width of the lilies window, Bloomquist said, “I can design an additional border that will add two inches around the perimeter. I’ll use complimentary glass. Depending on the style of the house and the window, I can use glass that’s been salvaged. I have old glass here, and I have colleagues who keep tremendous stashes of old glass.”

Of course, it’s easier to fit a small win- dow into a big opening than it is to fit a big window into a small opening. Still, Bloomquist may be able to help. “It’s a little tricky, find- ing a way to modify a window without mak- ing it look like a hack job. I can tell pretty quickly when the bottom part of a window has just been cut off because it collapsed. The stained glass wholesaler didn’t have the wherewithal, or wasn’t going to make enough on the window to fix it, so they just cut off the bottom and made a new frame.”

For cleaning, Bloomquist recom- mended using “a soft cloth with plain water, or mild soapy water, or a little bit of vinegar and water. If you need to use glass cleaner, spray it on the cloth and clean each pane individually. Then burnish the whole thing with an old towel.”

Paul Bloomquist’s on-site window repairs start at \$200. Restoration prices vary with each piece. Window installation starts at \$100; price increases depending on the job. New commission work ranges from \$100 to \$300 a square foot.

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Crasher

MY OTHER SHIRT IS HAWAIIAN

by Josh Board

I went to a luau at a home off Murray Ridge. As I was getting ready to go there, I got a call from a guy driving to San Diego from Phoenix. He had a *Reader* with him, saw my voice mail, and called to ask me if I knew of any good parties or clubs that he could hit while in town. He told me he was rich and would pay me for my time. I laughed and said, "I'll just rattle off a list of nightclubs and bars; you don't have to pay me for that."

We talked for a while and then I told him I had to leave for the luau. He asked where that was, and I invited him to come along with me.

He was a thin guy, about 6'5". We got to the party, and there was a \$5 charge to get in. He didn't have his wallet with him. (Isn't that always the case with "rich guys"?) I paid for both of us, but when I met the woman who invited me, she said, "I told the guy at the door not to charge 'the crasher.'"

There was a band playing Sublime tunes in the living room. I didn't catch the band's name, but the following band was called Clockwork Army, and they had this little female Asian singer who could belt it out.

There were girls walking



around in grass skirts and guys in Hawaiian shirts (two with white ties). There were kegs under the patio by the pool. People in the back yard had a bong going. A few others smoked joints.

I recognized one girl from a previous party because of a birthmark she had on her arm. I asked her, "Do you work at Sea-World?" (Hey, if I can't remem-



ber the name, the job is the next best thing.) he was on a couch with two girls who mentioned being at a *Dukes of Hazzard* party I went to.

This luau didn't have a pig;

"Who would want to put their mouth where everyone else has? That is so gross."

ber the name, the job is the next best thing.)

The Phoenix guy was in his late 40s and was the oldest person at the party. He had a good rap and was making a lot of people laugh. At one point,

they had hot dogs. A guy who had two in his hand said, "These have pig parts in them. That's close enough for me."

There was a bar set up in the back yard. A UCLA student made me a Jack and Coke. She

told me about her travels to Europe and that she's studying to become a doctor.

A blonde woman named Robin told me she was flying out to Europe soon. I asked her how she was able to take the time off work, and she said her bosses weren't that happy about it.

I heard the band start to play the Police's "So Lonely," which is a song I love. It wouldn't be the only police we'd hear at the party. San Diego's finest showed up in the early evening because of the noise.

As I watched the band, I

heard a short guy ask a tall guy, "Do you play basketball?" The tall guy responded with, "Do you play miniature golf?"

There was a drinking game being played on an outdoor ping pong table. As one guy tried to bounce the ball into a cup of beer, it flew four feet from its target. He yelled, "Damn! It's too windy to be playing this out here."

There was an ice luge. One guy said, "Who would want to put their mouth where everyone else has? That is so gross." His friend said, "Stop being a chick." I watched one person put his mouth to the ice and take a drink. He then ran to the pool and dunked his head in. I thought he was going to barf. He held his head underwater for about a minute and then got up and walked away. I'm not sure what that was about.

One guy told me it was his last day in San Diego before moving to Michigan. I asked what he'd be doing there. "Mostly, I'll be cold there." Another guy told me he was leaving for San Francisco. He's going to attend Berkeley.

A lot of people weren't dressed in Hawaiian clothing. One guy had a shirt that read "My other shirt is Hawaiian." Two guys had Jimi Hendrix

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shirts (and were often standing by the Hendrix poster on the wall). A guy with a beer belly had a shirt that said "I'm here for the lap dance." (I'm sure that gets the women.)

Since there were bands playing, I wondered about the neighbors and the noise. One guy said, "When I have parties, I usually invite my neighbors. But I've heard of people giving dinner gift certificates to the neighbors on both sides. They can go out and have a nice dinner and not be bothered by the noise. And if they get home early and the party is still going, they won't call the cops. They'd feel guilty since you just paid for their dinner."

Two girls were taking photos, and one backed up and spilled beer on my shirt. I discovered one of the girls was a model but was reluctant to tell anyone. The other girl looked like Jessica Simpson with short strawberry-blonde hair and freckles. As I

talked to them, the tall guy from Phoenix came over. He asked me if I read the *New Yorker*. I told him it was too esoteric for me, but if they ever published a Cliff Notes version I'd check it out. He had a lot of interesting things to say, but as one woman said when he walked away, "Half of what he says is bullshit, isn't it?"

I ran into one of the many girls who lived in this house. Her name was Courtney. She said, "You better stay long enough to see the Antiques play. They're great. And if you

drink too much, you can sleep here. We have plenty of rooms."

The Antiques started playing and sounded great. There was a large crowd watching them, though, so I stayed in the back yard.

One guy told me about getting a DUI. He said he knew the bail bond phone number by heart. They wouldn't help him because he was considered a flight risk. He ended up spending a few days in jail.

There were people playing horseshoes, and a black lab was barking and running back and forth, try-

ing to retrieve the horse-shoes after each throw. One guy got hit in the foot and screamed in pain.

I saw two other dogs. One was big and brown and the other was a chihuahua. I wondered why I hadn't seen the dogs earlier; did someone bring their dogs to the luau or were the dogs crashing? ■

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by Barbarella

Reflections of Self

Identity would seem to be the garment with which one covers the nakedness of the self, in which case, it is best that the garment be loose, a little like the robes of the desert, through which one's nakedness can always be felt, and, sometimes, discerned.

— James Arthur Baldwin

I stare at my face in the bathroom mirror and silently ask my reflection, *Who are you?* I consider my nose, the skin dry and peeling. I raise and drop my brows, paying close

attention to the horizontal lines that appear and disappear on my forehead. One short white hair, the first of its kind to grace my body, is partially hidden among the finer brown strands at my hairline. I pucker and smile, pucker and smile, until my lips take on a life of their own, my mouth a nomad roaming across my face instead of the permanent resident it should be.

Gazing into a mirror until I no longer recognize myself is a practice I picked up when I was ten years old. The first time I did this was by accident. The electricity had gone

out and my family was gathered in the living room, playing board games by candlelight. I had to pee, so I grabbed one of the candles and made my way to the bathroom.

The darkness didn't scare me. I finished my task without incident. But when I turned to wash up and caught my flickering reflection, I froze with fear. The left half of my face, fallen in shadow, deviated with the light, my features appearing to toggle between my own and those of an old lady. As a superstitious kid who avoided stepping on cracks because I was convinced doing so would compromise my mother's spine, I assumed this strange half-face was a ghost, and that I had been chosen as her conduit to communicate something crucial from the other side.

When I returned to the living room, I was surprised no

one asked where I'd been for so long.

Apparently, what must have been five hours in the dimly lit bathroom had been five minutes in the living room. As I resumed my position at the Monopoly board, I told myself I'd spill all at the slightest provocation but would not volunteer anything about my unexpected meeting with the ghost in the mirror. My sisters didn't seem to notice that I was distractedly going through the motions of the game while my mind was racing with the encounter I had just had at the other end of the house, a dimension away.

Off and on for the next few years, I tried to summon the old lady. Who was she? What did she want? Would I be able to help her? Sometimes I would try facing myself in the dark. Once, I stole a match from above the fireplace and lit a candle, hoping no one would notice that the power hadn't failed. Having considered the possibility that the lady might not be able to appear in the same place more than once, I alternated mirrors in my attempts to reconnect with her.

As I entered adolescence and gave up all things childish, the silly idea that ghosts exist disappeared along with my Barbie dolls. But the girl in the mirror still intrigued me. On some mornings, after showering, I would linger in the bathroom and stare at my flipped-around self.

I was 15 when I had my first out-of-Barb experience. During a routine stare, I gave in to the sudden urge to speak my name out loud. "Barb." The word sounded strangely foreign to me, something used to describe a sharp, inanimate object, not a person. "Barb," I tried again.

"Barb," I said over and over until the sound, beginning and ending with a short burst of air through my closed lips, lost all meaning. My sense of identity escaped from my mouth along with the now peculiar sound of my name.

"Barb." Who was this Barb? What did she want? Would I be able to help her?

Most people reach middle age before they experience a crisis of identity. My perplexity regarding what makes me *me* has been as much a part of my day-to-day life since childhood as brushing my teeth. I realize now, staring at this one white hair, this small reminder of mortality that helps frame this face in the mirror, that I am still in the early stages of getting to know who Barb is.

I have allowed my circumstances to define me at different times in my life. In the clouded bathroom mirror of my apartment in Los Angeles, Barb is a single, 22-year-old woman who likes to do drugs and go dancing; her eyes meet mine in a desperate stare that always say the same thing: "I want people to like me." In the tall, narrow mirror nailed to the back of my bedroom door in my parents' house, Barb is 18 — she doesn't have a job, she doesn't have many friends, and she often says to me aloud, "I don't like you." In the gold-framed mirror that hangs in the entrance of my father's condo, Barb is 27 and the confident sheen of her eyes tells me she is experiencing one of those rare moments in which she is sure of who she is. The moment soon passes.

Here I am, in the master bathroom of the home I share with David. Barb is 29. She hates

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loud bars and shallow people, and loves to travel. Her eyes locked on mine, she says, "If you're who I think you are, I like you. And I don't care what other people think." But I detect the familiar hint of doubt in her voice.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines the word "identity" as "The set of behavioral or personal characteristics by which an individual is recognizable." Such characteristics are difficult to identify by staring at one's face. There are few things that all of the Barbs in all of the mirrors of my life have in common: we all love to read, we have a weakness for animals, a need for attention, an eye for beauty, and a tendency to be judgmental. However, all the "significant" aspects of my life — behaviors, opinions, and careers, or those things around which most people form their identities — have changed with each passing year.

More than a decade has passed since I thought of the ghost. Usually, David is standing next to me as we brush our teeth and get ready for bed, but tonight he is still downstairs, catching up on his e-mail. I flip off the light and everything reflected in the eight-foot-long mirror on the wall above the dual sinks

blends into the background — the tub and shower behind me, the towels, even the green carpet and walls of the bedroom to my left, take on a blue cast. From the downtown buildings in the distance, red, yellow, and white dots, like stars, fill the circular window above my head.

My features are difficult to discern. My face falls in shadow, but I continue to stare at my reflection. A thought enters my head — *I am not a ghost*. My eyes widen with surprise and awareness, and then the muscles beneath my skin relax and fall calm. Perhaps there was an old lady after all — not a supernatural being trying to travel through

dimensions, but merely a Barb I have not yet met, standing before a mirror I have not yet seen, and wondering if who she is has anything at all to do with me. ■

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An Abduction at Tijuana's Country Club



Assassination attempt on Jesús Blancornelas, 1997 (César René Blanco Villalón/Zeta)

They abducted Escobosa from the entrance's polished green-slate steps, only a few yards from where two dozen color and black-and-white photos mounted on the lobby's walls illustrate the club's 57-year history. Also on display that afternoon, near the lobby's entrance, stood a tripod displaying the portraits of Club Campestre's 17 "Debutantes of 2005." According to a *Los Angeles Times* account of the abduction, Escobosa's screams were so loud that "they were heard in the chandeliered dining room nearby."

The gunmen shoved Escobosa into one of their black vehicles and crashed through the security gate at the club's entrance and disappeared into the heavy traffic on Boulevard Agua Caliente. Three days later Escobosa's body was found beside a Tijuana highway. News reports stated that Escobosa's body showed signs of having been "badly beaten" and "asphyxiated," that his head was covered with a "yellow plastic bag."

Someone who witnessed Escobosa's abduction told me that he remembered something else about that afternoon.

"What I remember is that as soon as people realized what was going on, they all looked away. They made a point of not looking at the gunmen. They looked away." Why?

"The gunmen," this person said, "were not wearing masks."

Someone else who saw the abduction told me, "One person did look at the gunmen. Guillermo Guevara, the club's general manager, went outside and confronted the gunmen. They were disturbing *his* club, and they were attacking a guest at *his* club."

While Campestre was the largest Mexican country club on the border, its \$14,000 initiation fee and \$300 monthly dues were much less than the fees and dues at other clubs in Mexico.



Francisco Ortiz Franco dead inside his car (Alejandro Cossio/Zeta)

Reenactment of Francisco Ortiz Franco murder (Ramon T. Blanco Villalón/Zeta)

Guillermo was very brave. He takes his responsibilities very seriously. He went right up to the gunmen and asked who they were. He told them he was going to write down their license plate numbers. One of the gunmen pointed his gun at Guillermo's face and said, 'If you take down our license plate numbers, we'll come back tomorrow and kill you.'

"Later I said to Guillermo, 'Don't be a hero.'"

Guillermo Guevara, on the morning I met him several weeks after the incident at Club Campestre's entrance, didn't seem like a hero. Dressed in a crisp aqua-blue *guayabera*, his silver hair neatly combed, his silver mustache precisely trimmed, Guevara was handsome, and deferent, or *respetuoso*, in the way that Mexican middle-class men are often *respetuoso*. Like several people I spoke to while learning about Club Campestre, Guevara wasn't entirely at ease with our conversation.

"I started this job only four months ago," he said. "I don't know *everything* about Club Campestre. I'd like to keep this interview as informal as possible."

While I asked Guevara about his duties at Club Campestre, he took a Post-it note and on it wrote, in a very deliberate way, the names of the six country clubs in Mexico City and Guadalajara where he'd held various management positions since 1970. He told me that while Campestre was the largest Mexican country club on the border, its \$14,000 initiation fee and \$300 monthly dues were much less than the fees and dues at other clubs in Mexico. In Mexico City, he said, country club initiation fees can be as high as \$220,000, and monthly dues as much as \$600.

"But even though we're less expensive than other clubs in Mexico, we offer a high standard of service."

He told me that he managed 265 employees and that around 3000 people, or 807 families, belonged to Campestre, and of those 807 families, about 20 percent lived in San Diego. Of those 3000 members, about 500 used the club each day, "for golf, tennis, swimming, the gymnasium, the bar, the restaurant, everything." He said the club hosted, on average, two private events each day — parties, meetings — for anywhere

between 100 to 500 people, and that the restaurant, which serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, each day prepared approximately 200 meals.

"Most of our members," he said, "come here to play golf."

Guevara indicated that he wasn't comfortable talking about what happened on May 4, 2005, that he felt it best that Campestre's president, Dr. Fausto Gallardo, discuss the matter with me. Guevara did hand me over to Ramiro Marquez, his maintenance manager, to show me around the club.

"Only members and their guests can use the golf course, gym, and swimming pool," Guevara said. "But we're otherwise completely open to the public. You're welcome to look around at anything you'd like."

It was only after I got up from my seat in Guevara's office that I noticed that, high on the wall behind me, a bank of closed-circuit televisions displayed a continuous stream of images captured by security cameras posted at a number of locations around Club Campestre. From several different angles, cameras monitored the club's

entrance. Guevara's desk faces the bank of closed-circuit televisions. On the afternoon of May 4, 2005, Guevara must have seen what was going on at the entrance before he went outside. Guevara knew what was happening and he went to intervene.

Ramiro Marquez, a man in his early forties with broad shoulders and a firm belly, was wearing dark slacks and a navy-blue polo shirt. He had an easy, fatherly way about him, suggesting that nothing much upsets or riles him.

"Oh, boy," Marquez said and rolled his eyes when I asked about the abduction. "All I have to say is that Guillermo Guevara is a very brave man."

Marquez showed me around Campestre as if it were his home and he had significant pride of ownership. He ushered me through the various banquet halls,



Salon Agua Caliente that can hold 1000 people, Salon Oro, 180 people, Salon Minarete, 100 people, and La Terraza Sur, overlooking the golf course, "which is very popular for wedding and baby showers. The women can sit up here and have their party while they watch the men play golf."

Marquez drove me in a golf cart around the 60-acre course, pointing out the private condos and homes surrounding it. One enormous structure with an elaborate copper roof belonged, Marquez said, to a "Middle Eastern man who for many years had a tobacco concession in Tijuana.

"He died several years ago, and only his wife lives there now. Every year we have a tournament when policemen from San Diego and Los Angeles come down to play. I point out that house to them and say, 'Hey, look. That's where Tijuana's chief of police lives!' Their jaws drop. A lot of

them believe me until I tell them it's a joke." Back at Campestre's offices, Guillermo Guevara handed me a large white book, a 190-page history of the club published in 1998 to commemorate Campestre's 50-year anniversary. The book traces the club's evolution from serving in the late 1920s as the golf course at Agua Caliente Hotel and Casino to its independent incorporation in September 1948, as Club Deportivo Campestre, to the present. The book devotes a great many pages to detailing organizational aspects of the club, such as the writing of its constitution and bylaws, the club's acquisition of land. The book devotes a great many pages to demonstrating that, since its inception, Club Campestre has done everything by the rules and with the greatest possible transparency.

"We're an attractive place for a lot of families in Tijuana who don't belong to Club Campestre," said Genoveva Magana, the club's director of events, the day I met Guevara and Marquez. "If you want to have a party in one of our banquet rooms in December and July, you have to book it at least one year in advance. After Christmas and after graduation, things slow down and we may have as few as only seven private events each week. One of our biggest events is the Debutantes Dance in July. It's a kind of group *quinceañera*. Every year we have a Queen of Debutantes. They draw the name from a box so that all the girls have an equal chance. "Club members and nonmembers like to use our rooms because it's so much more convenient than entertaining at their homes. You don't



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I never did meet Club Campestre's president, Dr. Fausto Gallardo. The first day I visited the club, I left my card with his secretary, who said she would get

back to me with a time and a date for a meeting. Over the next several months, Dr. Gallardo's secretary and I spoke by phone at least twice each week. A couple of times each week I'd drive down to Tijuana and drop by Campestre's offices to see if Dr. Gallardo was around. Each time I spoke with his secretary she assured me that soon, very soon, I'd be able to meet Dr. Gallardo. I don't know the exact reason why he never got around to meeting me. I do know that immediately after Ivan Escobosa's abduction, there were rumors that Escobosa had been involved with the Arellano Felix drug cartel. But the details surrounding his abduction were sketchy, as are the details surrounding most abductions and kidnappings in Tijuana. News reports described Escobosa variously as an "entrepreneur," an

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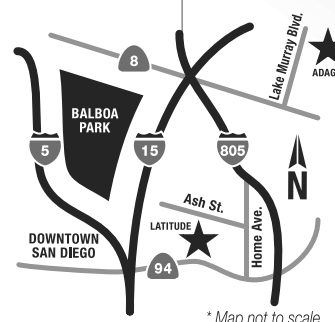
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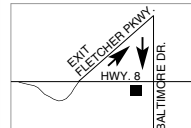
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“owner of money-exchange houses,” a “housing developer.” Escobosa’s own mother called in to Tijuana radio stations to say that her son owned gas stations and was never involved in crime.

I also know that in early June, Tijuana police arrested a man, José Gustavo Contreras López, as he left his home in an armored Mercury Grand Marquis. The police claimed that Contreras operated a cell for the Arellano Felix drug cartel that had been involved in ten abductions, including that of Ivan Escobosa. I also know that *Zeta*, Tijuana’s 25-year-old muckraking weekly, later reported that while Contreras did work for the Arellano Felix drug cartel, Contreras wasn’t in charge of a cell.

Desafortunadamente is Spanish for “unfortunately,” and its eight syllables are a mouthful



Entrance to Club Campestre (from Frontera, May 5, 2005)

even for native Spanish speakers. Adela Navarro, *Zeta*’s 37-year-old editor, enunciates *desafortunadamente* with impressive speed. *Zeta*’s investigative reporting has closely tracked the drug Mafia’s penetration of Tijuana society. Two of *Zeta*’s journalists have been murdered: Hector Felix Miranda in April 1988 and Francisco

Ortiz Franco, in May 2004. (*Zeta*’s publisher, Jesús Blancornelas, has for the past 17 years contended that Jorge Hank Rhon, Tijuana’s current mayor, was the “intellectual author” of Miranda’s murder.)

On the hot, dry afternoon I visited *Zeta*’s offices to speak with Navarro, three laborers who’d been reinforcing

the wall around *Zeta*’s entrance were taking their siesta on a pile of damp sand. A burly fellow holding an M-16 stood guard at the front door. Inside the offices, Navarro, a delicate young woman with large, dark eyes and shoulder-length brown hair, invited me to take a seat on a broad leather couch.

“*Desafortunadamente*,” Navarro said, “the reaction of journalists to what happened at Club Campestre, the reaction of many San Diegans to what happened at Club Campestre, was probably greater than that of a lot of people in Tijuana.

“When an attorney is assassinated, all the law students and the law

professors in Tijuana come out and make a big protest. When an accountant is assassinated, all the accounting students and accounting professors come out and make a big protest. After Ivan Escobosa was abducted from Club Campestre and murdered, you heard criticism around town. You heard people complain. But here were people who had the money, influence, and social position to *really* complain. They’re the sort of people who can get on the phone and tell politicians, ‘Solve this problem!’ Jorge Hank Rhon, the mayor, is a member of Club Campestre. Jorge Hank Rhon is good friends with Dr. Gallardo, Club Campestre’s current president. Jorge Hank Rhon’s wife was even ‘Queen of the Debutantes’ at Club Campestre. But as far as I know, to this date, the

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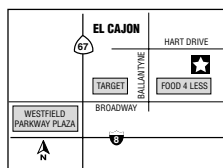
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members of Club Campestre have never made any kind of formal protest about what happened at the entrance to their club.

"Why the silence? I think there are several reasons. Tijuana is now a city of around 2 million residents. In general, we're a very fragmented society. I think that now something like only 47 percent of the people who live here are natives. So, the majority of people who live in Tijuana don't have roots here yet. They're really not invested in the local society. Also, I think there's a kind of selfishness. Of course people say, 'Well, Escobosa was probably involved in drug dealing.' It's a way of saying, 'Well, we're not involved in drug dealing, we're safe. Nothing like that will happen to us.' What they don't realize is that as the violence escalates, so does their chance of eventually being caught in the crossfire. Another factor is that the people who have the social position and power to demand change have an escape. They can move across the border."

Navarro handed me a copy of an article she'd written that appeared in the September 2, 2005, edition of *Zeta*.

"Rather than panic," the article began, "Tijuana residents prefer to go live in the United States."

Navarro went on to say that not only was the number of kidnappings and abductions increasing, but that many businessmen and entrepreneurs were facing a new menace. In the weeks preceding the article's publication, she said, businessmen and entrepreneurs had started receiving extortionary phone calls at their homes and businesses. These calls had evolved from threats of kidnapping to outright threats of murder. "They say, 'If

you don't give us a certain amount of money, we'll kill someone in your family.' " Navarro quoted Jaime Valdovino, president of CANACO, Tijuana's Cámara Nacional de Comercio, or Chamber of Com-

merce, as saying that since the beginning of 2005, his organization had received reports of 240 such calls. Valdovino said that this number likely represented only a fraction of the phone threats being

made in Tijuana.

"Not only are these phone calls increasing in severity," said Navarro, tapping on the article with her finger, "the kidnappings and abductions are becoming more brazen. They're

happening in *broad daylight*. On August 24, 2005, Alejandro Ruiz Arretche, the City Hall representative from the La Mesa district, was kidnapped at 9:30 in the morning. He was later released, but he was kid-

napped on a busy street at 9:30 in the morning. Our co-worker, Francisco Ortiz Franco, was murdered *two blocks away* from a police station.

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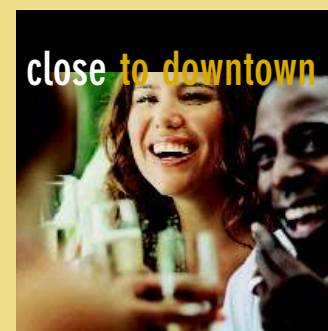
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worry. They may think, 'Well, we're not involved with drug dealers, so we're safe,' but the evidence is that *no one* is safe. And it's not that kidnappings, abductions, and death threats are the only problems. The incidence of all kinds of crime is increasing. And it's all tied together. The smuggling of people across the border is tied to the *narcotraficantes* and the smuggling of drugs across the border. Car theft. Burglaries. Drug addiction in Tijuana. It all trickles down and touches all our lives. You can think, 'Oh, I'm not involved with *narcotraficantes*.' But when you go out to a restaurant, hand your car keys over to the valet, and come out a couple of hours later and find that your car and everything in it has disappeared, your life has been touched by the same criminal system that's creating all the other problems."

But instead of organizing politically to force the municipal, state, and federal governments to confront these problems, many of Tijuana's citizens with money and influence have made other arrangements.

"Go to an upper-class neighborhood in Tijuana like Chapultepec and look around," Navarro told me. "I'd estimate that one of every four houses you see has on it a sign that says 'For Sale' or 'For Rent.' What's happening is that a lot of business-people are leaving for San Diego and they're hiring management companies that are based in cities like Monterrey and Nuevo León to manage their business for them in Tijuana.

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going to attack crime and that we were going to 'live well and safely.' I don't think he's kept his promise."

I asked Navarro if she felt that people in Tijuana had a limit for the amount of crime and violence that they were willing to tolerate.

"I'm an optimist," she said. "I'd like to think that we do have a limit. And I'm an optimist in part because I'm a journalist and I feel that I can have an impact on what happens in our city. I can write articles. I can express my opinions. I can make myself heard. Because I'm an optimist, I believe that someday soon people are going to look at the current situation and say, 'Okay, we've had enough!' and go out and organize to let politicians know that they won't tolerate these problems anymore. Something like what happened in California with your previous governor, Gray Davis. When will that happen in Tijuana? I don't know. Are we close to reaching some sort of limit? How bad will things have to get before we reach that limit? I don't know. What I do know is that I don't at present see any evidence of our reaching a limit. But I believe that someday we will."

When I left Navarro and later over lunch had a chance to read her article, I had to wonder at her optimism. The article mentioned incidents with which I was unfamiliar. A week or so before the unpleasantness at Club Campestre, armed men dressed in black had abducted and murdered the owner of Carnitas Quiroga, a popular restaurant in Zona Rio. On August 27, 2005, another armed group had, by accident it seems, stormed a banquet room at a well-known social hall only to discover a graduation ceremony in progress.

After terrorizing the students, teachers, and parents, the armed group moved on to their intended target, a *quinceañera* celebration in a room nearby. The armed men ordered the guests, most of whom

were adolescents, to the floor and then murdered the debutante's father. Navarro ended her article with a sidebar giving the names of the 39 men and women who, according to Zeta's

research, had been murdered in Tijuana in August 2005, the "most violent month in Tijuana in the past six years." The sidebar stated that as of the end of August 2005, 253 people had been mur-

dered in Tijuana.

Not long after meeting with Navarro, I found myself with some time to kill at the Centro Cultural de Tijuana. The main exhibition happened to be something called *Farsites: Urban*

Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art, the most recent effort of inSite, a 12-year-old binational organization that promotes an annual series of art events in San Diego and Tijuana.

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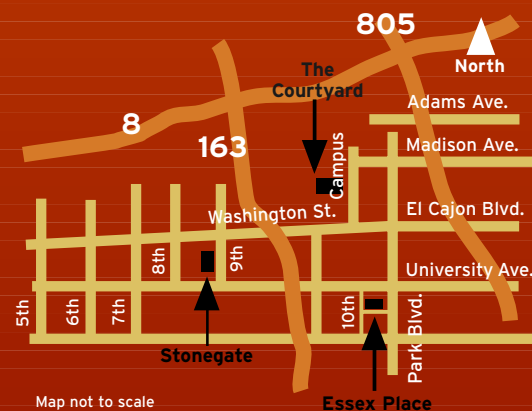
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Although Tijuana’s current “situation,” as Adela Navarro puts it, would appear to offer inspiration for art concerning “urban crisis” and its “domestic symptoms,” *Farsites* seemed distant from the conversations I’d been having about life in Tijuana.

I wandered around the exhibit and gazed at black-and-white stills of run-down buildings in Milan, Italy, at color shots of middle-class homes in Sandusky, Ohio, and at color shots of high-rise apartment buildings in Bogotá, Colombia. In a small, dark room I stood for a few minutes and watched what appeared to be a video montage composed of decades-old news footage regarding various terrorist attacks, principally that of the 1972 hijacking of Sabena flight 572 from Vienna to Tel Aviv.

In a corner of another room, an artist had dumped a pile of hard candies individually wrapped in shiny red, white, and blue cellophane. A group of elementary school boys, who were touring the exhibit with their teacher, either did or did not get the artist’s point and fell upon the candies like ravenous cubs. Their teacher, who either did or did not get the artist’s point, barked at the boys, “Leave it alone! It’s art!”

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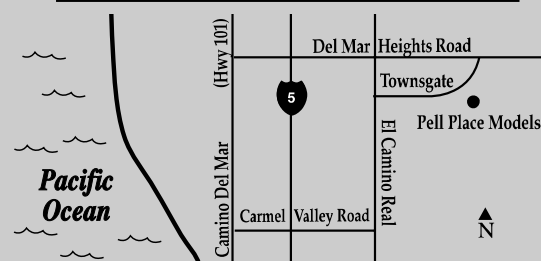
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tro Cultural's lobby, a Brazilian artist had installed an enormous pillow fashioned from plastic-coated pages taken from various Brazilian newspapers. This was, at last, a piece of art that even I could comprehend. A joke that even I could get: journalism-as-lullaby. But as witty as the giant pillow might have been in São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro, it seemed out of place in Tijuana, a city where a number of journalists haven't been much interested in writing lullabies.

Standing in front of the enormous, witty pillow, it occurred to me that I was witnessing something not very different from what happened at the entrance to Club Campestre on May 4, 2005. A group of people, who would appear to have a stake in the world at large, had chosen to look away from the facts at hand, from the readily observable. *Farsite's* artists had privileged as "micro, personal, or partial standpoints" neither the 250-odd murders that had occurred in Tijuana as of the end of August 2005, nor the assassination of Francisco Javier Ortiz Franco, nor the kidnapping of Alejandro Ruiz Arretche, nor the screams of Ivan Escobosa that echoed around Club Campestre's chandelied dining room.

"You learn to watch out for certain things. Like Dodge Ram pickups with dark-tinted windows. Or Dodge vans with dark-tinted windows. Or Ford Crown Victorias with dark-tinted windows. Or Mercury Grand Marquis with dark-tinted windows. Those are the vehicles that you watch for. Those are the kinds of cars that kidnappers often use," said 30-year-old Antonio, who was the reason I'd killed time at the *Farsite* exhibition. "Those are the vehicles

that drug dealers often use. The vans are tricky because they look like the sort of vans owned by a lot of legitimate businesses."

Antonio, whose standpoint on Tijuana's symptoms of urban cri-

sis was micro, personal, and partial, had been referred to me by two young women I'd met one afternoon in front of Club Campestre. Neither girl had wanted to speak with me about the May 4 incident, but both

had said that Antonio came from a respectable upper-middle-class family and had grown up around kids whose families belonged to Club Campestre. They said Antonio was well-educated and well-spoken

and would be able to give me an idea of how Tijuana's upper middle class responded to what happened.

Despite the strong recommendation, I had difficulty arranging to meet Antonio. We

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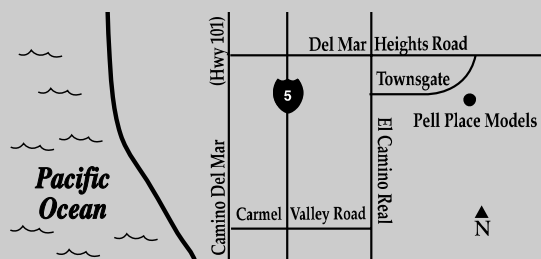
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rejected the location as “too obvious.” He later suggested VIP’s coffee shop in Zona Rio but then rejected it for the same reason. Finally he asked that we meet at the entrance to the Centro Cultural. But after meeting me there and shaking my hand, Antonio said he didn’t want to talk at the Centro’s cafe either. He had another cafe in mind, a short drive away. This cafe, he said, had an out-of-the-way second floor that was often empty in the early evening.

While we sipped iced cappuccinos priced at four dollars each, Antonio made me promise, before I began recording our conversation, that I would not disclose details that might identify him or his family. He did allow me to say that his family was in the construction industry and had done well enough to afford vacations in Europe and Mexico City and, in the past at least, to buy and drive new cars.

“But now we have to be careful,” he said. “If you’re a young person driving a new car, somebody might assume that you come from a family with a lot of money. I worry about my younger brother, who’s 20. He drives a new car, a Japanese sports car. Now, the fact is, my father didn’t give it to him. My brother worked very hard and bought the car with his own money. But other people don’t know that. They just see a young man driving a nice new Japanese sports car.

“You become conscious of these things. As a family, we’ve talked about kidnappings and about the precautions we should take. For example, if someone we don’t know calls the house and asks to speak with my father, we’re very careful about what we say. If we don’t know the person who’s calling,

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"I guess it's like the conversations that families have about earthquakes, about what precautions to take, about what everyone in the family should do in case there's an earthquake. And here in Tijuana even middle-class fami-

lies have to discuss kidnappings, because it's not just upper-class or rich people who get kidnapped. You personally might not have a lot of money, but maybe someone in your family does, a brother, an uncle, a cousin. Having a rich person in your family can make you an attractive target for kidnappers.

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man on the street, would tell you if they felt comfortable talking with you. This is common knowledge. It's part of the life that we live now. I know that my father gets some kind of monthly 'security bulletin' that's printed for businessmen that gives suggestions on how to avoid being kidnapped."

I asked Antonio how his family had reacted to the news of what happened at Club Campestre. I asked if it had changed the way they thought about their personal safety.

"What I remember is that day we became aware that a young man had been abducted from the club's entrance. It was not clear what happened. In these cases, it's almost never clear what happened. We heard that a young man had been abducted from the entrance at Club Campestre, and then the



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Assassination attempt on Jesús Blancornelas, 1997

gossip was that it had taken the police 15 or 20 minutes to arrive. The implication was that the police had perhaps been somehow involved in the abduction. It wasn't clear if [Escobosa] had been kidnapped for ransom or if he had been

involved in drug dealing and had been abducted for revenge by *narcotraficantes*.

"For middle- or upper-middle-class people in Tijuana, I don't think the incident at Club Campestre was what really changed the way we thought about our personal safety. Most of our families don't belong to Club Campestre anyway. I think that for the middle and upper middle classes, the big change came five years ago when the son of Beatriz Adriana was kidnapped and murdered. Beatriz Adriana is a very famous and respected actor and singer in Mexico. All Mexicans love her. She had a home here in Tijuana. She tried to raise money for her son's ransom. But his body was later found. He'd been murdered. Once

again, what happened wasn't clear. We didn't know if the son had been involved in drug dealing or not. But what we did think was, 'Wow, if the son of a famous and loved Mexican

celebrity can be kidnapped and murdered, then even middle- and upper-middle-class people aren't safe. The kidnapers can get anyone.' "

I asked Antonio if

he feared being kidnapped.

"I don't worry about it. You can't live with that kind of fear in Tijuana. You just have to live your life. Since members of my family work in public administration, I think that if I were kidnapped, I think that's something I would mention to the kidnapers. I don't know if it would help protect me. I don't know how far my family members' influence extends in the upper levels of public administration. But it's something that I would definitely mention if I were kidnapped. I hope it would help me."

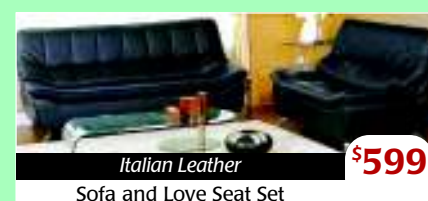
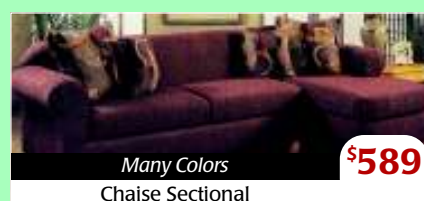
I asked Antonio if his family had ever considered joining Club Campestre.

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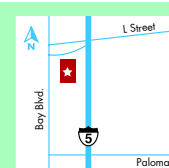
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very well thought about joining. In the end, he decided not to. I don't think money had anything to do with his decision. I don't think money had anything to do with it at all. I think he finally thought that

the point of joining the club was to play golf, and I think that we as a family kind of consider golf to be an elitist sport."

Antonio was proud of his older brother. When we finished our

second round of cappuccinos, Antonio offered to show me a home his older brother was building in one of the newer upper-middle-class neighborhoods high in the hills southwest of downtown

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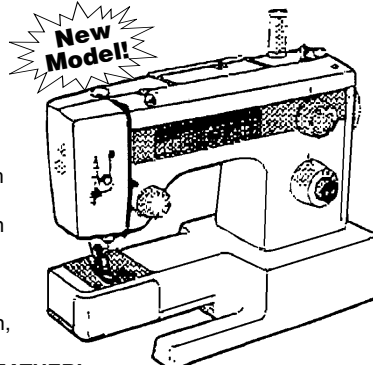
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the development were complete. Antonio's brother's home, however, was three stories tall and had a three-car garage. The bathroom in the master bedroom had a cathedral ceiling and was about the same size

of my living room at home and had, in one corner, the fittings for a large Jacuzzi tub. "Five bedrooms," Antonio said. "Don't you think that's a lot for a family that has only one child?"

Antonio led me up a spiral staircase to the roof of the house, which his brother has designed to be used as a patio. The view was panoramic: we could see not only all of downtown Tijuana but also all the way to Tijuana's airport, and, to the northwest, downtown San Diego. The evening air was hazy and made the thousands of

lights spread out before us appear a soft amber color.

"You see," said Antonio, smiling at the view. "Tijuana can be a nice place to live."

Jaime Valdovino agrees. "I still live here," says the 50-year-old current president of CANACO, Tijuana's chamber of commerce.

"I wouldn't live anywhere else."

Valdovino, like Tijuana's mayor Jorge Hank Rhon, is one of Club Campestre's most visible members. The afternoon I met Valdovino in CANACO's spacious and very well air-conditioned offices in Zona Rio, he wore a Ralph Lauren dress shirt striped in yellow and blue pastels. Valdovino, who studied business management

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tion. "It's supposed to be," he laughed. "At least my father thinks it's supposed to be.")

"CANACO's chief role is to act as liaison between businesses and the municipal, state, and federal governments. If our members have difficulty getting some kind of permit, for example, they come to us. Also crime. If they have a problem with crime, they come to us and talk to us. We're essentially the buffer between business and the government. Most of the time, we deal with the municipal government.

"We're a private organization, which is good. We get zero subsidies from the government, so we can criticize things without fear of any repercussions."

Valdovino told me that he was a Tijuana native and came from a middle-class family that, years ago, had owned a

number of chicken ranches.

"But we got out of that business," he said. "It's dirty, smelly, and difficult. Who wants to deal with that? I'm the one who decided, 'No more chickens!' That's the best decision I ever made in my life. Now I own a lumberyard."

I asked about Valdovino's involvement in Club Campestre.

"I've been a member of Club Campestre for ten years. I joined ten years ago. That's when I started playing golf. And I'm still lousy at it.

"A very small percentage of CANACO members belong to Club Campestre. I'd say less than 5 percent. Perhaps even less. You have to understand that more than 50 percent of our members are small- to medium-size businesses, family-owned. They have to work. They don't have the time for those



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kind of activities.

"I probably really became aware of Club Campestre in my late twenties. I'd always had friends who belonged

there, but I wasn't really involved with the club. I was more into working at my business. I didn't have time. To be honest, I just didn't care. I was

more interested in building the family business. My image of the place wasn't that it was strictly for the rich because that's not true. I'd have to say that now more than 50 percent of the members are middle-class.

"If you'd ask most people in Tijuana, they would say that Club Campestre was a privileged place. For political people. For people with money. I always saw it as important to the community. Despite changes in the local or national government, changes in the economy, Club Campestre has always been there. It's a very stable place. In ten years that I've been a member, the economy has had its ups and downs, but Campestre is still Campestre. Changes don't affect it that much. Our dues have remained about \$350 per month, and that's relatively

inexpensive when compared to places in Guadalajara or Monterrey.

"Part of Club Campestre's stability is that it's secluded. When I started playing golf there what I remember was noticing that it's surrounded by walls and you could kind of forget the problems that exist outside. You can forget the problems that exist outside for the two or three hours that you're there. Before I became president of CANACO, I'd go to Campestre two or three times a week. Now, I'm so busy that it's only once a week.

"It's also a good place to raise a family, because right now, with the way things are, you need a place where you can send your kids to play and eat. You can be comfortable sending them there. For us, Campestre has offered that kind of security.

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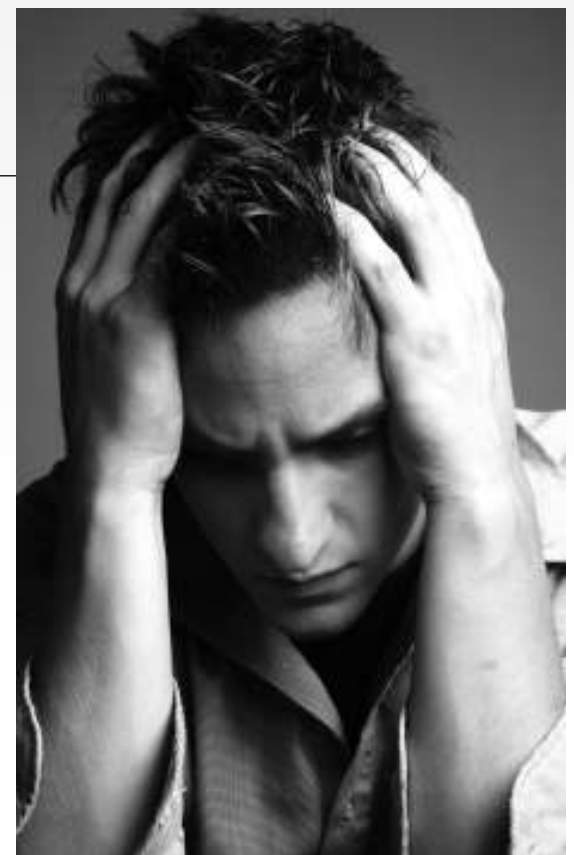
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"Campestre is also a nice and convenient place to have parties. For us, it's very convenient because it's only 10 minutes from our house. Campestre is very strategically located. I'd say that 90 percent of the

members live within a 20-minute radius from the club. It's almost a community center. And that's good for us that it's so convenient for the community, because people use Campestre for parties, for weddings, and the club can charge for renting the rooms, and that way the club can make a little money.

"I think Campestre's function has been mostly social and not so much as an economic or political center for the city. There are a lot of rich people who don't belong. I'd say that most rich people in Tijuana don't belong. They're not into sports. They don't like sports. My father was a member, and ultimately, he said, 'I'm not interested in sports. I'm outta here! I don't want it.' "

What was, I wondered, Valdovino's reaction to what happened on May 4, 2005.

"It was very surprising for me, because that's what Campestre has always been about, safety. Campestre was one of the few places where you felt secure. I was surprised, yes. But not *totally* surprised. Because of what's been happening. It made us all realize that times have changed. No place is totally secure. So, we just have to be aware of that now. I don't care where you are. You may

think that you're secluded. You may think that you're protected. But there's no place. No place where organized crime can't get involved. There's no place that's safe.

"Still, what happened at Club Campestre was a surprise to us. That it happened at that place, at that hour. There was a lot of outcry. There was a realization that things had to change. I think this past year we've all been more aware about our security. About taking greater measures about our security. What happened at Club Campestre hasn't been the only thing that's happened here."

I told Valdovino that I'd heard that Ivan Escobosa had gone that afternoon to Club Campestre with the son of a prominent Tijuana family. Was that true?

"I've heard various rumors about what happened. I've heard various versions of what happened. I know the name of the person who was abducted, and whatever he was involved in, well, that was up to him. I don't know. I can't really comment on anything else.

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I asked Valdovino why he thought Club Campestre's members haven't made any sort of organized protest about what happened on May 4.

"Of course, in Tijuana, if someone like an attorney gets kidnapped and murdered, there's a protest. But what you have to factor in is that if someone's kidnapped, and if that person was involved directly or indirectly in organized crime, you're not going to have a large protest. A lot of people who get abducted or kidnapped here are involved in organized crime. So, there's definitely a war going on there. And the price for involvement in organized crime is high. We're on the outside. Of course we see it, but we're on the outside.

"Here at CANACO we're of course concerned about a lot of

what's been happening because it's been happening in daytime in public places."

Did Valdovino believe that people in Tijuana had a limit for the amount of crime and violence that they would tolerate?

"There is a limit, but I don't think we've reached that limit yet. We want the government to accept that there is a problem. All three levels of the government. In order to correct the problem, you first have to recognize that there is a problem. But, like I said, we've had our best year in tourism ever. We've got a billion dollars' worth of construction going on from Playas de Tijuana going south to Ensenada. A lot of the construction is condominiums, and the vast majority of those homes are being bought by Americans and Canadians. By people from outside Tijuana. So, in a way, that might tell you that while things might look bad, they're not so bad. You could say that there is a problem, but it's being created by a very small group of people who are causing the problems, but the problems are really between them.

"I don't think those problems are going to go away anytime soon. Tijuana is very strategically located. We're

right next door to the United States. And when you have a product and you have a demand, it's gonna be tough. It *is* tough. But it's not only the Mexican government, it's also the American government. Both governments have to recognize that there's a problem here."

Why, I asked, did Valdovino think that people in Tijuana hadn't been able to organize politically in a unified way to demand that their government do something about the city's crime problem?

"There is an effort, but we're lacking in coordination. That's our main problem. A lack of coordination and trust between the municipal, state, and federal governments. Between all those factions. A lack of coordination, communication, and trust.

"We do know who we're supposed to go to with our complaints, but the problem is that we don't always trust the people we're supposed to go to. Let's be honest, we don't trust these guys. When it comes to kidnappings, we don't trust a lot of officials. A lot of people would prefer not to speak with them or have anything to do with them. It's a problem of trust. And that only makes things worse." ■

— Abe Opincar

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CHEESY, CORNY

THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SHOW AS WELL AS I DO. BOTH OF THEM ARE TOO BUSY ROLLING THEIR EYES AT ME.

'Marsha, Marsha, Marsha!" From the moment when Jan uttered those words, I was in love with the Bradys, all nine of them (you *have* to include Alice). I loved nerdy Jan, sweet Cindy, pretty Marsha, hunky Greg, awkward Peter, and annoying Bobby. I was enamored with perfect Mom and Dad Brady, and wished that Alice was my housekeeper. They were the perfect family, which created the perfect television show, *The Brady Bunch*.

My love for "the Bunch" started early. I discovered it the summer that I was six, when stranded in Iowa. I tuned in to Nick at Nite, which was airing a "Bunch-A-Thon." I sat down and heard one bar of the catchy theme song, and I was hooked. As a product of the ultra-cool '90s, I really dug the silliness of the '70s, from the laugh track to the baby-doll dresses. My parents, who grew up with (and mocked) the show, were confused, but content. After all, what bad could come from watching the Brady clan?

The Bradys made anything seem possible. Can a person really solve a family dilemma by building a house of cards? Suuuurre. Is it possible to get super-groovy Davy Jones of the Monkees to play at my prom? Of course! But who will take me to the prom? Why, Davy Jones will! If I ever had a problem, the Bunch had an answer. Maybe the family's idealized world gave me a little reassurance. After all, I didn't grow up in so innocent a time. I grew up in a land where my friends' moms and dads got divorced, where parents died, and some people didn't get straight A's. Sure, that stuff happened in the '70s, but not on *The Brady Bunch*. The show was an escape from reality...oh, and an opportunity to laugh at what a nerd Jan was.

— Anne Baker,
Carlsbad H.S.

'It's all right because I'm saved by the bell" is a phrase that will bring back Saturday-morning memories to almost anyone my age. The *Saved by the Bell* theme song is so catchy, that once you hear a couple of words, you immediately know what it is...especially if it was your favorite show. Every Saturday morning, I'd sit down with breakfast and wait for *Saved by the Bell* to come on. I got sucked into it no matter what was going on around me. I couldn't wait to see what Mr. Belding and Lisa Turtle were up to.

Set in a high school (for the majority of the show), *Saved by the Bell* dealt with issues that pertained to kids. I remember one episode in which Jessie took caffeine pills to stay awake because she had taken on too much in her life. I remember this episode so distinctly because I was going through something similar at the time, trying to please too many people at once. I took the show as a lesson to slow down and take life one day at a time. I know it sounds cheesy, but that show taught me something.

These days, I still get sucked into the show, but not in the same way I did when I was eight. Even though it is full of cheesy jokes and corny storylines, it never gets outdated; all the things that happened in Bayside ten years ago still happen in schools today. When producers tried to duplicate the success of the show by creating *The New Class*, it didn't go over well; they re-used story lines from *Saved by the Bell* and filmed the same episodes with a different cast. The original was so good, there was no need to try and cater to a new audience.

— John Twilla,
Hilltop H.S.



The Brady Bunch

'Shut up. The camera adds ten pounds!" "So, how many cameras are actually on you?" The lines above are from my all-time favorite sitcom, *Friends*. It was the one in which Chandler made fun of Monica for being more than slightly overweight in her younger years. Any true *Friends* fan can recall the episode.

Set in New York City, the show, which finished its ten-year run in 2004, follows the lives of six friends who share three apartments and, despite their jobs, hang out a lot at Central Perk, their favorite coffee shop.

There is Rachel, who is spoiled and stuck up, yet sweet at heart. Monica is paranoid about organization, numbering her china so that she will know if a piece is ever missing. Ross is the smart, rational one, but always finds his way into awkward situations (such as when he over-whitened his teeth to impress a date). Joey is the not-so-smart one but most skilled in the dating department, with his signature line, "How you doin'?" Chandler is the sarcastic, socially awkward one with the boring job as an

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accountant; the group always makes fun of him.

Phoebe, my favorite, has a quirky personality; she once thought her deceased grandmother's soul was trapped inside of her body. On another episode, in an effort to get Rachel off of a plane that had not yet taken off, Phoebe called her to let her know that she "had a feeling" that something was wrong with the left "phalange." And Phoebe found it ironic that she had the chicken pox despite her being a vegetarian. Phoebe's naïveté is slightly humorous, yet her sincerity about what she believes in is admirable.

The show was brilliantly written, and half of the entertainment is watching the six characters' personalities mesh and clash at the same time. Each would be boring without the others. You don't have to be familiar with the storyline to enjoy an episode. And they never get old. Just flip on TBS or the WB and find a rerun after a busy day and laughter is guaranteed.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

To young children, cartoons are always appealing. As a ten-year-old, nothing could end a day better than plopping down on the couch with my little brother and watching *Hey Arnold*. Arnold practiced good deeds and had all the friends a kid could dream of. Since I had three friends back in the day, this allowed me to use my imagination and live his life for about a half hour. Other than his witty grandparents, the people in Arnold's life weren't similar to the people in mine. I didn't have a sad life when I was younger, but everything always worked out in Arnold's world.

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Diabetic Foot Ulcer?

Do you have a diabetic foot ulcer that:
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A new treatment has been showing encouraging results in helping foot ulcers to heal, even those that have failed other therapies. Patients who have been successfully treated have had open foot ulcers for 6-48 months. The Wound Treatment System, developed by IYIA Technologies, has been approved by the FDA.

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Arnold was an infallible role model; no matter what kind of obstacles presented themselves, he had overcome them all by the end of the day. What child would not want that kind of life? When I watched this show, I felt a sense of renewal and determination to conquer my difficulties, just like Arnold.

There was a lesson to be derived from every episode. For instance, one show was about the female bully of the school, Helga, who did not treat her older sister, Olga, nicely. Olga tried to show love for her little sister, but Helga repelled it until the very end, when both recognized the need for sisterly love. My brother and I used to argue constantly and I could have applied that lesson to my own situation...but I didn't. The point is, though, I could have.

I did learn at least a couple of things from *Hey Arnold*—how to be a good friend and how to solve life's little problems.

—Alexis Sebring,
 Carlsbad H.S.

Lost. The mention of the word can put a panicky look in someone's eyes...mine, at least. *Lost* is the best TV show ever! Every Wednesday, I sit and stare at the fast-paced action and sometimes chilling scenes that play out on a creepy island.

My favorite main characters are Jack and Sawyer. Jack, because he has that "I'm the hero" aura, and Sawyer, because he's, well, Sawyer. Ha-ha! Every episode is complex, which makes me go mad for more. One of my favorite episodes is when Locke and Kate go into the mysterious hatch with Jack.

He follows them, in case he has to play hero. It was eerie when a beam of light enveloped Kate, who was in the hatch and then disappeared. I had dreams about that scene for a few days. Every episode is new and exciting, with surprising twists. So, every episode is my favorite.

Whenever it comes on, I rush to the TV. I even have my cell-phone alarm set to go off five minutes before show time. I usually watch the show with my parents, but they don't understand the show as well as I do. Both of them are too busy rolling their eyes at me in amusement! The only other person I know who is as crazy about *Lost* as I am is my multi-cultural lit. teacher, Ms. Thomas. Thank goodness someone is!

—Lee Ann Gonzales,
 Monte Vista H.S. ■

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FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW



The crowd starts filling the stools at Dobson's by five o'clock each evening, emerging from the law offices and banking halls to line the narrow space within the walls of the old Spreckels Theatre building.

A founding partner of the place was Peter Aylward, the high-rolling lawyer who backed the political career of Roger Hedgecock. During his abbreviated term as mayor, Hedgecock, his cronies, and media hangers-on like *Union* columnist Tom Blair made Dobson's the center

of the town's truncated political society.

In those heady days, Ulvado Martinez, a hulking member of the city council,

regularly held forth at the bar, flashed a city-issued credit card with which he purchased rounds for female companions. A few years later, one of these companions testified that while so brazenly spending taxpayers' money, the councilman had also engaged in the less-than-civically-responsible practice of making suggestive motions with his tongue. Martinez subsequently pled guilty to the credit card violations and surrendered both the card and his job. He and his tongue rarely return to the place of their bygone revelry.

The political passing of Hedgecock and Martinez removed the overt trappings of power from Dobson's, but the lawyers remained. While Betty Broderick sat home alone, brooding over husband Daniel's infidelity, he and the new blonde who was to become his second wife became fixtures at Dobson's. After their engagement,

the new Mrs. Broderick-to-be took her customary stool up towards the door and flashed her diamond ring to the knowing regulars. For the few months before her death, the former paralegal became the toast of downtown's café society.

These days, the smartly dressed young blondes who slip easily into her old seat pay uncanny homage to the late Linda Broderick. Things will never change at Dobson's, they will attest. Murder does not intrude into idle conversations that circulate around the liquor and cigar smoke. Talk of legal and sexual conquests permeate the Dobson clois-

ters, beguiling the freshly scrubbed young lawyers in their red suspenders who yearn to follow their elders into local legend. On some nights, city councilman Rob Roberts trades asides with friend and political mentor John Davies, once a young lawyer who lived at South Mission, who now is one of the town's senior statesmen.

The scandals of Hedgecock, Martinez, and Broderick, however, tarnished Dobson's brass rails. Some of the old crowd hustled away to new haunts. Before his death, counselor Broderick was working on a new bar a few blocks away on Fourth Avenue, Reidy O'Neil's, which has since become his symbolic tomb. A bronze statue of John Wayne as an Irishman marks the entrance. An etching of a grinning Broderick and his drinking buddies hangs nearby — an eternal audience to metallic conversations and off-key piano music. ■

— Matt Potter

RESEARCH STUDIES

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KENT WILSON BEGAN SURFING 15 YEARS AGO.

At first the UCSD chemistry professor would lug his board two or three mornings a week to the La Jolla and Del Mar beaches; then nine years ago he switched to bodysurfing. He is still in the ocean six to ten hours each week. Over the years, he's gradually refined his skill, and he's acquired another, more tangible gift from the sea — the skull bones in his ears have grown together so that they now threaten Wilson with severe loss of hearing.

Wilson isn't alone. Medical authorities say prolonged exposure to the cold of ocean water is afflicting increasing numbers of local surfers, divers, and ocean swimmers with the syndrome known as "exostoses," bony blockages which can shut off hearing entirely. The disease is hardly a new one, according to Dr. Joseph DiBartolomeo, one of the foremost authorities on exostoses in Southern California. DiBartolomeo practices in Santa Barbara but he has a number of patients here, and Monday he was in town at the Hotel Del Coronado to warn a conference of ear specialists about the problem. He told them that the syndrome has plagued man sporadically throughout history, changing as different cultures developed different ways of irritating the ear.

He says, for example, that skulls of prehistoric man reveal exostoses probably caused by early man's ferocious chewing needs. The disease next

appeared about a thousand years ago among North American peoples known for carrying baskets harnessed to the tops of their heads — weight which actually flattened their skulls and affected the ear canal. Then it disappeared again until the last century, when it began troubling coastal dwellers in Europe and the U.S., and DiBartolomeo says the modern cause — the cold from ocean water exposure — has now been established.

"The skin inside the ear canal is thinner than the skin anywhere else in the body," he says. It scarcely protects the skull bone which underlies the lower two-thirds of the ear canal from irritants like cold, and DiBartolomeo says the bony growths, painless in themselves, are a kind of protective response to the "environmental insult." He says the disease can be arrested by simply stopping the regular exposure to the low temperatures. The lack of discomfort associated with the bone growth,

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however, means many sufferers don't recognize their problem until its latter stages, when the treatment involves complex surgery to drill away at the growths.

DiBartolomeo says race is one factor which notably affects one's risk of triggering the

intrusive bone growth; exostoses never affects blacks, for example, and rarely bothers Orientals. Among whites, the ear specialist says the risk is a balance between one's individual sensitivity and exposure to the cold sea water. "If you're very sensitive but you

only go out one day a year, you're not going to get it," he says. On the other hand, among white people who plunge into the local surf regularly, "the growth is inevitable," he declares.

The first internal signs of the disease show up after as little as a year or two of regu-

lar exposure, and DiBartolomeo expresses frustration that so many ocean regulars don't wear earplugs or diving hoods. He stresses that merely trapping and holding the water inside the ear (the way a hood does) will protect the canal since the water will then warm up (the

crucial factor is cold, not moisture). But even though protection is readily available, and awareness of the problem is growing, DiBartolomeo expects its incidence to rise as greater numbers of people seek aquatic recreation. Wilson, the surfing chemistry professor, con-

curs. "It's easy to go in all year-round now. When I started 15 years ago, I really had to steel myself to get in that water in the middle of winter. But the wet suits are really good now, and you can be comfortable in the cold water year-round." ■

— Jeannette De Wyze

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To confess my unlikely Catholicism in *Poetry* — a journal founded in part on and for the godless 20th-century disillusionaries of J. Alfred Prufrock and his pals — feels like an act of perversion kinkier than any dildo-wielding dominatrix could manage on HBO's *Real Sex Extra*. I can't even blame it on my being a cradle Catholic, some brainwashed escapee of the pleated skirt and communion veil who — after a misspent youth and facing an Eleanor Rigby-like dotage — plodded back into the confession booth some rainy Saturday.

Not victim but volunteer, I converted in 1996 after a lifetime of undiluted agnosticism. Hearing about my baptism, novelist Richard Ford sent me a postcard that read, "Not you on the Pope's team. Say it ain't so!" Well, Ford, while probably not the late Pope's favorite Catholic (nor he my favorite pope), I took the blessing and ate the broken bread. And just as I continue to live in America and vote despite my revulsion for many U.S. policies, I continue to enjoy the sacraments despite my fervent aversion to certain doctrines. Call me a cafeteria Catholic if you like, but to that I'd say, Who isn't?

To add to this essay's improbable origins, the request for it showed up last winter during one of my lowest spiritual gullies. A blizzard's dive-bombing winds had kept all the bodegas locked for the second day running (thus depriving New Yorkers of newspapers and orange juice), and I found — in my otherwise bare mailbox — a letter asking me to write about my allegedly deep and abiding faith. That very morning, I'd confessed to my spiritual advisor that while I still believed in God, he had come to seem like Miles Davis, some nasty genius scowling out from under his hat, scornful of my mere being and on the verge of waving me off the stage for the crap job I was doing. The late William Matthews has a great line about Mingus, who "flurried" a musician from the stand by saying, "We've suffered a diminuendo in personnel..." I felt doomed to be that diminuendo, an erasure mark that matched the erasure mark I saw in the grayed-out heavens.

Any attempt at prayer in this state was a slow spin on a hot spit, but poetry was still healing balm, partly because it's always helped me feel less alone, even in earliest childhood. Poets were my first priests, and poetry itself my first altar. It was a lot of other firsts too, of course: first classroom/chat room/confessional. But it was most crucially the first source of awe for me, because it eased a nagging sense of isolation: it was a line thrown to my drear-minded self from seemingly glorious Others.

From a very early age, when I read a poem, it was as if the poet's burning taper touched some charred filament in my chest and set it alight. Somehow — long before I'd published — that connection even extended from me outward. Lifting my face from the page, I often faced my fellow creatures with less dread. Maybe secreted in one of them was an ache or tenderness similar to the one I'd just eaten of. As that conduit into a community, poetry never failed me, even if

the poet reaching me was some poor wretch even more abject than myself. With poetry, I was never wholly stranded, and as an atheist most of my life, I thought its mojo was a high-brow, intellectual version of what religion did for those more gullible believers in my midst — dumb bunnies to a one, the faithful seemed to me, till I became one.

In the Texas oil town where I grew up, fierceness won fights, but I was thin-skinned — an unfashionably bookish kid whose brain wattage was sapped by a consuming inner life others just didn't seem to bear the burden of. I just seemed to have more frames per second than other kids. Plus, early on, I twigged to the fact that my clan differed from our neighbors. Partly because of my family's entrenched atheism, kids weren't allowed to enter my yard — also since my artist mother was known to paint "nekkid" women and guzzle vodka straight out of the bottle. She was seductive and mercurial and given to deep doldrums and mysterious vanishings, and I sought nothing so much as her favor. Poetry was my first lure. Even as a preschooler, I could sometimes draw her out of a sulk by reciting the works of Cummings and A.A. Milne.

In my godless household, poems were the only prayers that got said — the closest thing to sacred speech at all. I remember Mother bringing me Eliot's poems from the library, and she not only swooned over them, she swooned over my swooning over them, which felt close as she came to swooning over me. Even my large-breasted and socially adroit older sister got Eliot — though Lecia warned me off telling kids at school that I read that kind of stuff. About age twelve, I remember sitting on our flowered bedspread reading him to Lecia while she primed for a date. *Read it again, the whole thing.* She was a fourteen-year-old leaning into the mirror with a Maybelline wand, saying, *Goddamn that's great....* Poetry was the family's religion. Beauty bonded us.

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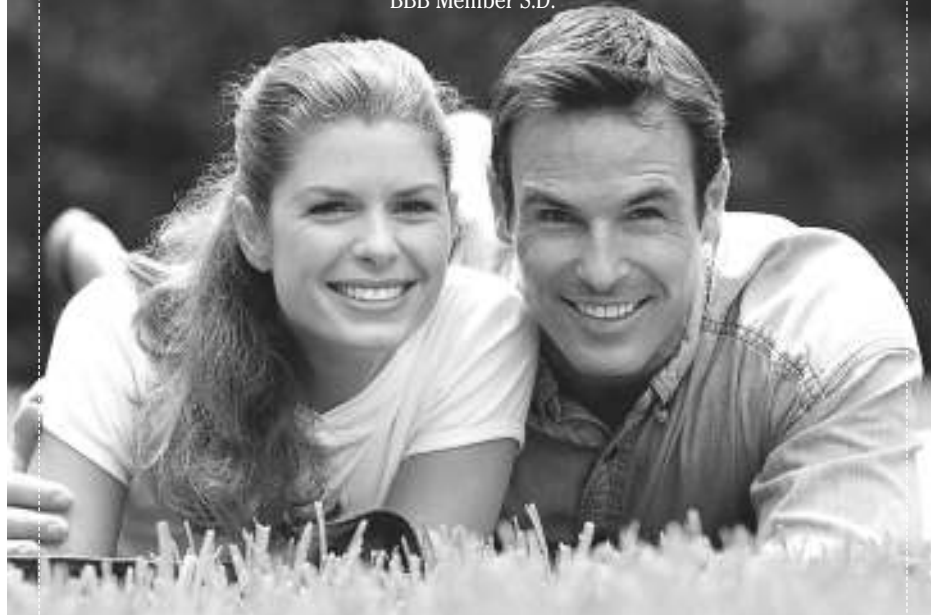
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prayer or hymn. Uttering the same noises in unison is part of what consolidates a congregation (along with shared rituals like baptisms and weddings, which are mostly words). Like poetry, prayer often begins in torment, until the intensity of language forges a shape worthy of both labels: "true" and "beautiful." (Only in my deepest prayers does language evaporate, and this wide and wordless silence takes over.) But if you're in a frame of mind dark enough to refuse prayer, nothing can ease the ache like a dark poem. Wrestling with gnarled or engrossing language may not bring peace per se, but it can occupy a brain pumping out bad news like ticker-tape and thus bring you back to the alleged rationality associated with the human phylum.

So it was for me last winter — my most recent dark night of the soul — that my faith got sandblasted away for some weeks. Part of this was due to circumstances. Right after a move

to New York, fortune delivered a triple whammy: my kid off to college, a live-in love ended volcanically, then medical maladies kept me laid up for weeks alone. In a state of scalding hurt — sleepless and unable to conjure hope at some future prospects — suddenly (it felt sudden, as if a pall descended over me one day) God seemed as vaporous as any perfume.

To kneel and pray in this state is almost physically painful. At best, it's like talking into a bucket. At worst, you feel like a chump, some heartsick fool still sending valentines to a cad. With my friends away for the holidays, poetry seemed my only solace for more than a month. Maybe a few times I dipped into the Psalms or the book of Job. But more often I bent over the Terrible Sonnets of Gerard Manley Hopkins to find shape for my desolation.

I am gall. I am heart-
burn. God's most
deep decree
Bitter would have me

taste: my taste was
me.
Bones built in me, flash
filled, blood
brimmed the curse.
Selfyeast of spirit a dull
dough sours. I see
The lost are like this, and
their scourge to be
as I am mine, their
sweating selves; but
worse.

I was also reading that bleak scribbler Bill Knott, to find a bitter companion to sip my own gall with. He'd aptly captured my spiritual state in "Brighton Rock by Graham Green," where he imagines a sequel for Greene's book: the offspring that criminal sociopath Pinky Brown conceived in the body of pitiful Rose Wilson before he died becomes a teenager in a skiffle band called Brighton Rockers. This kid's inborn anguish resounds in the grotesque Mass his mom sits through.

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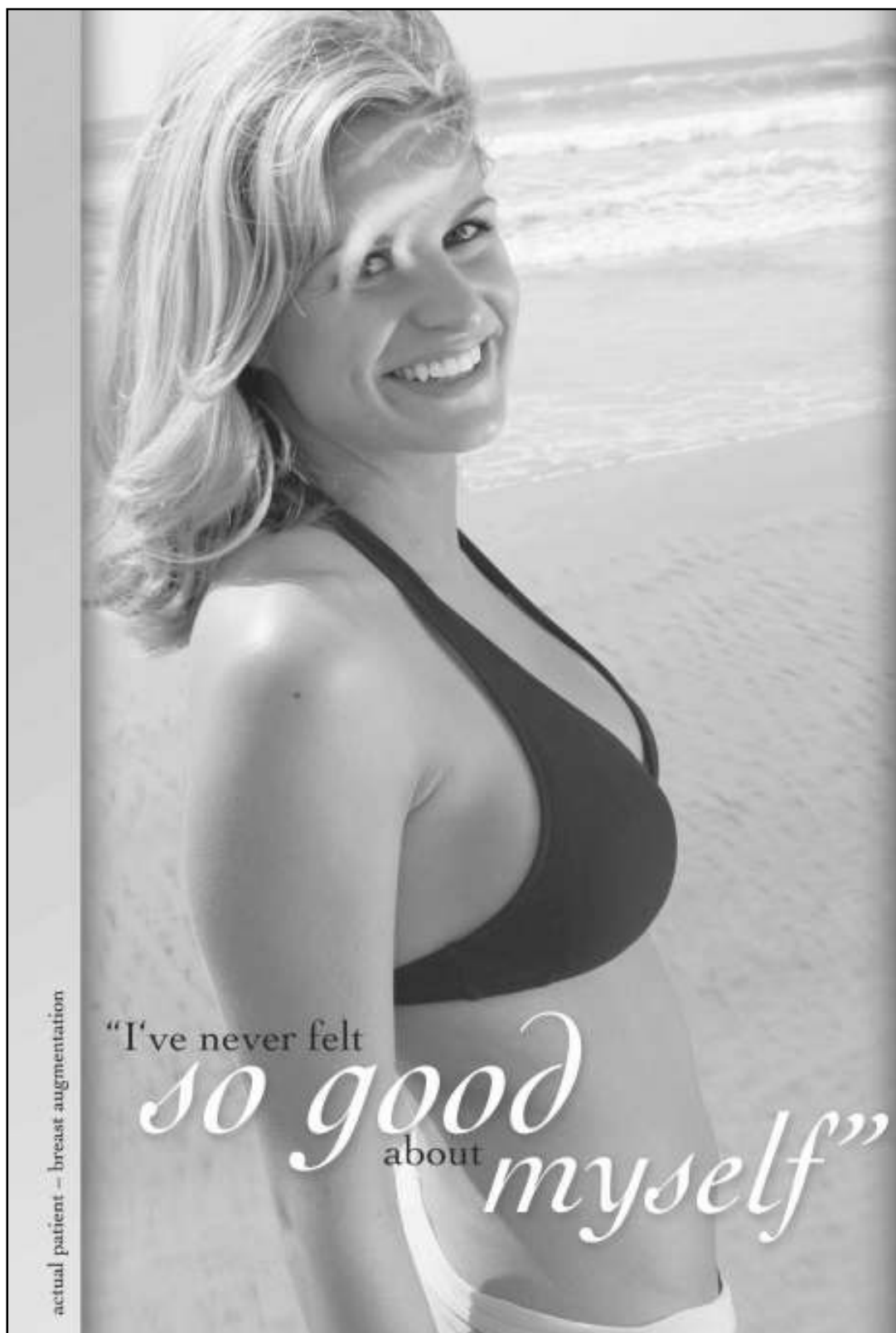


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This winter, I felt yelled at by the world at large and God in particular. The rhythm of Knott's final sentence says it all — "to DO each DAY like the REST/ of us..." — the first phrase is

a stair plod, with an extra stumble step to line's end, where it becomes a cliff you fall off (no REST here) — "CRAWling through this IGloo of HELL".

People usually (always?) come to church as they do to prayer and poetry — through suffering and terror. Need and fear. In some Edenic past, our ancestors began to evolve hard-wiring that actually requires us (so I believe) to make a noise beautiful enough to lay on the altar of the Creator/Rain God/Fertility Queen. With both prayer and poetry, we use elegance to exalt, but we also beg and grieve and tremble. We suffer with prayer and poetry alike. Boy, do we suffer.

The faithless contenders for prayer's relief who sometimes ask me for help praying (still a comic notion) often say it seems hypocritical to turn to God only now during whatever crisis is forcing them toward it — kid with leukemia, say, husband lost in the World Trade Center. But no one I know has ever turned to God any

other way. As the adage says, there are no atheists in fox-holes. Maybe saints turn to God to exalt him. The rest of us tend to show up holding out a tin cup. Put the penny of your prayer in this slot and pull the handle — that's how I thought of it at first, and I think that's usual. The Catholic church I attended in Syracuse, New York, said it best on the banner stretched across its front: SINNERS WELCOME.

That's how I came to prayer nearly fifteen years back through what James Laughlin (via *Pilgrim's Progress*) used to call the Slough of Despond, and over the years, prayer led me to God, and God led me to church — a journey fueled by gradually accruing comforts and some massively freakish coincidences.

Okay, I couldn't stop drinking. I'd tried everything *but* prayer. And somebody suggested to me that I kneel every morning and ask God for help not picking up a cocktail, then kneel at night to say thanks. "But I don't believe in God," I

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said. Again Bill Knott came to mind:

People who get down on their knees to me are the answers to my prayers.

The very idea of prostrating myself brought up the old Marxist saw about religion being the opiate for the masses and congregations dumb as cows. God as Nazi? I wouldn't have it. My spiritual advisor at the time was an ex-heroin addict who radiated vigor. Janice had enough street cred for me to say to her, "Fuck that god. Any god who'd want people kneeling and sniveling —"

Janice cut me off. "You don't do it for God, you asshole," she said. She told me to try it like an experiment: Pray for thirty days, and see if I stayed sober and my life got better.

Franz Wright states my position vis-à-vis my earliest prayers in "Request," here in its entirety from his Pulitzer-winning collection, *The Beforelife*.

Please love me
and I will play for you
this poem
upon a guitar I made
out of cardboard and
black threads
when I was ten years
old.
Love me or else.

I started kneeling to pray morning and night — spitefully at first, in a bitter pout. The truth is, I still fancied the idea that glugging down Jack Daniel's would stay my turmoil, but doing so had resulted in my car hurtling into stuff. I had an illiterate baby to whom I had made many vows, and — whatever whiskey's virtues — it had gotten hard to maintain my initial argument that it made me a better, calmer mom to a colicky infant.

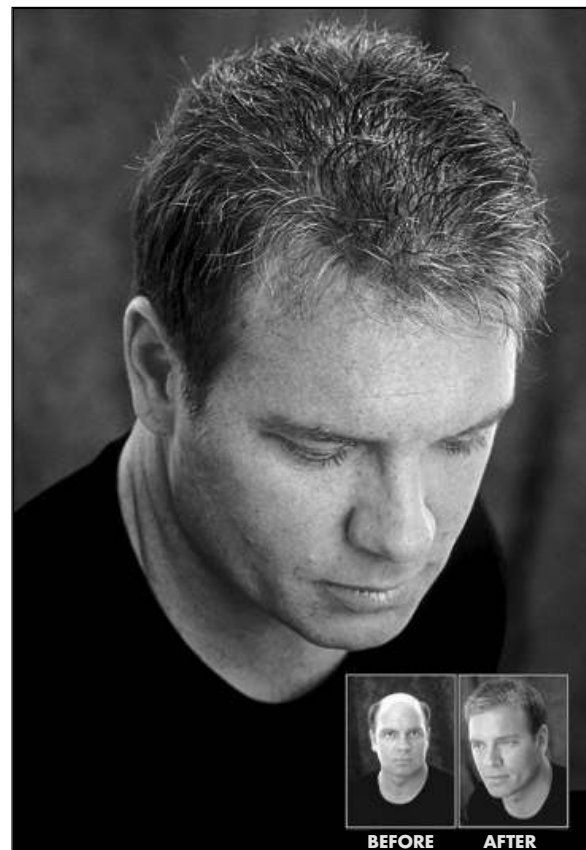
So I prayed — not with the misty-eyed glee I'd seen in *The Song of Bernadette*, nor with the butch conviction of Charlton Heston playing Moses in *The Ten Commandments*. I prayed with belligerence, at least once with a middle finger

aimed at the light fixture — my own small unloaded bazooka pointed at the Almighty. I said *Keep me sober* in the morning. I said *Thanks* at night.

And I didn't get drunk (though before I started praying, I'd been bouncing on and off the wagon for a few years, with and without the help of others). This new sobriety seemed — to one who'd studied positivism and philosophy of science in college — a psychological payoff for the dumb process of getting on my knees twice a day to talk to myself. One MIT-trained scientist told me she prayed to her "sober self" — a palatable concept for this agnostic.

Poet Thomas Lux was somebody I saw a lot those days around Cambridge since our babies were a year apart in age. One day after I'd been doing these perfunctory prayers for a while, I asked Lux — himself off the sauce for some years — if he'd ever prayed. He was barbecuing by a swimming pool for a gaggle of poets (Allen Grossman in a three-

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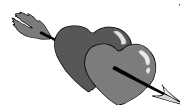
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piece suit and watch fob was there that day, God love him). The scene comes back to me with Lux poking at meat splayed on the grill while I swirled my naked son around the swimming pool. Did he actually *pray*? I couldn't imagine it — Lux, you dismal sucker.

Ever taciturn, Lux told me: I say thanks.

For what? I wanted to know. Robert Hass's *Praise* was a cult favorite at that time, but despite its title, the poems mostly dealt with failures in devotion to beauty or the disappointments endemic to both pleasure and marriage. Its epigraph had a man facing down a huge and ominous monster and saying — from futility and blind fear — "I think I shall praise it." Hass had been my teacher when he was writing those poems, and though he instilled in me reverence for poetry, his own pantheistic ardor for trees and birds mystified me. The alcohol-soaked life I led had convinced me that everything was too much, and nothing was enough. In

my twisted cosmology (not yet articulated to myself), the ominous monster Hass "praised" was God.

Back in Lux's pool, I honestly couldn't think of anything to be grateful for. I told Lux something like I was glad I still had all my limbs. That's what I mean about how my mind didn't take in reality before I began to pray. I couldn't register the privilege of holding my blond and ringleted boy, who chortled and bubbled and splashed on my lap.

It was a clear day, and Lux was standing in his Speedo suit at the barbecue turning sausages and chicken with one of those diabolical-looking forks. Say thanks for the sky, Lux said, say it to the floorboards. This isn't hard, Mare.

At some point, I also said to him, What kind of god would permit the Holocaust?

To which Lux said, You're not in the Holocaust.

In other words, why is the Holocaust my business?

No one ever had an odder guru than the uber-

ironic Thomas Lux, but I started following his advice by mouthing rote thanks to the air, and right off, I discovered something. There was an entire aspect to my life that I had been blind to — the small, good things that came in abundance. A religious friend once told me of his own faith, "I've memorized the bad news." Suddenly, the world view to which I'd clung so desperately as *realistic* — we die, worms eat us, there is no God — was not so much realistic as the focal expression of my own grief-sodden inwardness. Like Hawthorne's minister in *The Black Veil*, I could only interpret the world through some form of grief or self-absorbed fear.

I'd unknowingly *invented* a cosmology that suited my lackluster disposition. If I didn't get a parking place, it was ever-hateful Fate let the bastard in the Alfa Romeo get it. Such was my *realistic* world view.

Not too long after this talk with Lux (in a time of crisis — at the end of my

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marriage), someone gave me the prayer from St. Francis of Assisi. It's one of those rote prayers that cradle-Catholics can resent having drilled into them, but I started saying it with my five-year-old son every night:

Lord, make me an
instrument of Thy
peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is conflict,
pardon;
where there is doubt,
faith;
where there is despair,
hope;
where there is sadness,
joy;
where there is dark-
ness, light.
O Divine Master, ask
that I not so much
seek
to be consoled as to
console;
to be understood as to
understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that
we receive.
It is in pardoning that
we are pardoned,
and it is in dying to self
that we are reborn
to eternal life.

Even for the blithely godless, these wishes are pretty easy to choke down. I mean, it's not hard to believe that if you can become an instrument for love and pardon rather than wallowing self-pity that your life will improve. The only parts of the prayer I initially bridled against were the phrase "O Divine Master" and the last two lines about eternal life, which I thought was horse-shit. Something of it bored into my thick head, though, for reciting it began to enact some powerful calm in me.

Within a year of starting the prayer, my six-year-old son told me he wanted to go to church "to see if God's there" — perhaps the only reason that could have roused my lazy ass from the Sunday Times. Thus we embarked on what I called God-o-rama — a search entirely for my son's benefit. Despite my consistent prayer life, I still had small use for organized religion at all. I ferried Dev to various temples and mosques and zendos (anyplace a friend would bring us) with no more religious curiosity of my own than I brought to

soccer (a sport I loathe) when he took that up. We spent a year or so visiting any temple, mosque, church or zendo a friend would haul us to. If anything, the Catholic Church one pal took us to was repugnant, ideologically speaking. It set

my feminist spikes prickling. But the Church's carnality, which seemed crude at the outset — people lighting candles and talking to dolls — worked its voodoo on me. The very word *incarnation* derives from the Latin *in carne*: in meat. There is a

body on the cross in my church. (Which made me think at first that the people worshipped the suffering, till my teenage son told me one day at Mass: "What else would get everybody's attention but something really grisly? It's like *Pulp Fiction*."

In other words, we wouldn't have it any other way.)

So through the simple physical motions I followed during Mass (me, *following* something!), our bodies standing and sitting and kneeling in concert, I often felt my mind grow quiet,

and my surface differences from others began to be obliterated. The poet William Matthews once noted that when his sons drew everyone as a stick figure, they evoked Shakespeare's "poor, bare, forked animal," which

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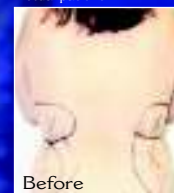


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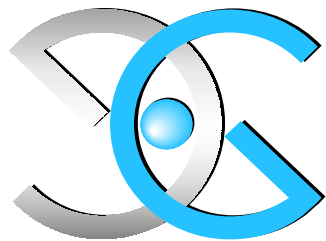


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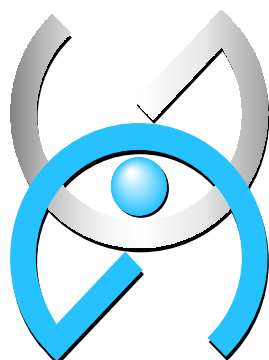
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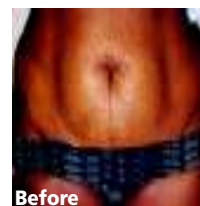
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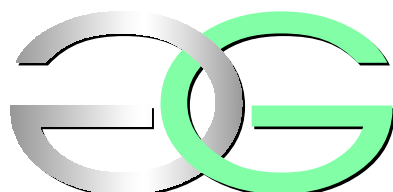
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FACING ALTARS: Poetry and Prayer

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was — spiritually speaking — accurate.

They were powerless enough to know the radical equality of human

souls, but too coddled to know they knew it.

They could only draw it, and they blamed their limited techniques for the great truth

that they showed, that we're made in the image

of each other and don't know it.

"The Generations"

So the bovine exercises during Mass that cradle-Catholics often wince at as "empty" made me feel like part of a tribe, in a way, and the effect carried over in me even after church.

Poetry had worked the same way. I've written elsewhere of its Eucharistic qualities — something else Hass taught me. In memorizing the poems I loved, I "ate" them in a way. I breathed as the poet breathed to recite the words: Someone else's suffering and passion entered my

body to transform you, partly by joining you to others in a saving circle.

Prayer had been the first cornerstone. How could it not be? In language (poetry) I'd first found a way out of myself — to my mother, then to a wider community (the poets I imagined for years), then to a poetry audience for which I wrote, then to the Lord, who (paradoxically) speaks most powerfully to me through quiet. People will think I'm nuts when I say I prayed about whether to take a job and end my marriage and switch my son's day care. I prayed about what to write and wrote a

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Milosz is more articulate about it in *Veni Creator*:

I am only a man: I need visible signs.

I tire easily, building the stairway of abstraction.

Many a time I asked, you know it well,

that the statue in church
lift its hand, only once,
just once, for me....

Prayer has yielded comfort and direction — all well and good. But imagine my horror when I began to have experiences of joy. For me, joy arrives in the body (where else would it find us?), yet doesn't originate there. Nature never drew me into joy as it does others, but my fellow creatures, as the crown of creation often spark joy in me: kids on a Little League diamond in full summer — ever idly tossing their mitts into the air; the visual burst of a painted Basquiat angel in

Everlast boxing shorts at the Brooklyn museum last week (can't stop thinking about it); my teenage son at night in the dead of winter burying our kitten in a shoe-box so I wouldn't have to see her ruined by the bar that hit her — his flushed face later breaking the news to me — a grief countered by my radical joy at his sudden adulthood. In the right mindset, the faces that come at me on the New York street are like Pound's apparitions, "petals on a wet, black bough." Inherent in joy is always a sense of *joining* with others (and/or God). The spirit I breathe in at such times (inspiration) always moves through

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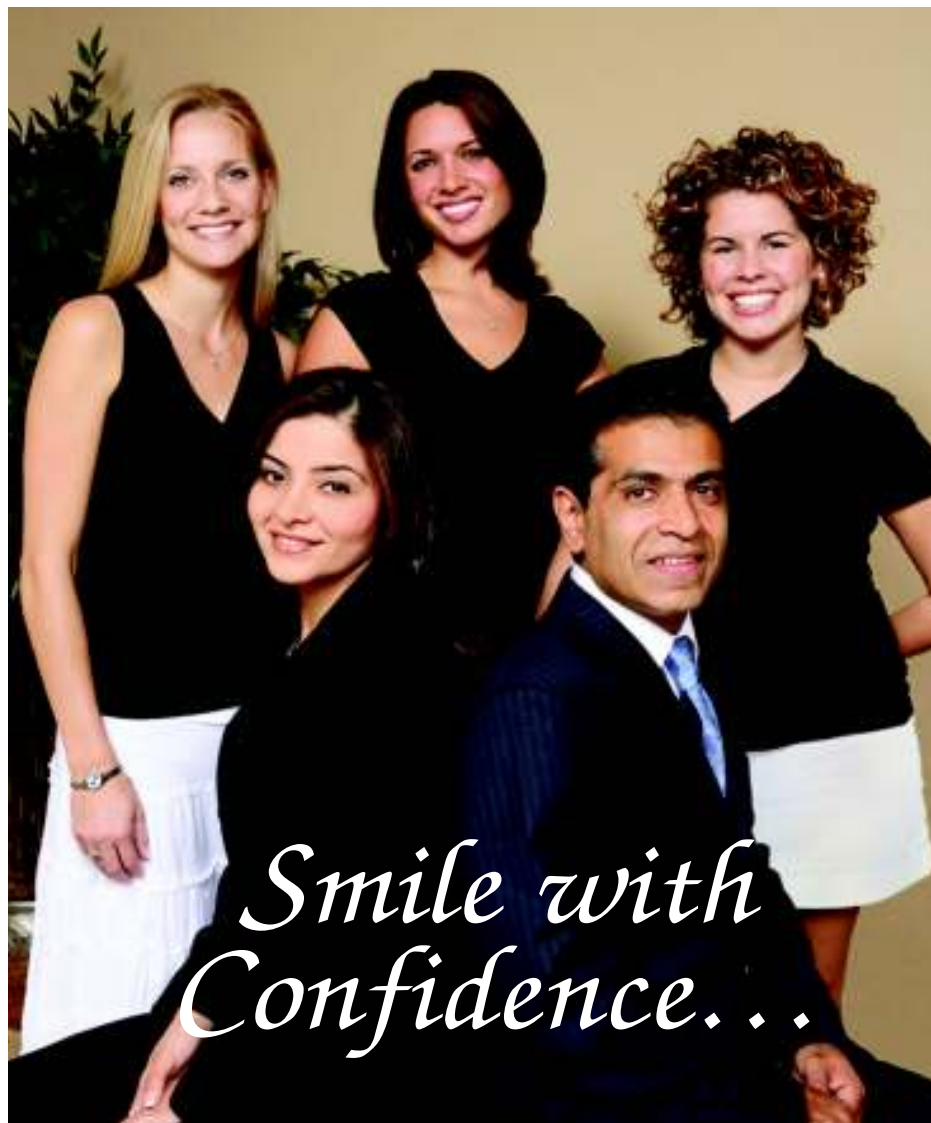
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But nothing can maim a poet's practice like joy. As Henri de Montherland said, "Light writes white?" What poet — in this century or any other — has founded her work on happiness? We can all drum up a few happy poems here and there, but from Symbolism and the High Moderns forward, poetry has often spread the virus of morbidity. It's been shared comfort for the dispossessed. Yes, we have Whitman opening his arms to "the blab of the pave." We have James Wright breaking into blossom, but he has to step out of his body to do so. We have the revelatory moments of Tranströmer and the guilty pleasure and religious striving of Milosz. W.H. Auden captured the ethos when he wrote, "The purpose of poetry is disenchantment." Poetry in the recent past hasn't allowed us much joy.

My own efforts to lighten my otherwise dour

opus seem watered down. I thought of calling my latest collection of poems *Coathanger Bent into Halo* (too clunky, I decided, but I was thinking how the wire hanger used for an illegal abortion could also be twisted into an angel's crown for a child's pageant). Still, the poems about Christ salted through the book spend way more time on crucifixion than resurrection. I've written elegies galore, love poems bitter as those of Catullus. I've written from scorched-earth terror, and longing out the wazoo. My new aesthetic struggle is to accommodate joy as part of my literary enterprise, but I still tend to be a gloomy and serotonin-challenged bitch.

But doesn't dark poetry gather us together in a way that would meet the Holy Spirit's approval?

Rewind to last winter: my spiritual wasteland, when I received a request from *Poetry* to write about

my faith. It was the third such request I'd gotten in a little more than a week, and it came from an editor I "owed" in some ways. How many times did Peter deny knowing Christ? I know, I know, my skeptical reader. It's only my naive, magical thinking that makes such a simple request (times three) seem like a tap on the shoulder from the Almighty, but for one whose experience of joy has come in middle age on the rent and tattered wings of disbelief, it suffices. Having devoted the first half of my life to the dark, I feel obliged to pay attention to any pinpoint of light now. And writing this essay did fling open windows in me so the sun shone down again. I hit my knees again, and felt God's sturdy presence, and knew it wasn't God who'd vanished in the first place.

Milosz, who dubbed himself the "least normal person in Father Chomski's class," describes the sense of alert presence from prayer or the wisdom of age in "Late Ripeness" — a lit-up poem of the type I aspire to write:

Not soon, as late as the
approach of my
ninetieth year

I felt a door opening in
me and I entered
the clarity of early
morning.

One after another my
former lives were
departing
like ships together with
their sorrow.

And the countries,
cities, gardens, the
bays of seas
assigned to my brush
came closer,
ready now to be
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than before.

I was not separated
from people,
grief and pity joined
us.

We forget — I kept say-
ing — that we are
all children of the
King...

That's why I pray and
poetize: to be able
to see my brothers
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This is how it happens. The little guy finds a fish. Not just any fish, but a special fish with a special taste and special size. He shows the fish to the lady of his choosing.

Sometimes she gets annoyed. Sometimes she's got someone she likes better. But sometimes she looks the guy over and waits for what comes next.

So the little guy approaches with the little fish and he does a little dance. He swirls this way, and he swirls that way, and he holds the little fish in his mouth.



The Least Tern Says Something Ominous Is Coming

Sometimes the lady decides that he's a jerk and flies away. Sometimes she is charmed. She takes a few steps toward the guy. He takes a few steps toward her. Gently he slips the little fish into his lady's mouth and she swallows. Can there ever be such happiness compared to theirs?

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There is excitement in the house of the least terns.

Now let's examine another scenario.

This time it's a big guy, and instead of finding a little fish, he finds a little stick. But he too does his dance. He extends his dark wings, and they are huge. Maybe eight feet from tip to tip, maybe ten. He takes a few steps to the left, a few steps to the right. He raises his wings, and the tips curve forward like the tips of Dracula's cape. Slowly he moves forward. Slowly his wings curve around the lady of his choosing.

"Sometimes he'll do it right then," says Jim Oosterhuis, director of veterinary services at the San Diego Wild Animal Park and known by his colleagues as J.O. "He'll walk right up the female's back and balance with his huge wings. Sometimes she'll be on a branch swaying back and forth, and he'll be swaying back and forth as they have sex. It's amazing, it's beautiful."

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The California least tern weighs a couple of ounces. The California condor weighs 20 pounds. Both are protected by the Endangered Species Act. Although soon there may be no Endangered Species Act.

As a poet and a member of another kind of endangered species, I have a certain sympathy with endangered creatures. Three times I have received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts that I believe saved me from extinction. But there are differences. Not only between poets and birds, but between terns and condors.

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The reserve is the largest salt marsh in Southern California. It is the only one open all year round to tidal flushing, a process sometimes called "nature's kidneys," in which water is purified by being swept back and forth through the marsh. This flushing is particularly necessary because most of the estuary's 1700-square-mile watershed lies in Mexico, including Tijuana, with its 100,000 new people arriving each year. Tijuana produces far more sewage than can be processed by its wastewater system, and much winds up in the reserve.

Along with the least tern, 378 species of birds have been sighted in the reserve, including the

Belding's Savannah sparrow, the light-footed clapper rail, the least Bell's vireo, the California brown pelican, and the American peregrine falcon—all of which are endangered species.

About 70 pairs of least terns nest in the reserve, up from about 21 in 1982. There are about 2000 nesting pairs of least terns in the state. They nest here, then fly down to Chile for the winter. This might seem like a lot of least terns, but these small birds deal with predators by mobbing and dive-bombing. Seventy nesting pairs of least terns produce a puny mob. Not even a rat would be frightened.

And there is trouble with where they place their nests, a little indentation in the pickleweed, just over the dunes from the beach. Their chicks are cute, fluffy little things, like a hen's chicks. It takes 20 days before they can fly. Unlike most baby birds, the chicks don't take their food already chewed up by the parent and regurgitated. The chicks also eat little fish, whole little fish, not too big, not too little.

"I've seen a little chick lying dead in the sand," said

Mari von Hoffman, site manager at the refuge, "with an oversized fish stuck halfway down its throat. Sometimes there are no little fish to be found."

If California's least terns are an example of poverty in the bird world, then the California condors are an example of riches. The condors at the Wild Animal Park are part of a 20-year, \$25-million project to increase their numbers and reintroduce them to the wild. The Condor Recovery Program began in 1979 when the existing condors were radio-tagged and their eggs taken to the Wild Animal Park for incubation and artificial breeding. When a mother condor loses an egg, she will "double clutch," lay another within a month, which plainly increases the number of eggs that a condor can lay in a year.

"But they can be pretty clumsy mothers," Jim Oosterhuis told me. "We've got videotapes of the mothers knocking the eggs out of the nest and sending them tumbling down the cliff." Videos also show the mothers jumping up and down on their eggs.

In 1987, when it became clear that only seven condors were left in the wild, the decision was made to bring them into the Wild Animal Park. The condors are kept off-exhibit so as to be exposed as little as possible to human beings. The hand-raised chicks see only puppets that resemble mother condors. When old enough, they are put in one of ten huge wire-covered flight cages. These cages can be seen from the monorail on a hill high above the Asian plains exhibit.

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with Dr. Oosterhuis in his truck. A male condor rose up on its perch: as tall as a bar stool, black, with a black ruff and a pink bald head resembling a scrawny elbow with a case of psoriasis.

"See him staring at us?" said Dr. Oosterhuis. Condors look at you sideways, one eye at a time. "They never miss a thing."

This spring the mother condors were allowed to hatch one of their two eggs for the first time. Of the four chicks hatched in April and May, two are doing fine and two were killed, apparently accidentally, by their mothers. Even though the mothers are six years old, Dr. Oosterhuis suggested that they need more than the knowledge they may have

genetically. Born and hand-raised at the Wild Animal Park, the new condor mothers lack older adults to show them what to do. But these new mothers are in the process of acquiring experience. Ideally, they will stop being clumsy and help educate younger mothers. All this is part of reintroducing an endangered species back to the wild.

The San Diego Wild Animal Park opened its doors to the general public May 10, 1972. The land in San Pasqual Valley, 30 miles north of downtown San Diego, had been acquired ten years earlier to house surplus animals and to breed larger ones. The park has 2200 acres, of which 700 are developed. There are

121 species of mammals and 285 species of birds for a total of 3200 animals. This includes 41 endangered animal species, 30 of which have been bred successfully at the park, including the Sumatran tiger, the South African cheetah, Indian and African elephants, a variety of gazelles, the Andean condor, and the California condor. Eighty southern white rhinos have been born at the park, and the species has been upgraded from endangered to threatened status. As many as 600 animals are born in the park each year. Some are kept, some are traded to other zoos, and some, like the condors and Arabian oryx, are returned to the wild. On the other hand, some

endangered animals have no place to go. The cheetahs, tigers, and Indian rhinos are no longer welcome to roam in what had once been their natural habitat. Their future is to be kept in zoos and wild animal parks as display animals.

The Wild Animal Park supports itself on the admissions paid by the 1.4 million who visit the park each year. Food for the animals costs \$50,000 per month. But other projects require special fund drives. For instance, in late May, the board of directors gave approval for a fund drive for a new veterinary hospital and research center. If all goes well, the hospital may be ready by the year 2000.

About 20,000 people

visit the Tijuana Slough National Refuge each year, and perhaps 30,000 more use the beach. Tijuana Slough is one of three refuges that make up the Southern California Coastal Complex. The other two are Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge in northern Orange County and Sweetwater Marsh in Chula Vista, which also has a nature center. The coastal complex has an annual budget of \$400,000.

As an urban refuge, Tijuana Slough has problems never experienced at the Wild Animal Park. For instance, there are cats and dogs.

"One day a woman came up to me and asked if I'd seen a mother cat and her kittens," Mari von Hoff-

man told me. It turned out that the woman disliked having a cat box in her apartment, so she let the cat roam in the refuge, only coming home again to be fed. Then the cat had her kittens in the refuge as well.

"Cats are tremendously efficient," said von Hoffman. "If left to themselves they would completely wipe out the clapper rails."

Every year the people living near the estuary receive notice that it is illegal to let their pets roam free in the reserve. Cats and dogs are trapped and taken to the pound. Feral dogs and cats might be destroyed. Several times packs of wild dogs have crossed over from Mexico.

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"Until last October," said von Hoffman, "we had up to a thousand illegals coming across from Mexico each day. Now it has been cut down to a trickle, thanks to Operation Gatekeeper."

Gatekeeper is a new initiative to control the U.S. border and restrain illegal immigration. Run by the Border Patrol and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, it began October 1, 1994. Gatekeeper itself is only in San Diego County, but other states have similar programs. A Border Patrol spokesman called Gatekeeper "an ongoing operation which is here to stay."

Until Gatekeeper, the illegal aliens were led safely across the reserve. Because they had to cross several streams, they carried changes of clothes in plastic bags. The foot traffic killed the plants, leaving a trail of muddy earth as wide as a dirt road. Employees at the refuge began to name parts of the estuary according to how

it figured in the illegal crossing. The point of land before the last creek was called Underwear Point, because of the piles of underwear found on the far side. The creek itself was known as Bare Butt Crossing. The trees on the hill were the Hotel Trees, because people might stay under them for days. Refuge employees engaged in a practice that they jokingly called "trail shopping."

"We'd find money on the trails," said von Hoffman. "Wallets, some nice clothes, lots of ragged clothes. Most of it we put in the dumpster. The very best we sent to Goodwill."

Although the illegals have mostly been stopped, it has been at the expense of increased border patrols. Their boats cruise the inlets and channels, their trucks bounce across the dunes.

"I measured the tires on one truck coming within 12 inches of a nest," said Michael Mitchell, refuge biologist. "We give presentations on the refuge at the Border Patrol musters in

the morning, but their turnover is tremendous. They try their best, but it's still a problem."

Lifeguards also drive up and down the beach, which belongs to the State of California. The refuge proper begins at the dunes. At any time during the day, three or four helicopters can be seen in the air rising above the Navy airfield. There are also Border Patrol helicopters, U.S. Customs helicopters and Coast Guard helicopters.

"The birds don't seem to mind the 'copters," said von Hoffman, raising her voice over their noise.

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The refuge often has to put up with illegal collecting by scientists and collectors who come to snatch such creatures as the rare tiger beetle. Local residents occasionally change their motor oil by the reserve and dump the old oil in the marsh. Others dump old paint cans into the marsh.

But the greatest threat to the reserve has come from potential developers. The Helix Land Corporation

began buying land in the estuary from the City of Imperial Beach and from private owners in the early '60s. A new residential marina remained a strong possibility until Christmas Eve 1980, when the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife bought the land from Helix.

"Helix made a big profit from selling the land," said Mike McCoy, an Imperial Beach veterinarian who has been working for 25 years to preserve the estuary. McCoy and Jim Oosterhuis both began veterinary work at the Wild Animal Park as veterinary interns on June

1, 1970, but McCoy later decided to move to Imperial Beach.

"The reason I came to Imperial Beach" he said, "was that big estuary. I've put my life into that place. My parents were real strong about having to protect the earth, and I've tried to do just that. The Wild Animal Park is a glorified zoo; the estuary is a totally natural area."

Another argument against the building of a residential marina was the mass of raw sewage coming out of Tijuana. Now, however, a conventional sewage



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"The sewage treatment program also worries me because of the potential for huge freshwater inflows that could destroy the salt marshes and the estuary," said Dr. McCoy. "But I remain hopeful. Nowadays businesses are under constant surveillance by the general public. It's much harder for the forces of greed to pull the wool over our eyes."

Yearly, the California least terns make their precarious nests in the sand. Yearly, the sandpipers migrate from pole to pole and use the estuary as a "carbo-stop" on their long flight. The brown pelicans



Chris Hutcherson holds condor's body while Jim Oosterhuis conducts checkup

nest on the Coronado Islands and come to the reserve to "loaf," according to von Hoffman. As these birds lose their natural habitat, they fall prey to predators, both the human and animal variety.

"I would hate to see the least terns become display animals," said Michael Mitchell, "and have the refuge become a least tern theme park. Population pressure can cause habitat extinction. If you take away

habitat, then the predators win."

The San Diego Wild Animal Park has had practically no problem with trespassers. Once a man jumped off the monorail but was quickly caught. Another time an illegal alien climbed a fence at night, went to sleep under a tree, and woke in the morning to find himself surrounded by giraffes.

But the task of releasing condors back into the wild has not been easy. Six

were released last year in the Sespe Condor Sanctuary at the south end of the San Joaquin Valley, northeast of Santa Barbara. Not long after, one was found dead next to a puddle of antifreeze that it had apparently drunk. Another was killed when it flew into a high-power pylon. Then one day the police got a call from a frantic woman in Santa Barbara saying that a monstrous bird was eating the rubber weather strip-

ping from her screen door. It and the other birds were recaptured, taken deeper into the valley, and released in an area not far from where President Reagan has his ranch.

"The trouble is that there are no birds in the wild to teach traditions," said Dr. Oosterhuis. He went on to describe a program where they have made simulated high-power pylons, and when the condors in captivity land on them they receive light shocks.

"These condors have been riding updrafts up the side of a mountain for thousands of years," said Dr. Oosterhuis. "Now they reach the top and run into a pylon."

Still, 10 to 12 more condors will be released into the Sespe Condor Sanctuary this winter and, ideally, as more are released, the birds will breed, although in the wild the female condor has only one egg every two years. Talks are going on to have more condors released in Grand Canyon National Park, as well as at Ted Turner's ranch in New

Mexico.

"But it's not enough to concentrate on the single species," said Dr. Oosterhuis. "We have to concentrate on the whole ecosystem. If the habitat's not there, what are you going to do?"

In Sespe there are other endangered animals, such as the California kit fox, which benefit from the umbrella of protection given to the condor.

"No one's going to buy land to protect the kit fox," said Dr. Oosterhuis, "but the condor area will protect a whole lot of other species."

"It's the cutsey, high-profile species that get the money," said Dr. McCoy. "But you can't use the Endangered Species Act as a battering ram to save everything. We've created a backlash, and so we have to rethink how we do business over the world. Habitat protection and a shift in social and education priorities are needed so the public truly understands the problem. We also need

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a shift in the paradigm of what we are doing; growth mentality must succumb to the idea of a sustained yield. We can't allow humanity to destroy the environment for short-term economic gain. The way we view our own species and other species — we've got to think of how we are linked together, not how we are separated."

The Wild Animal Park is a dramatic environment with elephants, giraffes, flamingos in settings that try to duplicate natural settings. The Tijuana estuary is not dramatic. A flat salt

marsh with dunes and tidal creeks, it seems overshadowed by the Tijuana bullring about five miles away. But the closer one looks, the more complicated it becomes. The scale, however, is much smaller. Under a magnifying glass the tiger beetle looks fiercer than any rhino. The delicate, white, star-shaped flowers of the salt marsh dodder, lemonadeberry, and evening primrose, the sea lavender, and slender ladyfingers, and all the varieties of cactus create a complexity rarely seen in any other setting.

Mari von Hoffman

pauses to watch a pair of least terns doing an elaborate dance through the air, chattering to one another. "I love how they talk," she said. "I love all living things, but I think I draw the line at ticks." She crouches by a growth of salt marsh bird's beak, an extremely rare plant listed as an endangered species. The blossoms are white and violet with a little yellow at the top forming something resembling a bird's beak. "These had been badly trampled by the illegals, but now they're coming back fantastically," she said, obviously happy. "It's amazing how resilient these are if given a chance."

I considered the matter of scale and remembered driving through the Wild Animal Park with Dr. Oosterhuis. He pointed across the valley. "Look at the big water buffalo. See how he's watching us? I love it." J.O. waved at the buffalo.

The differences between the Wild Animal Park and the estuary are the differences between a symphony and a sonata, a mural and a little watercolor. Even though Mike McCoy calls the Wild

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Animal Park "a glorified circus," it tries to educate the public about the animals' native environment. In the Tijuana refuge an interpretive center displays exhibits and offers literature.

"Many people in Imperial Beach see no point in the refuge," Mike Mitchell told me. "One of our jobs is to educate them."

It is amazing to look out over the salt marsh from the nature center and see how it changes from a bunch

of weeds and water to become an infinite multi-colored variety of plants and wildlife. The only protection available to the least tern chicks is their ability to stand perfectly still and imitate the foliage, but looking really hard at the foliage one sees the complexity, sees the chicks motionless against the sand verbenas. Then one sees a snowy egret and the delicate floating nest of the light-footed clapper rail within the cordgrass.

Still, constant pressure from developers and California's population continues to grow.

"If the illegal alien problem goes away," said Tom Alexander, manager of the Southern California Coastal Complex, "and if we get the sewage cleaned up, then we'll get more visitors and more people who think Imperial Beach is a nice place to live. San Diego County so far has managed to have some open space. It

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"The grazers and developers now call themselves land-rights people," said Tom Hanscom at the Wild Animal Park, meaning they believe they should have the right to use the land in any way they wish. "We're not the restrictors and deniers of freedom. We're the ones who wish to conserve. True conservation is accommodation. The danger is Los Angelization. Who wants that?"

Recently, there have been increasing attempts in Congress to weaken and even repeal the Endangered Species Act. What would be the loss if all these endangered species disappeared?

Tom Hanscom argued that they may be useful in ways we are still discover-

ing. He described how the Army used the California condor in biological warfare testing in the early 1940s. "They couldn't kill them with any of the biological toxins, nor with botulism or anthrax. The condors have a tremendous immune system. There's almost nothing they can't eat. They hunt with their noses, and the deader something is, the better they like it. So perhaps the California condor holds the genetic key to improving our own immune system? As we stand on the threshold of new genetic engineering, will it be the condor's genes that teach us how to develop antibiotics as the present ones become useless? Who is anyone to say that we can let condors die out because all they do is eat dead stuff?"

When I asked why animals shouldn't be allowed

to become extinct, at least half a dozen people gave me the example of the canary in the coal mine: that the sudden death of the canary warns the miners of the presence of poison gas.

"The danger to the least tern is telling us that something much more ominous is coming," said Tom Alexander.

"The existence of these creatures is an indication of the quality of our air, land, and water," said Mike Mitchell at the refuge. "We need them to see how we're doing. It's vital to the Pacific flyway to have places where migrating birds can stop and rest. All a developer has to do is get his hands on this land once and it's gone. It's not a matter of how much money you can make developing a piece of property, but the quality of life."

"Fish and wildlife has more land to manage than the National Park Service but has a fraction of the budget," said von Hoffman. "Yet we've been cut back and cut back. Our whole point here is to have biodiversity, but that's constantly threatened."

"The effort to save the least tern is symptomatic of the effort to save the entire planet," said Dr. McCoy. "It's not just a matter of saving a bird here or a mammal there. We've pretty much destroyed the integrity of ecosystems that are eons old. When you do that, you destroy the integrity of life. In the 200 years since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, we've endangered human survival. It's a disaster already in process. We have to look at the conditions that permit life, which means concentrat-

ing on the interlinking of all life. We have to rethink what it is to be a human being."

I think again of the endangered poet and the function of art. In his essay "What Is Art?" the Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy wrote that art can evoke "reverence for the dignity of every man and woman and for the life of every animal; can make people ashamed of luxury, of violence, of revenge, or of using for their own pleasure that which others need; can compel people freely, gladly, and spontaneously to sacrifice themselves in the service of mankind."

A work of art, such as a poem, also leads a person to ask what it is to be a human being. The function of the imagination is to let the mind travel out of the self and consider other lives. Imagination gives us the ability to empathize, and our empathy makes us realize that we are alone neither in our joy nor in our suffering. Our experi-

ences are shared experiences. The arts and biodiversity show us about life. They educate us. They allow us to see ourselves in relation to the world and other people. To get rid of an art form, an ecosystem, to get rid of a species, each is a step toward getting rid of ourselves.

"You have to think of each of these animals as a unique creation, like a work of art," says Jim Oosterhuis. "It would require a whole new cycle of creation to bring them back."

"Think of nature as a plane," said Jim Hanscom. "You lose a rivet off a wing, then you lose another rivet. The plane will still fly, but at which point do you lose so many rivets that the wing falls off? And that's really what you must be concerned about in a living environment, that if you lose the snail darter fish or the California condor, it's like losing rivets off an airplane wing, and we're the ones who'll finally crash." ■

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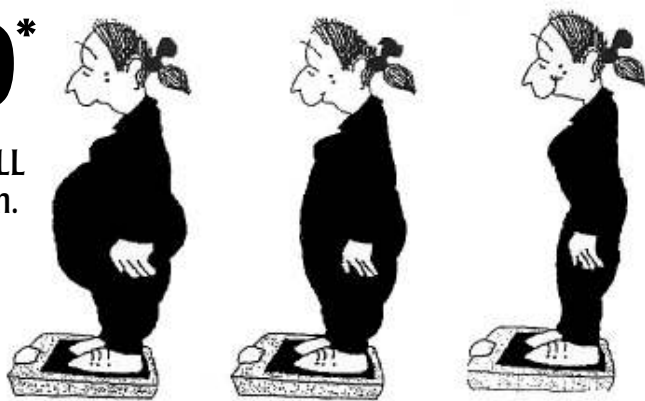
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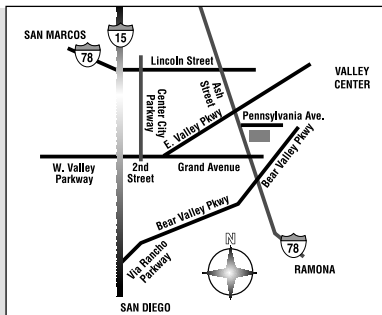
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Correct For Millions

Eve Kelly's article in "Best Buys" (January 19) regarding diamonds was an interesting read. One correction of note: the quote "Mother Nature takes her sweet time in making a diamond — about a thousand years, by Polycastro's estimate" is erroneous. Many millions of years is more like it.

Kevin Boylan
via e-mail

I Was Wincing

What was Naomi Wise ever thinking when she wrote her last review ("The Mandarin Mystique," Restaurant Review, January 19)? The way she demeaned her company from out of town over and over was just shocking. I was wincing at every turn!

Natalie Hutchins
via e-mail

I Flipped

This is concerning Shepherd's movie reviews. He hardly likes anything! When he compared the movie *Ray*

to *Walk the Line*, I flipped. The director and cowriter of *Walk the Line* did not want an impersonator of Johnny Cash; they wanted to show the man within. If someone wants to listen to his real voice singing, then buy a CD. The movie was great, and I think that John and June would have been proud. Look out, because Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon have arrived!

Karlyn Woodcock
via e-mail

Droning About Cowboy Boots

Your movie reviewer. He or she is an irritable, slightly superior person who sucks all the joy out of movies in his or her head-scratchingly smug reviews. How could anyone watch *Brokeback Mountain* and come out droning about pacing and cowboy boots, and furthermore, how can this person (who I do not know, for I am too lazy to look up his or her name) comment on the realism of a passionate kiss after four years of aching and passion and love with nowhere to go? Has this reviewer ever been so in love that they were pretty sure God did exist? So in love they knew they would take all the sniggering comments about real love and act them out in mime if it meant one more hour with the object of their love? So in love that he or she was turned completely inside out and abruptly forced to confront his or her self in the rawest, most vulnerable state?

Well, I didn't think so.

The reviewer barely addressed the most important elements of this movie! The review seemed to be a commentary more on the reviewer than the actual movie. I.e., the touching and breath-takingly tender love story and its counterpart of deep self-destruction in the absence of living an authentic life in this movie just didn't do much for me. It was all right. Now let's talk about JG's big eyes and HL's nice ass and how tidily the movie clipped along during the second half.

The movie did not move too slow, unless your brain is so restless and in need of flashing lights and quick movements that beauty and love and human struggle are just a big yawn.

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Sutherland, the boatswain of the *Californian*, one of the Maritime Museum's ships. On Saturday, February

4, and Sunday, February 5, the museum will conduct battle reenactments using the *Californian* and a visiting rival ship, the *Lynx*.

"The *Californian* is loosely based on the C.W. Lawrence, the first revenue cutter sent out to California just before it became a state in 1850," says director of marketing and communications Michael Shanahan. Built in 1984, the *Californian* is 145 feet long, weighs 130 tons, and boasts 9 sails composed of 7000 square feet of canvas. "[The revenue cutters] were smaller, faster, and heavily armed so they could chase down slower, larger merchant ships." Sutherland describes the revenue service as "A combination between the Coast Guard and the IRS."

"As far as we know, there weren't any ship-to-ship cannon battles in San Diego Bay in the 19th Century, so we are not reenacting a specific battle," explains Shanahan. However, it is plausible that revenue cutters might have had run-ins with privateers (privately owned ships that, during times of war, were authorized by the government to attack and capture enemy

vessels). It would be in a privateer captain's interest to avoid paying the taxes revenue cutters set out to collect.

The *Lynx*, based in Newport Beach, is a replica of a privateer ship of the same name that was built in 1812. According to privateerlynx.org, the *Lynx* "was among the first ships to defend American freedom by evading the British naval fleet, then blockading American ports."

The crew onboard the *Lynx* will wear period costumes, but the *Californian's* crew will not. "We're sailing with volunteers," says Sutherland, who explains that of approximately 75 people available, only 6 to 12 will compose a crew at any given time. "We ask our volunteers for so much of their time, [we wouldn't] then ask them to buy their own costumes. The *Lynx* is a set crew, a hired crew — they can [easily] wardrobe those people...[but] it's just really difficult for us to do. We try not to misrepresent history as much as we can. If we're not going to be able to do it right, we'd rather not do it." Appropriate costumes for the period would have included "fancy headgear and brass buttons," Sutherland says. "When they came out on deck, they were dressed to the nines in full regalia, not in torn-up clothes."

Up to 40 spectators will be invited onto each ship and given the opportunity to participate in the battle. "They'll smell the black powder and see the flashes of the guns," Shanahan says. "Both crews encourage people to get involved in the sailing of the ship, learning how to haul lines and maybe take a chance at the helm."

"This is not rehearsed," says Sutherland, whose favorite aspect of the battle is



The Lynx

strategy. "This is not 'Tom Sawyer's Island,' where the boats are on tracks. You get different currents at different times of the day that can push the boats in different directions, and the wind conditions can change in 15 minutes. Once the first shot is fired, there are no rules."

Each of the *Californian's* four six-pound guns fires half a pound of black powder. "It's a rather violent explosion; earplugs are a must," Sutherland explains that in historical battles, such as the Battle of Trafalgar, which was fought between the English and the French in 1805, the guns were loaded with a variety of shot. "There could have been a round shot [like an iron or steel ball] or a grapeshot [a cluster of smaller such balls]. They fired chain shot, or two round shots connected with a chain. This would rip big holes in sails and rip out the rigging. The purpose of naval battle is not to necessarily sink your enemy's ship, but to strategically put them in a position to disable them and then take

their vessel as a prize."

Sutherland looks forward to his battle with the *Lynx*. "We try to treat these [battles] as though they would have been actual naval engagements by trying to take out a bow or stern, which causes [the most] damage. If you take out the stern, they lose the rudder and the ability to steer; it could possibly kill the captain. We'll be maneuvering around, chasing each other, taking a lot of turns. It's so much fun with the *Lynx* because we're similarly sized and similarly rigged."

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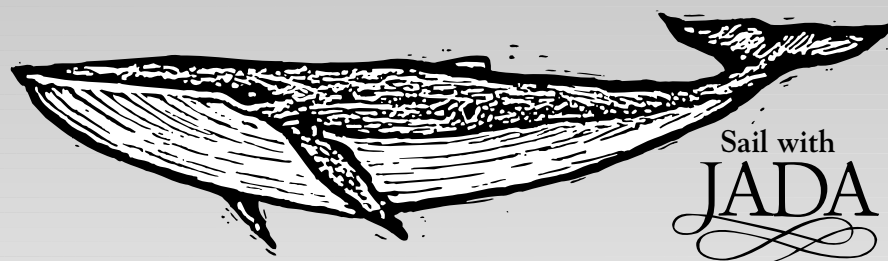
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BAJA

Penderecki String Quartet from Poland plans concert Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., in Teatro Benito Juárez. \$10 U.S. 011-52-646-176-3005. (ENSENADA)

Mexican Country Music promised when Joel Higuera performs Friday, February 3, 11 p.m., at Las Pulgas Club (on Avenida Revolución). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

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Anthony Papas in concert, Friday, February 3, 9 p.m., at Tangeloo Club (Avenida Monterrey and Boulevard Agua Caliente). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

An Opera Concert is planned by Ensemble Lírico Juvenil at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira) on Saturday, February 4, 8 p.m. 011-52-664-105-1215. \$10 U.S. (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. Monday–Wednesday, 6 and 9 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8, \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Fuerzas de la Naturaleza, Tiburones, Oasis Marino*. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street,

Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Big Waves and Wild Surf occurring four to five weeks ago have left a temporary legacy of area beaches partially or wholly denuded of sand. Normally, winter wave action pulls sand off the beaches and deposits it offshore, leaving behind beds of rocks and cobbles. This year the winter waves have packed an added punch. During the spring and summer, gentle wave action returns much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of the summer tourists. Artificial sand-replenishment projects are often in the works as well, whereby sand dredged from shallow waters offshore is transported back to the shoreline.

The Sun Strides North in February, swinging higher across the sky each successive day. Already quite noticeable is the change in the time of sunset, currently almost a minute later per day, and sunrise, currently almost a minute earlier per day.

Groundhog Day comes Thursday, February 2. If the sleepy woodchuck sees his shadow, so the story goes, he’ll hole up for another six weeks of winter cold. None of this means much in San Diego, where a February warm

spell can easily push the thermometer into the 80s.

Ornamental Pear Trees are bursting into bloom all over town. The thousands of white blossoms appear in sheets and clusters, rather like snow when viewed from a distance. Nice specimens can be seen along Lake Murray Boulevard, along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between Highway 163 and Interstate 15, and in parts of downtown San Diego.

Willows and Brush in Riverbed along Sweetwater River are home to variety of bird species; explore spot with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, February 4, 8 a.m. Walk starts in far northwest corner of Plaza Bonita parking area. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Free. 619-280-7710. (BONITA)

Trail Restoration and maintenance planned Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m.–noon, at Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation nature center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Weed and Water Willowy Monardella Plants in López Canyon area of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Bring weed tools or use those provided. Meet at López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. Bring water, hiking boots. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, February 4, 8–10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m., from visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, February 4, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Help Rescue Wildlife in trouble with Wildlife Assist. Volunteer recruiting sessions on Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, February 5, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Help Maintain a Nesting Site for California least terns during volunteer work party, Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m., at Mariner’s Point. Wear work clothes, bring work gloves, weeding tools if you have

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Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including February 5, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

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Migrating Winter Birds Sought when naturalist Tom Lyon leads easy three-hour bird walk, Tuesday, February 7, in Daley Ranch. Bring binoculars, join

group in main parking lot on La Honda Drive at 8 a.m. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Nature Stroll at Old Mission Dam designed for those with limited mobility and others, Tuesday, February 7, 10 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park, Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Focus on history of dam, park ecology, interaction of local plants, animals, the elements. Wheelchair friendly. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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World-Beat Music and Dance, Damaru makes music for Thalia, Afro-Brazilian dance by Irene, Thursday, February 2, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Cross-Step Waltz featured during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, February 3, 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)

Calling All Jitterbugs! Cafe-Savoy Dance Productions hosts dance, Friday, February 3, at Jitterbox (at Kava Gallery, 2804 Kettner Boulevard). Jitterbug/Lindy lessons at 8:45 p.m.; open dancing 9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. Guest DJ is Tammy Francis of *Swivel* magazine. All ages. \$7. 858-395-6060. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance to music by Lime in the Harp, calling by Steve Barlow, Friday, February 3, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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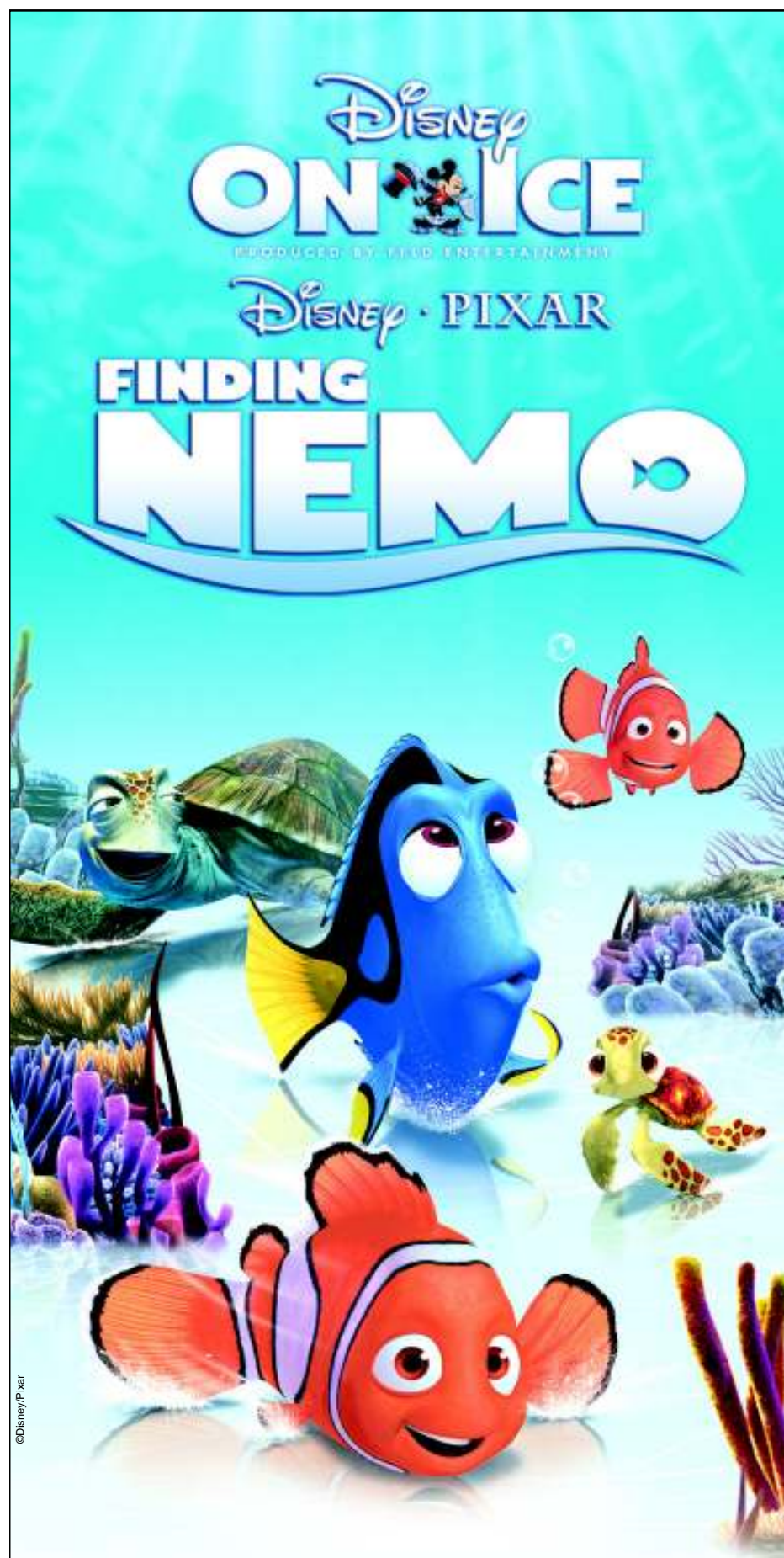
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Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 4; 2 p.m. on Sundays, February 5, 12, 19; 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, February 11 and 18. Tickets: \$7, \$10. Reservations: 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

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English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). On February 5, expect "all available callers" and live music, starting at 7 p.m. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Tea Dance, 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, at Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). DJ: Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. First Sunday of each month. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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"Loving Hearts" is theme for Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael, Mon-

day, February 6, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). Live music. \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

Moreton Bay Fig Morris Dancers offer introductory lesson for new Morris dancers, Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Free. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including February 7, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8 to 10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Wednesday-Night Club, dance break for West Coast swing, New York hustle, plus ballroom and social dance mix, February 8, 7–11 p.m., at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (upstairs above Valley Tavern, 875 Hotel Circle South). \$8. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Winter Dance Concerts with dancing in variety of styles planned by dancers, faculty choreographers at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, Wednesday–Friday, February 8–10, 7 p.m., in Florence Johnson Grand Theatre (2425 Dusk Drive); \$7. Box office: 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

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"Freedom on My Mind" chronicles history of Mississippi voter registration struggles 1961–1964. Sweeping panorama of turbulent time is shown for Sunday Matinee on February 5, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, February 5, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world

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"Jericho's Echo: Punk Rock in the Holy Land" screens for Not Quite Kosher Film Festival, Thursday, February 9, in San Diego State University's Aztec Athletic Center auditorium. Festival opens with

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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

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)

"Mark Newport: Superheroics," an exhibition including knitted costumes, photographs, inkjet prints, embroidered comic book covers — is on view in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Newton plans slide lecture on Friday, February 3, 6 p.m., in room 412 at SDSU's School of Art, Design, and Art History. Free. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"Race, Gender, and the Civil War in American Painting" illuminated by Pomona College art history professor Frances Pohl for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday, February 3, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Predators Past and Present — Saber Toths and Mountain Lions" compared by scientists Walter Boyce, Christopher Shaw, Saturday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center, for Anza-Borrego Institute. \$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Make a Washi Box for Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 4, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Participants make two kinds of boxes, stuff some chocolates. \$25. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

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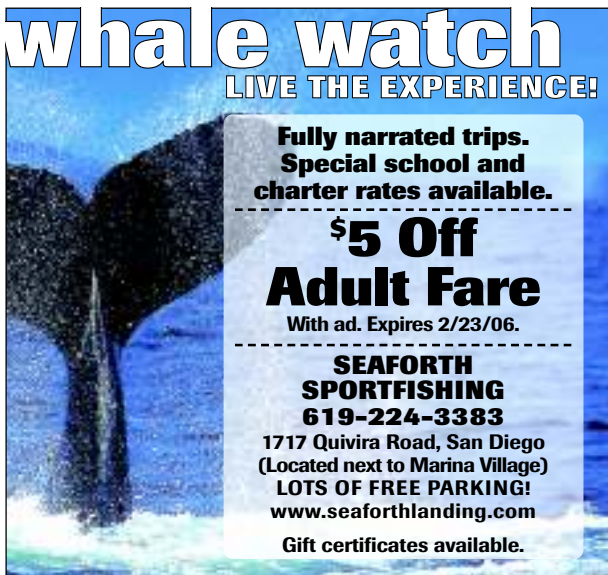
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"The Art of Soap Making" illuminated Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m., at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead (12655 Sunset Drive). Free. 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

"Tango: The Art History of Love" — Yale University professor and African art and culture historian Robert Farris Thompson traces roots of Argentine tango to Afro-Argentines, back to central African kingdom of Kongo, Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. He'll be joined by tango artists Todd Martin, Marizabel Arango for lecture/demonstration. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Pastel Painting Skills and knowledge shared by artist Marilyn Grame when Pastel Society of San Diego gathers, Sunday, February 5, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-470-7117. (MISSION VALLEY)



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"Submarines at the North Pole" chronicled by Vice Admiral John Nicholson for ongoing "Undersea Stories: Submarines Through History" series, Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., aboard ferryboat *Berkeley* at San Diego Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive). He served on USS *Nautilus*, first U.S. Navy submarine to reach North Pole, in 1958, among other polar voyages. \$10. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

"Women in the Wilderness," clinics presented by Carol Evans at Adventure 16 stores at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 6, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374) and on Tuesday, February 7, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free. (MISSION VALLEY, OCEANSIDE)

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

"How to Listen to Jazz" imparted by jazz pianist Mike Wofford, Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Wofford has performed with Chet Baker, Shelly Manne, Joe Pass, other notables. \$17 general. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Living with Flowers" is subject when floral designer Aenne Carver addresses, demonstrates her expertise for Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209.

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Aniruddh Patel of Neurosciences Institute, Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Writing as Vocation” is theme for 11th annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Program boasts Barbara Brown Taylor (9:45 a.m.) on Wednesday, February 8, as well as “A Conversation with Gary Hart” at 3 p.m. (free).

“A Conversation with Barbara Brown Taylor” is planned Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m. (\$10). On Friday, February 10, speakers include Donald Miller (9:45 a.m.), followed by booksigning and “Conversation with Donald Miller” at 2:30 p.m. (\$10). Frederica Mathewes-Green is on program for Saturday, February 11, 10:45 a.m. (free). 619-849-2695. (POINT LOMA)

The History of African-Americans in San Diego, from Spanish era to the present examined by historian Karen Huff, chair of Black Historical Society of San Diego, Thursday, February 9, 3 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Free. 858-756-2512. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Artists from Lucia di Lammermoor participate in Artists’ Round Table — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Use of Words and Language is hallmark of work by artist Jenny Holzer, who presents art talk, Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$5. 858-454-3541 x119. (LA JOLLA)

“Tastes in Asian Art” explored by Asian art curator Yi-Li Kao for Insight Gallery Talks, Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Little remains of the century-old, redwood-planked flume (aqueduct) that once brought the waters of the Cuyamaca Mountains to Grossmont Summit and farther west. Much of the flume’s 36-mile-long grade is hard to identify, since no fill dirt was used to maintain the flume’s uniform fall of 4 feet, 8 inches to the mile. Instead, workers employed numerous cuts, several tunnels, and more than



300 trestles. The completion and filling of El Capitan Reservoir in the 1930s put an end to the flume’s usefulness. The 9 million board-feet of lumber used for the flume itself and for the trestles were scavenged a long time ago.

A 3.5-mile section of the flume’s near-flat earthen grade along the east shore of El Capitan Reservoir is easily visible to the eye, and fairly easy to follow, once you are actually on it. A pleasant surprise awaits hikers at the far end of this stretch.

Start at the concession area of El Capitan Reservoir, at the far-east end of El Monte Road, east of Lakeside. The reservoir is open sunrise to sunset, Friday through Sunday only, beginning on February 3 (visit www.sandiego.gov/water/recreation/ for more information). A day-use fee is charged on entry to the reservoir area. Be sure to take plenty of drinking water on your trek, especially if the day is warm and sunny.

Your first and most difficult task is to flounder across the muddy bottom of the reservoir near its south end, where the waters of Chocolate Canyon and a smaller stream flowing downward from Peutz Valley enter the south arm of the reservoir. These two creek crossings were only slightly foot-wetting a couple of weeks ago — but soaking rains later this winter could induce more runoff, and water levels in the reservoir could rise, making the task more difficult.

Aim for the flat “shelf” cut into the hillside east of the lake just above the high-water line. The redwood structure of the flume followed this nearly flat bed. Continue north and east for more than three miles on a trail moderately overgrown by weedy grasses that have sprouted up since the 2003 Cedar Fire. As you get

closer to Conejos Creek, there are detours where the path darts above or below the original level of the flume. The footing there may be treacherous. When you reach the spot where the flume grade crosses Conejos Creek, you’ll

2.5 years into their recovery cycle following the Cedar Fire.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can

EL CAPITAN RESERVOIR

Ramble along the shore of El Capitan Reservoir, tracing the route of one of San Diego’s early water-delivery systems.

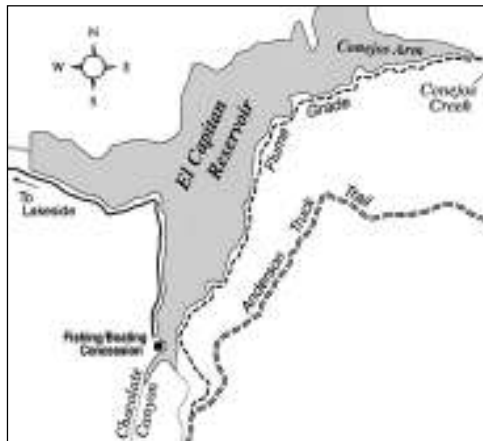
Distance from downtown San Diego: 30 miles

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Hiking difficulty: Moderately strenuous

discover a sublime sylvan scene, with water darting over and around boulders and century-old masonry associated with the flume. The trees and low-growing vegetation here are about

change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any detrimental experience.



of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Future of Air Transportation in our region discussed during town hall meeting with presenters Joe W. Craver and Thella F. Bowens, Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Discussion, question and answer, exhibits. Free. 619-400-2470. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Multiple Personalities: The Four Careers of Two Photographers” offered Thursday, February 9, at Zelman Studio (2308-C Kettner Boulevard). Photographers Todd Johnson and John Mireles will show photos and discuss careers in advertising and wedding photography. \$15. Required reservations: 619-417-2150. (LITTLE ITALY)

No Rope, No Net! “No Strings Attached” slide show by free solo rock

climber Michael Reardon, Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m., REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

“Vertebrate Paleontology of the Anza-Borrego Desert” is subject for class on Thursday, February 9 (6:30 p.m.), and Saturday, February 11 (9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.), at San Diego Natural History Museum. Tours of fossil collections, visit to fossil sites, more. \$75. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

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)

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)

Busy on Thursday? Bluestein will also sign and talk about *High School*, Friday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

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)

The Jazz Combo Sound Investment plays instrumental and vocal music from big-band era for First Thursday Concert on February 2, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library’s Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Mainstream Comedy for those 21 and older, Friday, February 3, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). \$10. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Carl Janelli Sax Quartet performs Saturday, February 4, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). 760-438-5996. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Tim Flannery and Friends in concert, Saturday, February 4, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Former Padre baseball player, coach serenades audiences with Celtic and folk music. Tickets: \$20–\$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Debut Science Fiction Author David Kalstein signs, discusses *Prodigy*, Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Spirit Medium, author Linda Pyntaker signs *Make It Happen! Use Your Intuition and Spirals* and presents “Channel Your Spirit Guide,” Saturday, February 4, 2:30 p.m., at Home and

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Soul Bookstore (8036 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-465-3100. (LA MESA)

Author Stuart Rider discusses, signs *Millionaire Homeowner*, Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue; 619-702-7420). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Molly's Revenge plays for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Latin Jazz and World Music promised when Calima performs Saturday, February 4, 8 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (90 North Coast Highway). \$8. 760-944-6027. (ENCINITAS)

"Portrait of a Chairman," tribute to songs, music of Frank Sinatra by Gilbert Guathier — "who not only looks like the performer, he has captured Sinatra's voice and mannerisms as well" — Saturday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., at San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). \$18, \$22. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

The Musical Duo Rasa plans appearances on February 4 and 5 at Yoga Fusion (5632 La Jolla Boulevard). Saturday's concert begins at 8 p.m.; \$20. On Sunday, starting at 7:30 p.m., enjoy concert, sound meditation, vegan Indian dinner from Kung Food; \$25. 858-459-YOGA. (LA JOLLA)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with Brian Benham, Michael Yugo, Janice Watkins, and Heather Baker on Sunday, February 5, 4-7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: \$3, benefiting music programs in Escondido Union School District. 760-747-1882. Group convenes each Sunday in February. (ESCONDIDO)

Paraguayan Harpist José Smith plans mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 6, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Donald Margulies Comedy *Brooklyn Boy* is presented during staged reading by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Latin and South American Jazz and world music performed by Marta Topferova for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, February 7 (\$20); Alex DeGrassi takes stage on Thursday, February 9 (\$22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

North County Cowboys take stage for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

"Why Do I Love These People?" Author Po Bronson (*What Should I Do With My Life*) discusses and signs his latest book, Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Songs by Rodgers and Hart performed by soprano Kathy Savastio and pianist John Danke, Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

Sprawling Blues, Roots, and Rock! Matt Anderson in concert, Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$8 at door. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Best-Selling Mystery Author Robert B. Parker visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont

OUT & ABOUT

CANNON BATTLES

on San Diego Bay by *Privateer Lynx* and *Californian*, February 4, 5, 11, 12.

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Mesa Boulevard) to sign, discuss fifth Jesse Stone novel, *Sea Change*. Meet Parker Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Poetri Where? Tony Award-winning spoken-word poet Poetri "touches people" with his "unique style of reciting everyday experiences in prose." He'll perform Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Twin Talk, Nancy Segal signs and discusses *Indivisible by Two*, Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Former Marine Corps Fighter Pilot Jay Stout discusses launch of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" in 2003 and signs *Hammer from Above: Marine Air Combat over Iraq*, Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). He'll be joined by Marines featured in the book. Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"Poets Respond to the Permanent Collection" — the poets in

question are David Antin and Eileen Myles — Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Anonymous World Is Transformed into "a place of hope and connection" in Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam," hitting the blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau at Del Mar Fairgrounds, through February 26. Production offers combination of acrobatic artistry, technical expertise, music "woven into...an emotional dramatic thread."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 4 p.m. matinees on Saturday, 1 and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$35-\$70 general, \$24.50-\$49 for children, \$31.50-\$63 for students, seniors, all available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

Race Judicata, California Western School of Law hosts event benefiting UCSD Cancer Research Center, Saturday, February 4. The 5k run/walk starts at 8 a.m. (regis-

tration at 7 a.m.) at De Anza Cove (3000 East Mission Bay Drive). Race followed by three-on-three basketball tournament, 9 a.m. 619-515-1351. (MISSION BAY)

Bicycle to Fallbrook with Knickerbiker riders on Saturday, February 4. The 50-miler for "sports riders" starts at 9 a.m. in Oceanside Harbor parking lot (east of railroad track, through tunnel). Bring money for lunch in Fallbrook. 619-255-2890. (OCEANSIDE)

Lake Hodges Beginning Kayak Paddle sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m.-noon. Paddle around and discover the lake! \$65 general, \$20 per child aged 6 through 12 paddling in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Super Run 2006, 25th annual Super Run with 10k run (7:30 a.m.) and 5k run/walk (7:35), Saturday, February 4, at South Shores Park (located east of Sea World). 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

NSSA Explorer Open Season #7 Surf competition takes place Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, 6:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m., at

Oceanside Harbor south jetty. Free for spectators. 714-378-0899. (OCEANSIDE)

Bonsall Blast, take an 82-mile "flat ride with small hills" with Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists, Sunday, February 5. Ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch in Bonsall. 858-277-7499. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

I.S.F. Coastal High School Surf Team Competition, Sunday, February 5, at Seaside Reef. 760-931-1450. Free for spectators. (CARDIFF)

Whale Watching by Kayak — three-hour guided tours "in the gray whale migration channel" offered by Agua Adventures through March, departing La Jolla Shores daily at 9 a.m. \$65. Reservations: 523-9577. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

SPECIAL

57th Annual Jamboree by the Sea hosted by Palomar Square-Dance Association, February 3-5, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Featured callers: Gary Shoemaker, Marshall Flippo, Ken Bower, Wil Eades; featured cuers: Milo and Terry Molitoris, Dave and Dorothy Draper. Hours: 6-11 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-midnight Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Fees depend upon day. 858-486-1691, 760-726-9478. (DEL MAR)

Theatre of the World Festival is presented at venues in Performing Arts Plaza at San Diego State University, February 3 and 4. Program boasts theater, film, dance, music, puppetry, stiltwalking, art projects. See award-winning children's films from *The Short List* showcase, as well as San Diego premiere of new film *The Blue Butterfly*.

Festival opens with performances on Friday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m., continues 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, February 4. Tickets: \$6; all-day passes, \$20; family passes, \$50. 619-594-6884. (SDSU)

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Czech Author Josef Skvorecky's *Emoke* examined when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Camellia Society Show, Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Cannon Battles on San Diego Bay by *Privateer Lynx* and revenue cutter *Californian*, Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5 (and February 11, 12), 1-4 p.m. "Experience combat at sea in the age of sail," for \$50 general, \$25 for those 12 and younger. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Cymbidium Auction, Saturday, February 4, noon-4 p.m., hosted by San Diego County Cymbidium Society at Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Lots of plants on the block. Free admission. 760-722-5599. (CARLSBAD)

Intro to Gull Identification, class and field trip offered February 4, 5, and 12 by San Diego Natural History Museum. End your confusion about gull identification! \$35 fee includes van transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Open Studio/Life Drawing and Painting offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring oil paints, acrylics, charcoal, pencils to work with live model. Sessions begin with a few short poses, followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

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Come up from the fields father, here's a letter from our Pete,
And come to the front door mother, here's a letter from thy dear son.

Lo, 'tis autumn,
Lo, where the trees, deeper green, yellower and redder,
Cool and sweeten Ohio's villages with leaves fluttering in the moderate wind,
Where apples ripe in the orchards hang and grapes on the trellis'd vines,
(Smell you the smell of the grapes on the vines?)
Smell you the buckwheat where the bees were lately buzzing?)

Above all, lo, the sky so calm, so transparent after the rain,
and with wondrous clouds,
Below too, all calm, all vital and beautiful, and the farm prospers well.

Down in the fields all prospers well,
But now from the fields come father, come at the daughter's call,
And come to the entry mother, to the front door come right away.

Fast as she can she hurries, something ominous, her steps trembling,
She does not tarry to smooth her hair nor adjust her cap.

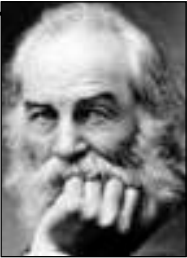
Open the envelope quickly,
O this is not our son's writing, yet his name is sign'd,
O a strange hand writes for our dear son, O stricken mother's soul!

All swims before her eyes, flashes with black, she catches the main words only,
Sentences broken, *gunshot wound in the breast, cavalry skirmish, taken to hospital,*
At present low, but will soon be better.

Ah now the single figure to me,
Amid all teeming and wealthy Ohio with all its cities and farms,
Sickly white in the face and dull in the head, very faint,
By the jamb of a door leans.

*Grieve not so, dear mother, (the just-grown daughter speaks through her sobs,
The little sisters huddle around speechless and dismay'd,
See, dearest mother, the letter says Pete will soon be better.
Alas poor boy, he will never be better, (nor may-be needs to be better, that brave and simple soul,
While they stand at home at the door he is dead already,
The only son is dead.*

But the mother needs to be better,
She with thin form presently drest in black,
By day her meals untouched, then at night fitfully sleeping, often waking,
In the midnight waking, weeping, longing with one deep longing,
O that she might withdraw unnoticed, silent from life escape and withdraw,
To follow, to seek, to be with her dear dead son.



Walt Whitman

— Walt Whitman

history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, February 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Ghost Tours led by "ghost hunter" Michael Brown around Old Town, Thursday through Sunday each week, 9-10:30 p.m. Stories "based on research and photos"; sites include Schillers Bookstore, Jolly Boy Saloon, Casa Machado, Whaley House, Seeley Stables, more. \$19. 619-297-3100 x20. (OLD TOWN)

"Scrabble-Thon," Saturday, February 4, beginning at 9 a.m. at Emmanuel Faith Community Church (registration: 8 a.m.). Tournament for adult and high school players. Fee: \$100 per team, \$30 for adults, \$25 for youths. 760-747-2233. (ESCONDIDO)

Craft Club, group gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, February 6, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Discuss Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*, book IIa, when San Diego Philosophy Reading Group meets

Monday, February 6, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. Newcomers welcome. 619-291-5754. (HILLCREST)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Sohya Ayako Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Reconceptualizing Blackness: The Black Arts Movement and Beyond" is subject for book discussion series commencing with look at LeRoi Jones/Amiri Baraka's book *The Dutchman*. UCSD professor Camille Forbes leads discussions, beginning Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

Channeling of Archangel Gabriel planned by Armand L. Archambeault, Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Discussion, soul readings by Archambeault. \$10. 760-743-1616. (ESCONDIDO)

Tenth Annual San Diego Bird Festival, celebration of birds making homes in San Diego County hosted by San Diego Audubon Society runs February 9-12. Field trips, lectures ("Raptor Rap," "Optics Workshop," "Bird Calling," "Backyard Habitats," "Let's Go Pelagic Birding"), programs for children, exhibit and vendor fair (February 11 and 12, Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Pacific Beach). 619-682-7200. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Chinese New Year Global Gala with "Myths and Legends" theme, Thursday, February 9, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program blends Chinese and Western performances —

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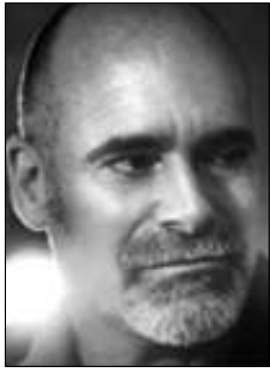
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Reading

The Bill from My Father: A Memoir



Bernard Cooper

By Bernard Cooper
Simon & Schuster, 2006; 240 pages;
\$24

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Bernard Cooper's new memoir is searing, soulful, and filled with uncommon psychological nuance and laugh-out-loud humor. Like Tobias Wolff's *This Boy's Life*, Cooper's account of growing up and coming to terms with a bewildering father is a triumph of contemporary autobiography.

Edward Cooper is a hard man to know. Dour and exuberant by turns, his moods dictate the always uncertain climate of the Cooper household. Of course as literary muses go, Edward Cooper seems an exceedingly unlikely one: balding, octogenarian, and partial to a polyester jumpsuit. But to his son he looms larger than life, an overwhelming and baffling presence who has long informed the themes of Bernard Cooper's writing.

As *The Bill from My Father* begins, Bernard and his father find themselves the last remaining members of the family. Edward is slowly sliding into dementia. As the author attempts, with his father's help, to forge a coherent picture of the Cooper family history, he discovers in the family records some peculiar documents and recalls a bill his father once sent him for his upbringing: an itemized invoice for

two million dollars. Here, the author affords readers a painful glimpse into Edward's ambivalent regard for his son — and establishes a springboard from which this deeply intelligent memoir takes flight.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Cooper, whose *Maps to Anywhere* won the PEN/Ernest Hemingway Award, crafts a brusquely tender elegy to his baffling father, Edward.... Edward was a blustery Los Angeles divorce lawyer with a flair for drama in and out of court. Circling from recent to distant past, Cooper recalls his utter bewilderment at his father's ill-advised imbroglíos, which included an affair with his father's evangelical nurse and a lawsuit against the phone company.... Stirring yet never saccharine, this memoir excavates a fraught history without once collapsing into cliché. As much as Cooper seeks truth, he finally grows comfortable in the shadowy depths of his father's legacy. "By delving into the riddle of him, I hoped to

know his mystery by finer degrees."

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Bernard Cooper was born in Hollywood in 1951. Mr. Cooper and his longtime partner, Brian, live about a four-minute drive from the house in which Cooper grew up. Other than several years studying architecture in New York, Cooper has lived most of his life in Hollywood, he laughed. "I've lived here all my life pretty much. Actually people still say 'I didn't know anyone was from Hollywood.' It's understandable since Hollywood seems to be this kind of mecca that people migrate to — but there are natives. I've always loved this, the California natives are called 'prune faces.' At least according to my mother, a very reliable source. But anyway, people are astonished if I tell them I'm from Hollywood. They say, 'I thought you were from New York or from the East Coast.' What's behind that is the kind of underlying prejudice that anyone born in Hollywood cannot put two words together."

"How did you become so obsessed with your father as a literary subject?"

"I think it has to do with the fact that he was so unpredictable. If you grow up with someone and you can never predict how they will react from one minute to the next, what they will say, what turns their logic will take, you have to become obsessed."

"In order to stay alive."

"Exactly. It's, in a sense, to protect yourself, to protect your own sense of reality, your sense of the way the world works or doesn't work. I ended up as a kid paying lots of attention to my father because of this unpredictability. As time went on, there were so many periods of fondness and estrangement that I was either concerned with reconciling or with making peace with the fact that we were not speaking to each other. The fact that our relationship was so often in flux hooked me into overriding concern about him. Also, he was so tight-lipped about his past. So he was always a mystery.

"There are some books that

come upon you fast and you take their measure quickly. It's like taking a snapshot and then you go with that. And there are other books that have just been building up, year after year after year. I've written about my father before but somehow the material in this book, and it's not the material, the approach felt like something I had saved up for — not consciously, but that had been stored away my entire life."

Mr. Cooper's father always entertained at a restaurant called The Brass Pan. "Why?," I asked.

"It was The Brown Derby. Not the one that was in Hollywood, on Wilshire Boulevard. I guess The Brown Derby was a chain at some point, but it was for a very short time, it's had various incarnations. But even when it was no longer The Brown Derby it had everything that would be considered 'elegant' for a restaurant. Red leatherette, carpets, some walls with gold veined mirror, fake paintings of Degas dancers. What more could you ask for? You got your steak, your artificial flowers."

"What did you learn from

"The fact that our relationship was so often in flux hooked me into overriding concern about him."

song, drama, dance, humor. Tickets: \$35–\$75. Reservations: 888-880-0327 (in English), 442-2097 (in Chinese). (ESCONDIDO)

40th Annual Local Authors Exhibit is on view through February at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

February Is Museum Month — with half-price admission offered at 30 area museums. Museum month passes are free at all county Robinson's-May stores. 619-276-0101. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"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)

Witness the Gray Whale Migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions through Friday, March 31. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 weekdays, \$30 weekends for

adults, \$15 for those 4–12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

FOR KIDS

Plunge Into a Lucky Clownfish's World when "Disney/Pixar's Finding Nemo" is offered February 2–5 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. on 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 Sunday. Tickets: \$15.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Favorites" presented by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, February 5, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Puppet Express performs *Cinderella*, February 8–12.

Show hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sun-

day. Find the theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

"S Is for Shark" program for kids three and four years old and their chaperones at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Friday, February 3, 9:30 a.m. Scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. \$30 per adult/child pair. Aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Program repeats February 11, 19. (LA JOLLA)

"The Beat Goes On" during San Diego Symphony Family Festival, Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Comedian Heidi Joyce brings her sense of fun to concert, including pieces by Khatchaturian, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Glière, others. Tickets: \$12–22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Create Super Art during "Super Art Bowl Sunday," February 5, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Participants may watch game, make unique items with weaving, other methods. Included in regular museum admis-

sion (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Sea Strollers: Eyes" is theme when "A, B, Sea Club" for kids up to 24 months meets 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday–Friday, February 7–10, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Class includes aquarium exhibits, live animal encounter, free play. \$25 per adult/child pair. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Vamints provide theme for story times planned at Borders Books and Music shops this week. Listen to tales on Saturday, February 4, 4 p.m., at Gaslamp Borders (668 Sixth Avenue, 619-702-7420); at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, Carlsbad Borders (1905 Calle Barcelona, 760-479-0242); at 3:30 p.m. on 7th at El Cajon Borders (159 Fletcher Parkway, 619-593-5119). Stories told on Wednesday, February 8, at 10:30 a.m., at Borders at 1072 Camino del Rio North (619-295-2201) and at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive (858-618-1814). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER, LA COSTA, EL CAJON, MISSION VALLEY, CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Pick Me Up: The Art of Chinese Baskets," on view through Wednesday, March 1, features numerous hand-woven pieces of this ancient Chinese art form.

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

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

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, func-

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your father about how to be a man?"

"Well, one of the things I definitely learned from him is strange. He would get offended if one wasn't wildly amused by his sense of humor. We would work at humoring him, but I have to say he was zany. That's something I liked about him very much. In some ways he didn't care if he made a fool of himself.

"He would do things that were inventive with his humor. I didn't write about this in the book because I had written about it before, but he had this running joke, which was whenever we'd go to a restaurant and the host or the hostess would say, 'Walk this way,' he would imitate the way he or she walked. He was a Three Stooges kind of guy. He loved that kind of humor —

crass, physical humor. I've come to love it myself. I used to think it was lowbrow humor."

"He must have worked hard to get a law degree and start up a practice."

"Well, he did. He did. He got his law degree, it turns out, in Oklahoma, which for reasons I'm not clear is called the easiest state to get your license in. But he did work hard, and it's funny because I think a lot of what happened to my father comes under the category of 'occupational hazard,' like his weariness with the way people will exploit or deceive one another. It was good for him as an attorney. It was detrimental to him as a father. Traits that served him well as a lawyer were later in life magnified into a kind of rationality or paranoia, suspicion, attitudes that I think got him in trouble."

Mr. Cooper's father died in 2000. "Do you miss him?"

"It's funny — the longest period of estrangement came close to his death. I have to say that I was hurt by this three-year estrangement, during which time he sold his house and moved into his trailer with his quote 'nurse' unquote. It had been so hard for me that I think I had gotten to the point where I was too wary to ever get close to him again. I have to say that — this is

hard to admit — but when his behavior took a turn for the worse, when it became qualified as 'geriatric dementia,' in a funny way, it was a relief that he, at that point, didn't expect anything from me. He was also in a state where he was suspicious of anyone that tried to help him. 'Trying to help him' automatically qualified you for suspicion. There was a kind of remoteness between us at the end."

I said that I felt "there's something Beckett-like about the book — the whole world projected on this strange old man in this polyester jumpsuit with stains on it."

"Let me back up a second. One of my deepest fears and most difficult reckonings is that I'm afraid of being alone and old. I think it's a very primal, basic fear. I've been very afraid that I'll end up like my father. I'm also trying to accept the fact that in many, many ways I am exactly like my father and the kind of conflict — the conflict between those two states — is a conflict that fueled the book. It's a hard thing to describe because — well it's a hard thing to do because in order to talk about a parent..."

"The parent has to be dead."

"Exactly. You have to stand back and look at them objectively. But at the same time, I was feeling that every time I

stood back to look at him objectively, what I would notice was myself. So it was this strange kind of understanding which I'd pretty much been resisting all my life that I am prone to the same irrationality, the same frailties, the same fears. A part of me used to look at that in him and think, 'My God, he's suffered so much loss, how can he not be fighting tooth and nail for some connection to other people, and specifically to me.' Because I was open to a connection.

"On the other hand, I've experienced losses in my life. I can understand how one gets to the point where you can think, 'No more, I can't take it.' And in a sense even do something to make the loss preemptive. Where you intentionally cut yourself off from people in order not to have to bear the pain of losing people."

"He was such a Beckett character."

"I had not thought about that, but you're absolutely right. There is a kind of existential impoverishment in his character.

"One of the things that was strange about my father, and this was true ever since I can remember, is that I would often talk about what an eccentric guy he was, and he always — at least in the shelter of the house and within the family — showed his

"It had been so hard for me that I think I had gotten to the point where I was too wary to ever get close to him again."

more brooding irrational side.

"If I ever brought people home — a friend in whom I'd confided about my father and his moodiness — they would meet this jovial guy. That remained true all my life. Except with people who met him more than once. They eventually got it. The first time you met him you might be surprised. And you might think, 'Oh, Bernie wrote a nice novel here,' but the second or third time you would have realized that it is a memoir.

"One of the things that was very strange about this book is I knew that even after he died, the story would not be finished and the book would go on. It seemed that even if it wasn't about actual repercussions of his death, there are these psychic repercussions. The pebble may be down at the bottom of the pond, but the waves are still rip-

pling ever outward."

I asked about the title.

"The title comes from one of the earliest chapters I wrote because I didn't write the book in order at the beginning. But I later put it into an order, got an idea of how it might be structured and wrote the rest of the book according to that structure. So that was kind of a seminal piece in the book, a chunk of the book. The other thing is that it seemed to be not only about my father rebelling against the world by not paying his bills, but also about what a son owes his father and vice-versa. It's about debt in different kinds of ways. There have been so many times where after my father hasn't spoken to me or has said something weird, I would say to Brian, 'But he's my father.'"

— Judith Moore

tion, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

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

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900-1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed,

a doctor's "house call" implementations, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent ex-

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

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of

North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

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

"Reflections" showcases rare

and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Sunday, September 24.

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

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at

museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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Paganini International Violin Competition Gold Medalist

Alexander Markov performs for chamber concert series on Friday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$30. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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 8 p.m. on Friday, February 3; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 5; 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8. Tickets range from \$27 to \$142. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

The Artemis String Quartet

plays selections by Mozart, Ligeti, and Schubert in concert on Saturday, February 4, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$34. 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

"The Beat Goes On" during San Diego Symphony Family Festival, Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Comedian Heidi Joyce brings her sense of fun to concert,

including pieces by Khatchaturian, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Glière, others. Tickets: \$12-\$22. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces

the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents its next series of concerts on Saturday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., at St. Gregory the Great (11451 Blue Cypress Drive) and on Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene (1945 Illion Street). Donation. 619-235-8067. (SCRIPPS RANCH, BAY PARK)

Organ Concert

by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, February 5, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Chopin's Final Pieces for Solo Piano

played by Aleck Karis, along with mazurkas, nocturnes, waltzes, the "Barcarolle," "Berceuse," and "Plonaise-Fantasia," Tuesday, February 7, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Recital Hall at Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Music by Krzysztof Penderecki, Debussy, and Mozart

promised when trombonists Jay Heltzer and Sean Reusch perform Thursday, February 9, 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)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series

boasts all-Mozart programs when Viennese pianist Paul Badura-Skoda performs. Selections include "Fantasy in D Minor," "Adagio in B Minor," "Fantasy in C Minor," "Sonata in C Minor," among others.

Enjoy concerts on Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., at Church of the Nativity (6309 El Apajo Road), \$35; and on Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), \$42.

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International Van Cliburn Piano Competition Winner

Alexander Kobrin makes California debut in concert hosted by La Jolla Chamber Music Society, Saturday, February 11, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum

of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25-\$75. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

You Hear It and You Get It is classical pianist Peter Gach's opinion of music by Frédéric Chopin. Gach presents an "All-Chopin" concert on Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Gach is celebrating 25 years as member of Palomar's music faculty. \$10. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

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GALLERIES

"Mark Newport: Super-heroes" — an exhibition including knitted costumes, photographs, inkjet prints, embroidered comic book covers — is on view through Wednesday, March 1, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Reception for Newport on Friday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., follows slide lecture by artist at 6 p.m. in room 412 at SDSU's School of Art, Design, and Art History. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"Isolated Gestures" by photographer Bil Zelman opens with reception on Friday, February 3, at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-235-6922. Through Friday, February 24. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tête-à-Tête," juried awards show of 90 water-media paintings is on exhibit through Saturday, February 25, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Walter Brunning. Meet artists during reception, Friday, February 3, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

First Friday celebrated with featured artist Paul Vauchet during reception, Friday, February 3, 6 p.m., at San Diego Visual Artists Guild (1098 Ninth Avenue). Through February. 858-869-7914. (DOWNTOWN)

"Permanence/Impermanence," Jennifer Anderson's master of fine arts thesis exhibition, opens with reception on Saturday, February 4, 6 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University (in lobby of fifth floor of art department building). Closes Thursday, February 9. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

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God, Not Mammon

A Medieval Suggestion for Clergy Reform
BY CHRISTOPHER ZEHNDER

To reform the Church, the Church must reform the clergy. This is the truth in a hierarchical institution, and the Church, as Vatican II points out, is hierarchical. But is the Church reforming the clergy? The year 2005 saw what seemed to be the beginnings of some sort of clerical reform. In September, the



Senator Boxer Calls for Revocation of Abortionist's License

Dr. Reich Has a 20-year History of Sexually Assaulting Patients

BY MARIA ELENA KENNEDY

Pro-abortion Senator Barbara Boxer has called upon the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to have abortionist Laurence Reich's osteopathic medical license removed. The call for action by Boxer was prompted by recent media revelations that Reich has been convicted of sexual molesting his patients. In a December 8th letter to Osteopathic Medical Board director Linda Bergmann, Boxer demanded that Reich's license be revoked immediately. "I believe that immediate action should be taken to suspend Dr. Laurence Reich's medical license until a full hearing is held and any legal cases against him are completed."



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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, plates, 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" 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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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Holy Vocals, Matisyahu

Matisyahu, a Hasidic Jew who sings reggae, played the Belly Up Tavern twice last year. Both shows sold out. Buoyed by his big radio hit "King

connected with the Sports Arena show, no songs by female artists may be played on the Sports Arena house PA sound system before or after Matisyahu's appearance.

Matisyahu's agent referred all questions to Shore Fire Media in New York. Last week, Michael LaVigne of Shore Fire sent an e-mail that read, "I can't address that

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MATISYAHU: RESPECTFUL, SEXIST OR BOTH?

Without a Crown," he returns February 20 for the Bob Marley Day Festival at the Sports Arena. But, according to contract demands for the concert, his religion may complicate logistics.

Born Matthew Miller, the 26-year-old dub-style singer is a member of the Lubavitch Hasidic Community based in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, New York. Last year, he told an interviewer that he does not appear onstage with female singers because his religion doesn't allow him to hear women sing. According to a person

directly, but from a religious standpoint, I can say that Matisyahu follows orthodox Jewish law, which states that a woman's singing voice is holy and that Jewish men may only hear the singing of women in their immediate family — wife, mother, sister."

— Ken Leighton

Done with Mirrors

When I heard the Beauty Bar was opening at the corner of El Cajon Boulevard and Euclid (the same place my convertible was carjacked at a stoplight), I thought I must have heard wrong. But the chain of salon-themed hotspots (with locales in Las Vegas, San Francisco, and New York) picked the location on purpose.

"We did the same thing in 2000 by opening a Beauty Bar in the worst part of Hollywood," says managing partner Johnny Nixon. "Since we glittered up the place, the neighborhood has improved, and the city has complimented us for reviving a run-down



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area [the city] had abandoned and was doing nothing with."

The new club at 4746 El Cajon Boulevard (formerly Recognize) is outfitted with black-and-white tile floors and '50s-type salon dome dryers, mirrors, and styling chairs. Bands will be able to use a dressing room that features a one-way mirror, "so groups can catch the crowd's act before the crowd catches theirs," says Nixon. Five-dollar cover on Fridays and Saturdays; the cost of a manicure and a cocktail is \$10.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Where's Devendra?

"No one has been able to explain to me how that happened yet," says Vetiver front man Andy Cabcic. He doesn't know why the Casbah billed Devendra Banhart as part of the lineup in promotions for the band's January 22 show. Vetiver, a rock collective based in San Francisco, has a rotating cast of musicians. Neo-folk solo artist Banhart has played with Vetiver in the past, but not on any dates on this tour.

"I e-mailed my booking agent, and he said he didn't tell anybody that," Cabcic says. "I think promoters like to sell tickets, and they know they'll

sell tickets really quickly if Devendra's name is on there...."

According to Casbah owner Tim Mays, "Vetiver's booking agent, Todd Cote, whom I have known and worked with for many, many years, said that we could advertise Devendra as a band member if we listed all of the other band members as well. This is the way the show was advertised on our website and also on our printed monthly calendar. [Other] ads, where space is limited, listed only Vetiver. A few days before the show, I checked with the booking agent to see if Devendra would be performing with the band. The agent was not sure whether he would be performing or not but thought that he would be because he was supposedly performing with them at a festival up the coast earlier the same



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEREMIAH GRIFFEY

VETIVER SEEKS EXPLANATION

weekend."

As Vetiver played, the crowd dwindled when more people realized Banhart wasn't there. When Cabcic acknowledged the misunderstanding four songs into the band's set, about 10 or 15 people left, but most of the crowd that remained cheered. A handful of people asked for their money back and Mays obliged.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Climax in Hillcrest "It's dirty, dingy, rocking metal full of comic-book adventures," says film director Matt Hoyt of Goblin Cock, the latest musical venture from Rob Crow (Pinback, Heavy Vegetable, etc.). "[Crow] wants people to buy into his mythical character of Lord Phallus...an Andy Kaufman-type character."

Hoyt directed the video for "Stumped." In the video, Goblin Cock members battle a local women's softball team.

"It's inferred they are all lesbians," says Hoyt, who found his softball team at the Golden Hill Rec Center. "They were non-actors. I thought they would realize some of the inherent comedy. But they were stone-faced during most of the shooting. I was put in the precarious position of having to be the guy who tells the lesbian softball team what to do. When I asked them to chew gum and look tough, I realized they didn't have to act."

In the video, a fight breaks out between the grim-reaper-looking Goblin Cocks and the softball team.

"The fight scene climaxes at a dead-end street in Hillcrest," says Hoyt. "Two robots suddenly emerge, holding a child hostage. The two groups merge to battle the robots and free the child."

Hoyt used to manage and book the all-age Soul Kitchen club in El Cajon ('94-'97). He graduated from San Francisco State University with an English degree. At SDSU, he earned a master's degree in film; his thesis was a film based on the Black Heart Procession's *Amore Del Troppo* CD.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

HOYT DIRECTS COMIC-BOOK ADVENTURE

The Goblin Cock video can be viewed for free at www.wormwoodfilms.com.

— Ken Leighton

Rude Awakening The Clap Your Hands Say Yeah Casbah show sold out an hour after tickets went on sale January 21. The day after, an eBay member in Atlanta, Georgia, under the name "unedsomethin," was scalping ten tickets. Two people (with the same last name) in Georgia purchased 40 tickets. A person in Washington state purchased 20. Tickets with a face value of \$15 were marked up to \$75; someone was selling two for \$199.99.

"We've never had a problem with people buying large amounts of tickets for resale," Casbah owner Tim Mays says. He acknowledges that buzz bands such as the Arcade Fire and Wolf Parade sold out after a month, not minutes. "This is new to us."

Mays contacted Front Gate tickets, which has handled online ticket sales for the Casbah since April of 2005. Front Gate said they could research the buyers to see if they had a history of scalping but told Mays he could choose to cancel the ticket sales. He chose the latter recourse, which put 60

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tickets back on the market.

"They're going to be in for a rude awakening," Mays says of the scalpers. Though he



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cannot press charges against them (local officials would have to catch them), they might get in trouble with eBay for trying to sell tickets they don't have. A buy limit of four was placed on the tickets that were put back into the system. Mays will impose the same limit on upcoming shows that have the potential to sell out.

— Jeremiah Griffey

No Fair, No Party A City of San Diego employee says that the support of Discover PB and *savepb.org* is vital for the issuance of a PB Block

Party permit. The insider says longtime organizer Kevin Hellman would have to get letters of endorsement from both of those groups. Discover PB, a city-sponsored business group made up of 1200 PB business owners, has said it would not support Hellman in his quest for a 2006 event. *Savepb.org* seems unlikely to give its approval.

"We provided written comments about the Block Party [to the city] that we collected," says Marcie Beckett, a *savepb.org* chairperson. "I would say those comments were 99.99 percent opposed. My opinion is the residents and business owners are overwhelmingly opposed to that street fair."

Beckett says her group supports a street event that would replace the Block Party, "...one that all the community groups would come together and agree on."

Hellman has no comment. Two months ago he said he wanted to hold a "PB Street Fair" on April 22. Last May, an estimated 130,000 turned out to see 43 bands play at the 30th annual PB Block Party.

— Ken Leighton

Not Set Up to Rock "We started this one off with a nice 20-second feedback solo," says Crash Carter singer/guitarist Casey Gee of the band's "worst

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CRASH CARTER: HARD TIME AT HARD ROCK

gig ever," at the Hard Rock Café in La Jolla.

Drummer John Mears elaborates on the club's "soundman from hell, howling PA speakers, blown monitors, crappy stage, [our] heads were inches from the ceiling. This is what the world-famous Hard Rock offers San Diego? I would have rather been the dishwasher that night."

Bassist Jeff Bowman adds, "We were expecting a more



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professional atmosphere, but when the soundman cleared out the place during our sound check, [mixing] on a half-working house PA system, the last song couldn't have come soon enough."

Hard Rock La Jolla's Steve King doesn't recall the Crash Carter show in question, but last week he said, "We stopped having live bands on a regular basis at the end of last year; the club's just not set up for it. We have a band tonight but it's just a sometimes-thing."

Crash Carter appears tomorrow, February 3, at La Playa Cantina & Grill in San Marcos.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Jukebox Stakeout At Victor's, on Convoy Street in Kearny Mesa, I saw a few regulars that work for Pepsi, which is around the corner. Howie Ouzts, a 34-year-old driver, shot pool and downed Coors Lights. When he went to the jukebox, I asked what songs he chose to play.

"I pick Everlast, songs from the *Whitey Ford* CD. The song 'What It's Like' is great. It's about intolerance and judging other people. Al Green is one of my favorites. I like the Red Hot Chili Peppers. I bet you didn't think I'd say that. My dad, even though I only met him a few times, really liked Hendrix. Now I like some of his songs. My favorite [song] is Creed's 'Arms Wide Open.' When my first son was born, I heard this



HOWIE'S HEART'S WIDE OPEN song. It was around 1998. Sometimes I cry when it plays. I don't care who sees that. I like the lyrics."

— Josh Board

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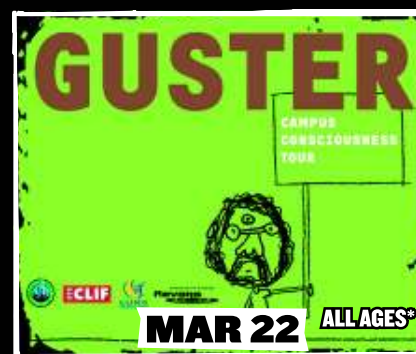
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"This is somewhat of a false dichotomy for me."

All of my songs are very personal and passionate, lyrically and vocally," says Lindsey Yung. "They address life's basic experiences of love, loss, death, and self-realization." Yung's musical career can be traced back to when she was a toddler, playing Ngana in a production of *South Pacific* that ran for two weeks at Starlight Bowl. "It was a wonderful learning experience, and I made money! That's pretty cool to land a paying gig at five. Of course, I was forced to put the money in an education savings account by my parents."

Later, when not busy earning two degrees from SDSU (philosophy and religious studies), Yung hit the local coffeehouse scene as a solo acoustic performer. She took a turn toward electronica after hooking up with local production duo Brainfire Technology (Chad Tuthill and Edgar Alminar), her newest CD *Fusion* furthering her experiment in pastoral computer pastiche. "The music has been called acoustic-electronica, and I don't mind that label at all," she says. "The songs are driven by acoustic guitar parts and accented with electronic elements from keyboards and Korgs."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Ray LaMontagne, *Trouble* ("I've seen his name

appear so many times as a favorite of artists I respect.")

2. Beck, *Sea Change* ("Its mood and feel put me in a reflective place, and I like to think.")

3. Tori Amos, *The Beekeeper* ("I love this album. I never get tired of the title track.")

4. The Eagles, *Hell Freezes Over* ("I recently found this album where it should never be, at the bottom of a storage box. I quickly put it in its right place, my CD player.")

5. David Gray, *Life in Slow Motion* ("An album hasn't moved me in a long time, but this one did it for me.")

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. *The Last Unicorn* ("Only the best cartoon ever. I loved it as a child, and I love it just as much as an adult.")

2. *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* ("It's brilliant, and it has Jim Carrey in it. Enough said.")

3. *The Sound of Music* ("I love the innocence and purity of the characters, and of course I love the music.")

4. *Beaches* ("I am a chick, and therefore I need my chick flick.")

5. *Napoleon Dynamite* ("I don't care how annoyingly popular this movie got. A dance sequence to a Jamiroquai song? It doesn't get any better.")

LISTS

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SONGS YOU NEVER WANT TO HEAR AGAIN?

1. "Laffy Taffy," D4L
2. "Baby Mama," Holla Point
3. "Turn Me On," Kevin Lyttle
4. "God, Send Me an Angel," Amanda Perez
5. "Like You," Bow Wow

EARLIEST MEMORY?

"My mother used to play this [particular] children's tape for me each night at bedtime. I must have listened to that tape a million times...I used to love this one song called 'V.I.P.,' which was about encouraging self-esteem in kids. That tape stayed in the player until *Safety Kids* replaced it, which was a musical written for kids about drug-abuse resistance...I ended up performing in the musical in fifth grade, wearing my D.A.R.E. T-shirt."

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"This is somewhat of a false dichotomy for me. I'd say a little bit of both, but not all of either. There is something worthwhile to be learned from studying the works of both."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

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Lindsey Yung

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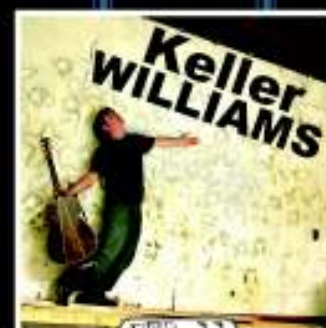
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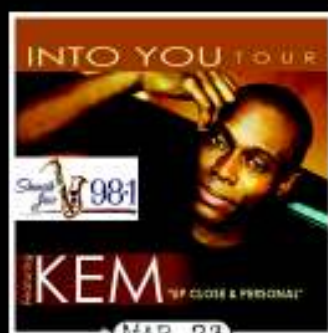
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EXTENSION 4000

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TUESDAY

Marta Topferova: Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, February 7, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Mike Wofford: San Diego Museum of Art, Tuesday, February 7, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park. 619-232-7931 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Gerry Beckley: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Willie Nelson /663/: Pala Events Center, Thursday, February 9, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Jars of Clay /475/: House of Blues, Thursday, February 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Alex de Grassi: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, February 9, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

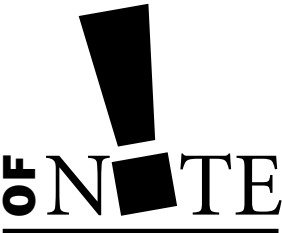
Josh Gracin: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Kirk Whalum /674/: 4th & B, Friday, February 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Bryan Bowers: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.



BY DAVE GOOD

When I have jazz pianist **Mike Wofford** on the phone, I fawn over his *Live at Athenaeum Jazz* CD, invoking names like Bill Evans, McCoy Tyner. I'm a fan of Wofford's and of piano jazz in general, and I tell him that his disc spends a lot of time in my CD changer. "And Victor's drum solo wasn't too long for you, apparently?" he laughs. No, it was not. "People complain about it," he says, "but it was so gorgeous that we had to leave it on." Iron Butterfly's "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida," I remind him, set the standard for long drum solos. By comparison, **Victor Lewis's** long minutes seem more an appetizer than a main course.

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.

Lee Rocker /504/ and **Candye Kane** /939/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Dougie MacLean /824/: Sherwood Auditorium, Sunday, February 12, 700

Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-3541 or 619-220-8497.

Mason Jennings: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt /533/: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters /582/: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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things that seem very strange and difficult to follow are really not that much so at all. And even explain," he says, "why drum solos happen when they do."

MIKE WOFFORD: San Diego Museum of Art, Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-7931.

The David Lindley Band /561/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Robert Cray Band /941/: House of Blues, Saturday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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As We Speak: 'Canes
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The Cadaver Dogs: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Channing Cope: The Casbah
The Color Turning: The Casbah
Daggermouth: The Jumping Turtle

Dead Meadow: The Casbah
The Displaced [104]: The Casbah
Dynamite Walls: The Kensington Club
Elora: Epicentre
The Factory: The Sports Club
Fate of a Friend: Soma
The Finish: The Kensington Club
The Glossines [134]: The Casbah
The Heathen Kings of Olde: The Casbah
Hellfire Trigger: The Jumping Turtle
Hialeah: The Casbah
Hot Like a Robot [146]: The Casbah
The Icons: Brick By Brick
Ingraved: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Jacob's Loc: The Jumping Turtle
Japanese Sunday: The Casbah
Little World [285]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Anya Marina [118]: The Casbah
The Masters of the Universe: Brick By Brick
Mercy Vox: The Kensington Club
Only in Dreams: The Jumping Turtle
Pistorlita: Soma
Plane Without a Pilot: Soma
Pnuma: Winstons
Point Taken: The Jumping Turtle
The Postals: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Real You: Epicentre
Robot Aroma: Brick By Brick
Sado Solace: The Jumping Turtle
Sound Cancer: Longshot Saloon
Spell Toronto: The Casbah
Split Finger: 'Canes
The Spots: The Casbah

Sub Rosa: The Casbah
Terror Spell: Soma
Anna Troy [275]: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)
The Undertaking: The Jumping Turtle
Weatherbox: Soma
Scott Wilson: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Z-Factorial: Soma

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

An Island Am I: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Atoms [484]: The Casbah
Aura: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Big Backyard: Tiki House
Blizzard: Brick By Brick
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House
Briertone: Soma
Broken View: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Carol Ann: The Jumping Turtle
Castillo: Brick By Brick
Chasing Paper: Soma
The Citizen Band: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Crosswinds: Tio Leo's Lounge
Dead Giveaway: Epicentre
Deadline Friday [404]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Disorder: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Elvis & Chains: Longshot Saloon
The Farmers: Humphrey's
A Flock of '80s: Belly Up Tavern

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort
Taylor Harvey: Humphrey's, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The High-Rolling Loners: Surf N'Saddle
Alyssa Jacey: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Jefferson Jay Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Jessie & the Fools: 'Canes
Jumpin' Jack Flash: Belly Up Tavern
Jumpstart: Patrick's II

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The Little Efert Band: The Manhattan Lounge
Loadstone: Dirk's Niteclub
Loose Canon: Surf N'Saddle
Metal Fatigue: JP's Pub
Billy Midnight [414]: The Casbah
Mother Funk: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Nancy: The Casbah
Nite Hawk: Carvers
Novastellar: Epicentre
Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
Dan Padilla: The Kensington Club
The Percs: Winstons
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Podunk Nowhere: Winstons
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Pruitt Igoe: Winstons
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Roxy Monoxide: Tiki House
Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Sex Pistols Experience 1978: The Casbah
The Stiletto: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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Sweet Tooth: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
34 Below [437]: 'Canes
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K.T. Tunstall: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Undecided: Brick By Brick
Uprise: Brick By Brick
Uptown Groove: Second Wind (Santee)
Wild Child: 'Canes

EXTENSION 4004

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B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Island Breeze: Humphrey's
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Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
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The New Breed Band: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's
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JAZZ / BIG BAND


Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's
Bill Caballero & His Quintet: Dizzy'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
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Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect
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Barbara Jamerson: Humphrey's, Hotel del Coronado
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar
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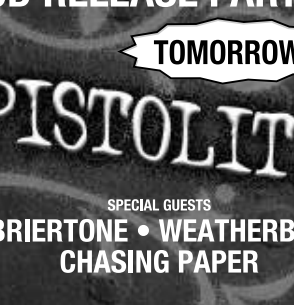
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Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

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

Louisa West: The 101 Artist Colony

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EXTENSION 4006

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

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George James: Don's Cocktail Lounge

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Alex Arndt: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Gerry Beckley: Belly Up Tavern

Jim Boggia: The Casbah

Aaron Bowen: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Stasia Conger: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Christopher Dallman: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Kim DiVincenzo: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Dehra Dun: Epicentre

Liz Durrett: The Casbah

Jim Earp: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon, Carlsbad)

The Ex-Friends: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The Fall Guys: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Patty Hall: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Steve Harris: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Dave Howard [832]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Byron Hudson: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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Courtney Jaye: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

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Blue Rockit [955]: Tio Leo's Lounge

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The Boogiemmen [937]: House of Blues

Tommy Budd: Island Sports and Spirits

Dave Camp Blues: Patrick's II

Chill Boy & the Fire Angels: Fannie's Nightclub

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe

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Danny Daniels: Dizzy's

The Iron Workers-Local 69: The Jumping Turtle

Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's II

Jamm: Humphrey's

Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

Lady Star and Her Blues Revue [977]: Princess of Wales

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

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Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

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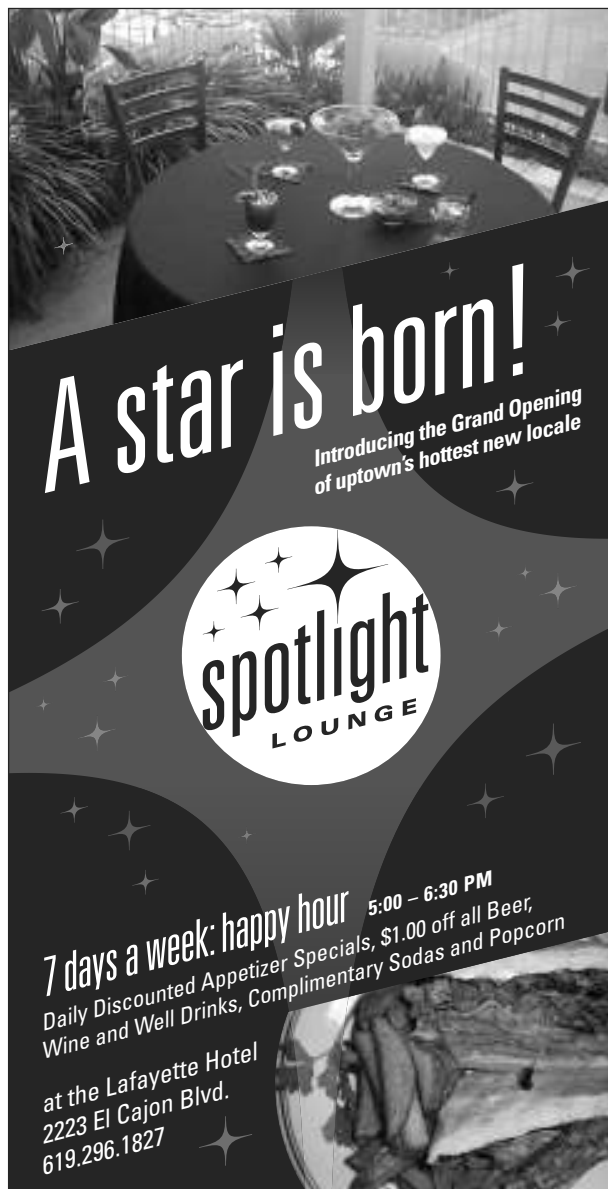
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Angels in Agony: Second Friday of the month, synthpop, industrial, and gothic with DJs DarkAngel, NoSleepDamon, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

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 Walkrawler, 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, lstr, and guests; 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; 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. 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.

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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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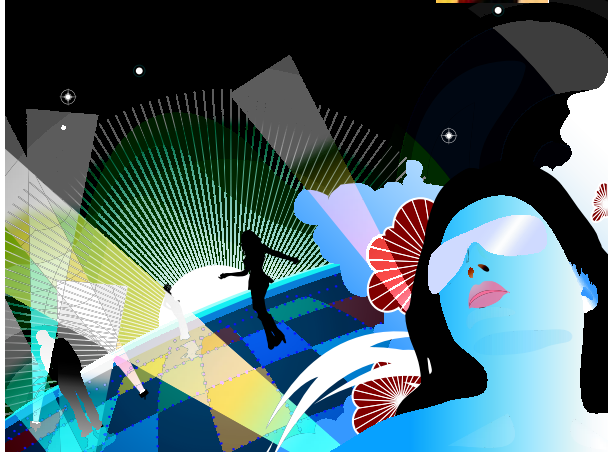
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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, Rolling Stones tribute, and *A Flock of '80s*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Common Sense* and the Nikhil Korula Band, reggae. Sunday, 9 p.m., *the King Britt Experience*, DJ event, deep house/hip-hop/broken beat. Monday, *the Wild West Dub Tour*, reggae. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Gerry Beckley* and *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic.

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.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Robert Parker Trio*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Anna Troy*, folk/blues/pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk*, acoustic.

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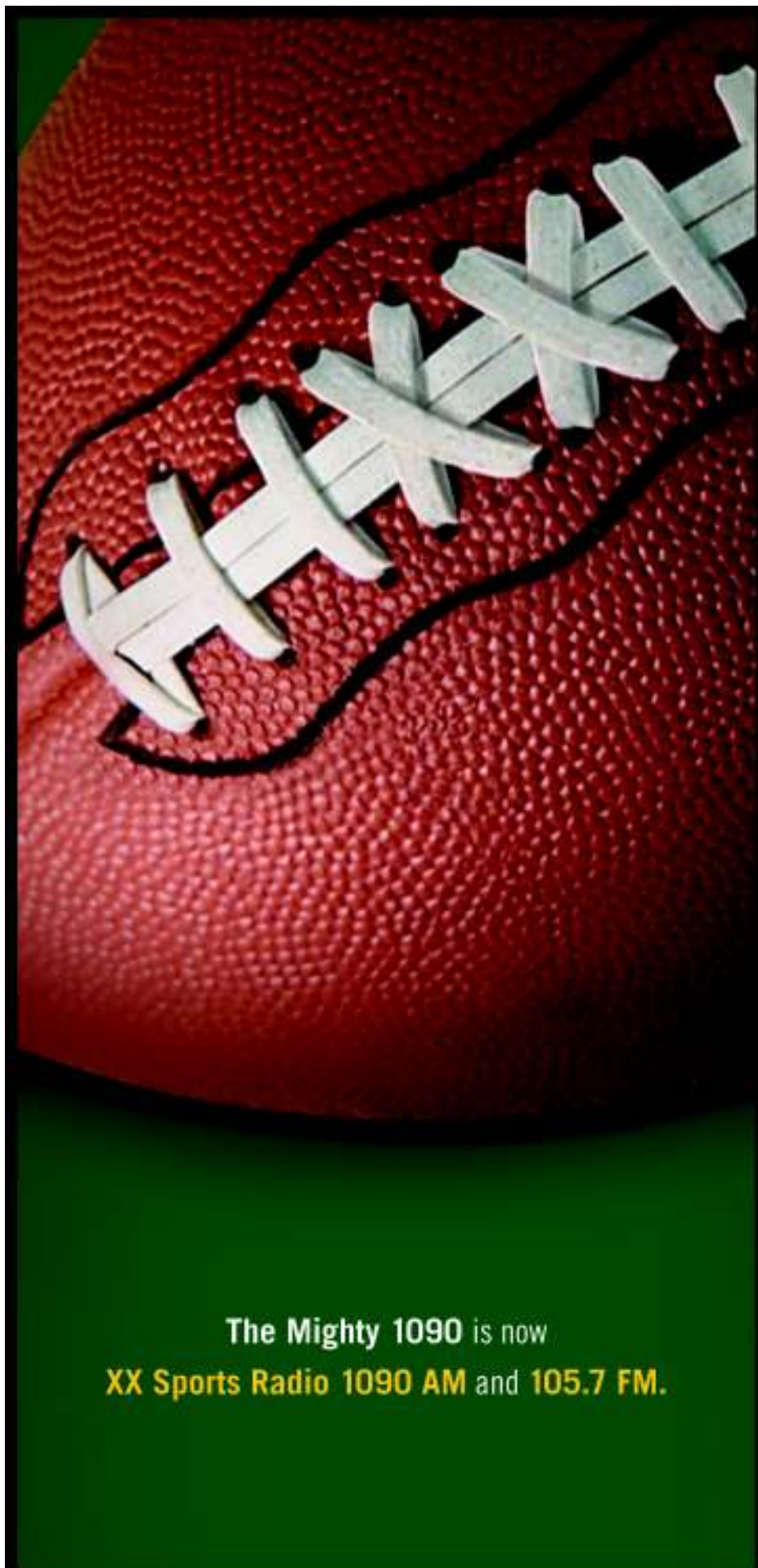
The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, call club for information.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live band, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, after the game, *the Blues Pharaohs*, swing blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Citizen Band*.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton*, R&B/jazz/dance.

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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. Friday, *Jacob's Loc*, and guests. Saturday, *Carol Ann*, *Sado Solace*, *Point Taken*, the *Undertaking*, and *Only in Dreams*. Sunday, the *Damned Jammers* and the *Iron Workers Local 69*. Tuesday, *DJ Mini Mee*. Wednesday, *Hellfire Trigger* and *Daggermouth*.

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *Elvis and Chains* and *Sound Cancer*, alternative rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland band.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, live music, call club for information.

The 101 Artist Colony, 25 E Street, Encinitas. 760-809-3251. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jimmy Patton*, *Louisa West*, and *Bastos Moenho*, Latin jazz/world music.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Friday and Saturday, live rock/alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, the *Stone Shakers*, rock. Saturday, *Loose Canon* and the *High-Rolling Loners*, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tomiko Bar and Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Live rock/alternative music nightly.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *As We Speak*, *Thunderoad*, and *34 Below*. Friday, *Wild Child*, *Doors* tribute, and *Cash'd Out*, *Johnny Cash* tribute. Saturday, *DJ Bao*. Wednesday, *Split Finger* and *Jessie & the Fools*.

Catamaran, 3999 Mission Beach Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Janet Hammer*, jazz/light pop.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Live rock/alternative/metal bands.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *K.T. Tunstall*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., *Sabrina Taylor* and *Courtney Jay*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Kevin Misslehan*, acoustic. Saturday, *Pickford's Party*, rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Armenta de San Diego*, world lounge music. Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore*, *John Giulino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

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Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Roxy Monoxide*, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Big Backyard*, rock. Wednesday, *Sweet James*.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Music is rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Pruitt Igoe* and *Podunk Nowhere*. Friday, the *Percs*, *Psydecar*, and *Kumba Dawa*, reggae. Saturday and Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *Pnuma*. Wednesday, *Meld*.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Tuesday, *Marta Topferova*.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

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Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *DJ Cacho*. Saturday, *Robot Aroma*, *Castillo*, *Undecided*, and *Blizzard*. Sunday, *Bredrens*, *the Masters of the Universe*, *the Icons*, and *Uprise*.

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Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

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

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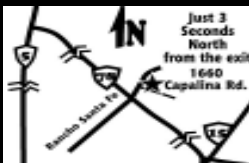
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Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Cadaver Dogs*, *the Postals*, and *Ingraved*, punk. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Alyssa Jacey*, *An Island Am I*, *Alex Arndt*, and *Little World*, rock.

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Artist: Whiskey Tango

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Band: "Blue" (a.k.a. Tyler Macy) (guitars, piano, mixing), "Oz" (a.k.a. Clint Osborne) (drums, percussion), "Snaps" (a.k.a. Rian Green) (vocals, guitar), Phil Bensimon (vocals), Wolfgang (piano, accordion)

Extra info: Whiskey Tango won a 2005 San Diego Music Award

Upcoming show: Humphrey's, February 3

Website: *www.whiskeytangomusic.com*

Whiskey Tango's style ranges from raucous rockabilly (on "Say Goodbye" and "Under the Influence") to bluesy ("If I Could Find a Way"). The band brings East County flavor to their CD with the track "El Centro County Line," a song about drinking whiskey, smoking cigarettes, and dogs riding shotgun in an El Camino.

The CD has one crossover track, "I Got a Problem," which features straightforward guitar and lyrics of defiance. "Getting busted / Seeing judges / Incarcerating me" and "What'll it take to scare me straight" speak more to a teenage pop-punk audience than to purist Americana country rockers.

Every other track has steel guitars, popping bass, and smooth, long vocal. Amer-



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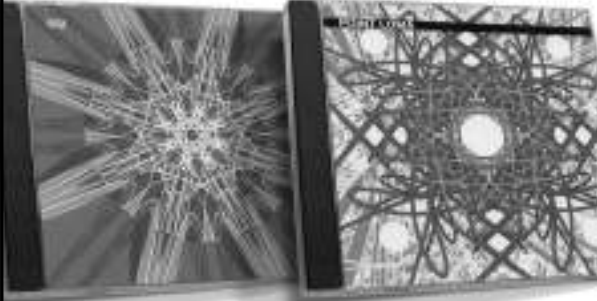
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In DMood for Food

Where can you get a decent bite to eat after nine or ten p.m. in early-to-bed San Diego? If you're anywhere near the lively neighborhood of University Heights, you'll find several comfortable spots, including a new favorite of mine, DMood. The burnt-red building is a handsome Persian version of a bistro, where even after the kitchen officially closes, you can still get terrific tidbits from the bar menu until midnight or later.

The bar menu and the appetizer menu are the same, with a wide selection of *mezze* (Middle-Eastern "tapas"). The "DMood sampler" (sized to feed two or three) not only makes great late-night grazing, but a fine start to dinner. These light appetizers live up to their name, awakening your appetite and leaving you eager for more. One Iranian favorite that's rarely offered in Persian restaurants is the labor-intensive *kuku*. Billed as a pancake, it's more like an herb frittata — a thick, oven-browned omelet, strongly flavored by minced parsley and mint, plus vegetables, crushed walnuts, and saffron. "This is a taste you have to develop," my partner said doubtfully at first bite. I told him that the first time I ate it, I, too, found the impact of all the fresh herbs a little off-putting — but the second time, I loved it. It goes beautifully with the dilled yogurt-cucumber dip that arrives at its side.

My partner was mesmerized by the hearty hummus, with a nutty-sweet flavor from caramelized onion (and much less cumin than normal). I was enchanted by the *borani*, a smoky eggplant-yogurt dip. (It's close to the never-forgotten version served at the late Faz restaurant.) We both enjoyed the almond-stuffed green olives and the *mirza*, an eggplant-and-tomato dip better known by its Arabic name, *baba ganoush*. On the combination plate, the classic Mesopotamian starter of *sabzi* — raw radish, scallions, chives, whole fresh herbs, feta, and nuts (this one really is a "taste you have to develop") — was just a hint at the edge of the plate. The breadbasket held thick and thin Middle-Eastern breads for slathering on the spreads and a few slices of bakery sourdough, plus an herbed olive-oil dip. Everything on the sampler is also available in separate, full-size versions.

Grilled calamari with mint-chili dip is another vibrant beginning or nosh. Small rings and tiny tentacles are served chilled, mingling with the classic Persian salad *shirazi*, combining chopped



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cucumber, tomato, and onion with lime juice. Alongside comes a sweet-hot condiment made of minced fresh mint, hot peppers, and a touch of sugar. A dab of this compote tossed into the salad sharpens the flavor and heightens the delight. Less rewarding were dull, dry *shami*, Pakistani fritters of ground meat and lentils — minus, alas, most of the 57 varieties of spices and chilies that Paki cooks stir in to liven them up. Other starters and grazes include cheeses with grilled fruit, Serrano ham with grilled fruit, smoked salmon with cucumbers, capers and caviar, a "trio of fries" (potato, yam, and cornmeal) with gorgonzola dip, and caviar service (market price).

The soup du jour actually does change nightly — it's not butternut squash for a week at a time. One chilly evening, it was an alluring cream of celery root, nutty-flavored, hearty, and warming, and not overwhelmed with cream. The "small" size was immense, closer to a tureen's worth than a cupful. The "large" would likely suffice for a lumberjack's whole supper. Salads, too, are gigantic. All but the *shirazi* are based on a giant heap of green fodder (spring mix or spinach) with light, lean

dressings and tempting garnishes (beets, green apple, and goat cheese; or orange sections and orange flower-water dressing; or, with the spinach, dates, feta, and walnuts). The menu doesn't say so (and neither did our waiter), but the kitchen will be

happy to serve you a half-portion — clearly the way to go for singlets and couples. This is still a very new restaurant, and the wait-staff ask frequently what they can

do for you, but you have to prod them to disclose all of DMood's secrets.

The boss entrée of the house has to be the perfectly roasted stuffed game hen. It's a big 22-ounce bird, arriving cross-legged to hold in the stuffing. Crisp-skinned and ruddy from its oven-browned pomegranate glaze, once you release its tucked-in ankles, the cavity overflows with saffron-tinged basmati rice mingling with herbs, cut strands of whole-wheat pasta, orange sections, tart barberies, and sweet golden raisins — a genuine flavor-riot. Served with sides of tangy pomegranate-walnut compote and baby spinach dotted with pine nuts, we found it glorious — among the most bliss-inducing Persian entrées in

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

DMood ★★★ (Very Good)

4628 Park Boulevard (at "University Heights" overhead street sign), 619-297-6663, www.d mood.com.

HOURS: Dinner nightly 5:00–10:00 p.m., until 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; bar menu (small plates) until midnight weeknights, later on weekends. Saturday/Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

PRICES: Small plates, soups, and salads, \$4–\$12; hot sandwiches, \$9–\$13; kebabs with rice, \$11–\$15; entrées, \$14–\$18. Desserts about \$8. Brunch dishes, \$7–\$13.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic Middle-Eastern cuisine, primarily Persian but with touches of North Africa, India, southern Europe, and the U.S. California wine list at wide price range, rather skimpy choices by the glass. Good beer list, interesting teas including Persian and Moroccan. Full bar with creative cocktails.

PICK HITS: "DMood" appetizer sampler; game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit; lamb skewer; fresh fish of the day; Persian ice creams.

NEED TO KNOW: Reservations accepted, urged for large groups. (Call after noon.) Street parking can be difficult. Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Entertainment on weekends after 10 p.m. and on back patio at some brunches. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Weekday lunches to resume in two to three months when next-door construction is complete.

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a town with growing numbers of Iranian eateries, including Bandar and Sadaf.

The menu offers two other variations on the theme of poultry with fruited rice *pollow* (i.e., pilaf's Persian name). "Babylonian rice" revives a Medieval delicacy, featuring the basmati-fruit mélange baked into a crust of *lavash*

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(thin flatbread) sprinkled with pomegranate seeds. The chicken, staring wistfully across the plate at all this exuberance, consists of skinned, boned, saffron-marinated baked breast, dry-textured and upstaged by its showier costar. Skinless breast may be healthy, but I can't say it's much fun. A third possibility (which we didn't try) is "Tah Chin chicken," poultry baked inside a dome of rice that's crusted by the *tah dig*, that crisped, browned rice from the bottom of the pot so prized in the Middle East.

You can also get grilled skewers of filet mignon, chicken thigh, "Moroccan" lamb, or tofu and veggies, served on a bed of simple, herbed basmati *pol-low*. The lamb, cut from the top sirloin (just north of the leg), was terrifically tender, thanks to at least 12 hours' soaking in a yogurt marinade. Although it's grilled over gas, the skewers themselves are mesquite, lending a smoky flavor. The seasoning tasted closer to Armenian shish kebab than to spicy Moroccan *pinxos*, but the flavor is just fine, thank you.

Like the soup, the fish du jour changes nightly. Both courses allow the enthusiastic chef, Cecilia Tajonar, the opportunity to play with her food. We enjoyed a fish from Fiji that we'd never encountered elsewhere, called Gold-Band Opaka, with mild, firm flesh and thick skin patterned like rattlesnake hide. (It's not a true Opakapaka: According to Jay at Leong-Kuba, the restaurant's fish purveyor, its real name is Bedford — but since nobody's

ever heard of a fish named Bedford...By any name, it's a sweet-tasting fish.) It arrived in a Moroccan terra cotta *tajine* pot with a tall, pointy lid, plated over a heap of carrot and zucchini julienne and bathed in a sweet, subtle vegetable broth with traces of lemongrass and fennel. We enjoyed it thoroughly, while wishing we'd had time to try a previous evening's offering of monkfish served over vegetables and couscous.

There are several house-made desserts: rather thick crêpes with berries and mascarpone, or with apples, cider, and mascarpone; a chocolate concoction; and "Persian cream," a parfait of unbrûléed crème brûlée topped with warm, grilled strawberries and blueberries. What our waiter neglected to mention when he reeled off the list was the Persian sorbet and rich-textured Persian ice creams, the latter available in an aphrodisiacal trilogy of pistachio, saffron-rosewater, and orange-blossom flavors. These are the fragrant foods of Omar Khayyam's paradise.

DMood is as good to look at as it is to eat at. Its striking decor combines modern whimsy and *Arabian Nights* antiquities — Chinese carved wooden gateways (front and back) with black iron fixtures, pointed arches and wall niches shaped as pointed arches containing bejeweled paisley ornaments and candles or masks, and a four-panel red canvas of bold Arabic calligraphy dominating one wall. (It's a quote from 14th-century Persian poet Hafez: "Come and join me for a glass of wine, let's fall in love and create something beautiful.") The banquettes along both walls have calfskin-patterned seats and colorful pillow-backs made of 150-year-old Mongolian fabric hangings

(beautiful and tattered), while the backrests of the sculptural wooden chairs are topped with the same materials. There's a rustic open ceiling in the restaurant, but over the small bar in back the ceiling is covered, the better to bear the ornate Moroccan hanging lamps that make it look a real (indoor) oasis.

The unclothed tables are set with asymmetrical ovoid ceramic bowls (which will serve as your all-purpose plates for breads and appetizers) and with metal napkin rings adorned with large glass "gems" or ornaments, resembling costume jewelry for giants. The napkins themselves are heavy paper. The sound system is tuned to announcer-free satellite radio, making for some eclectic experiences in modern popular music. One evening, we suffered through a long track (in don't-ask-me-what musical genre) of weak groaning, like Yoko Ono on heroin — with asthma. But sometime later, along came a slo-mo take on New Orleans blues that I'd rush to buy if I knew the name of the band. Friday and Saturday nights after 10:00, the house often features equally eclectic entertainment — DJs, live music, belly-dancers, or whatever cultural expression the well-traveled owners happen to fancy. The mood at DMood is as cosmopolitan as it gets.

ABOUT THE OWNERS AND THE CHEF

Owners Nadareh Fanaiean and Farzin Tafayeh, business partners for a little more than a year and best friends for over a decade, were both born in Iran. They belong to the gentle, Persia-born Baha'i religion, whose central tenet prescribes peace and brotherhood among all hu-

mankind. This philosophy has so irked most of Iran's rulers that the sect has suffered rigorous and repeated persecution. Hence, DMood's guiding spirits have led the life of sophisticated exiles: Nadareh, who left her homeland as a teenager, is a registered nurse who still puts in shifts at the geriatric unit at UCSD hospital in Hillcrest, while Farzin's an anesthesiologist M.D. who still practices full-time. Educated in Europe, both have traveled the world — Istanbul, Paris, Barcelona, and Stockholm are among Nadareh's previous addresses. But it was her newfound devotion to surfing that brought the couple to San Diego.

"You've heard the expression 'old souls'? I think we are such old souls, this must be our last chance to come back to life again," says Nadareh. "The blessing of our travel — some voluntary, some not — is that we have met so many great people and learned so many great cultures. I lived about eight years in the Bay Area and have spent a lot of time in New York. We are both big fans of eating out, celebrating. The reason we came to San Diego is that Farzin was doing rotation for his schooling and he had to come here, and I'd gotten into surfing at the age of 37. (I'm 41 now.) It became one of my biggest passions, and when I visited him here, I decided to move here because the water isn't as cold as in the Bay Area. Now when I travel, it's always to beach towns — Costa Rica, Peru, Hawaii, Mexico's south. I even went to Tel Aviv, and I surfed in the Middle East for the first time in my life.

"We tried and tried to find a place in San Diego where we and all of our friends could hang out. We continually have visitors from all over the world, because

we're very involved in social concerns like public health and civic decision-making. Here, we started missing the strong culture of other cities where we'd lived. And we used to have parties and cook for 30, 40 people. So when this space became available — it was a warehouse owned by an old friend from Afghanistan — it was the right time, right place, for us to open a restaurant. It was really hard for us to explain our ideas about dining, entertainment, having a neighborhood place for the community to hang out, so we decided — why not just make it and share it with everybody who lives here?"

It took nearly a year to get all the permits and to design, renovate, and furnish the space (using local artists and craftspeople) and to hire the personnel to create this restaurant, which opened a little over two months ago. "It's been a giant ride — exhaustion and excitement," says Nadareh. "DMood is like a newborn baby to me; I try to nurse it as best as I can." When she was looking for a chef, several people mentioned Cecilia Tajonar, and the multiple recommendations led to the decision to hire her. Then Nadareh and Farzin trained her for months to cook their favorite Iranian dishes, and together, the three of them worked out the current menu. Future plans include having a "hookah lounge" on the back patio and entertainment during brunches there. Lunch service will resume as soon as the noisy construction on the next-door neighbor's restaurant is over.

Chef Cecilia Tajonar has been cooking professionally for ten years. "I'm from Tijuana, your neighbor right across the border," she laughs. "My mom raised me in the kitchen, so I

learned to cook at a really young age. My mother used to run a banquet facility, so from age ten on I would help her with cooking and serving. So I was raised in the restaurant industry, and it appealed to me a lot. I've always been an inquisitive person — I cannot sit behind a desk.

"I went to France to learn professional cooking. I didn't study at cooking school, I did a work-internship program, so I worked all over doing *stages*. I didn't study in a classroom, but I did pass my final exams and earn my cooking diploma, my *certificat*."

Returning to the Americas, she cooked in hotels in Mexico City and San Diego, including the Four Seasons in Carlsbad. "Most of the time I've worked in fine-dining hotel restaurants. DMood is my first stand-alone restaurant," she says. "I like the liberty that a restaurant gives you. It's not as structured as a hotel establishment. You're more connected with the people you're serving than at a hotel, where you never get to see your customers, you don't get to greet them or to see the reactions when they eat your food. I like the liberty of shopping myself for the ingredients and making seasonal dishes. It's more fun.

"I've always been interested in Middle-Eastern food. It's a whole different culture than mine. I've read and learned about it and have had Middle-Eastern friends. Living in Europe where everyone is mixed, I got exposed to a lot of cuisines, including Middle-Eastern. I didn't know much about Iranian food, but here Nadareh and Farzin taught me about it. The restaurant isn't purely Iranian, it's Iranian-fusion. I like trying different things, so as to not get bored." ■



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Cruisin'

"I love you, babe, but no gull's gonna have that Alaska cod."

'You're kidding," I say. "This tourist trap?"
"Look, we're here, and we've got a parking spot," says Carla.

True. We found a spot for this car that we're using while our neighbor Linda's back in Virginia. This is down on the Embarcadero with — is that three? — cruise ships in, and bay-tour boats crowding out the place, and *turistas* ashore roller-skating among more passengers arriving in cars to board their floating palaces.

So, yeah, we're lucky, but the place Carla wants to eat at, man. I can see this lunch is gonna be nothing but flapping paper plates and freezing fries.

Whatever, Carla heads for the yellow umbrellas and orange tables of Anthony's Fishette, the, like, poor relation of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, right next door. The funny thing is, with its bright outside tables and classy wooden shingle-covered arches and coffee cart and street-side action, the Fishette's the place you're most drawn to. Who wants to go get locked indoors with all these sparkling waters and ships bobbing about?

I follow Carla under the sea-green canopy to the narrow deck that juts out into the harbor. She sits down at a little table beside a smoked-glass arch. There are folks on the other side, paying Grotto prices for the same view. Heh heh.

I get us a couple of menus.

"Hmm," says Carla. "I'm confused."

Turns out she has a Grotto menu, and I have the Fishette. "Okay," I say. "How much for fish and chips inside?"

"Says \$11.95."

"Here we can get it for four bucks less, \$7.95. Yes!"

"But you get two sides in the Grotto," Carla says. "Coleslaw, veggies, fries, rice, baked potato."

"We get fries with ours."

"You know what you want?"

"Fish and chips. What else?"

You should, too."

"Bedford! Don't start telling me what to have...oh good. They have clam chowder, \$2.95. Let's have chowder for starters. You get the Fisherman style, I'll have the New England. Okay?"

The irony doesn't hit till later. Meantime, Carla riffles through lists of appetizers — the smoked fish cocktail (\$3.95) sounds good — salads like the Pacific shrimp and crab (\$7.50) — also pretty tempting — sandwiches (I'd go for the Baja squid steak sandwich, \$6.95, or, for price, the albacore tuna salad sandwich, \$4.75), fish tacos (\$2.95), and "hand-battered treasures" such as catfish strips (\$7.50), swordfish nuggets (\$7.50), oysters (\$8.50), or even crab claws (\$14.50). All come with fries.

While Carla riffles, I check out "A Little History" at the bottom of the menu. "The year was

1946. Three of our boys coming back from the war, Roy Weber and the Ghio brothers, Anthony and Tod, couldn't wait to get home and help Catherine 'Mama' Ghio fulfill her lifelong dream: to open a seafood restaurant...Over fifty-nine years later, Anthony's serves more than one million customers and five million pounds of seafood each year."

If that's not a success story, what is?

"I'll have the clams," Carla says, finally. I take off to put in the order.

The good news: The happy ladies in the open kitchen get the food out lickety-split.

The bad news: Outside, you've got to eat it lickety-split if you don't want the breeze to seize it and freeze it.

My "Fisherman's" chowder is great, except it's tomato-based, Manhattan-style. Carla wants to swap, a lucky break for me. "More tang," she says. But I think the New England-style is to die for, a \$2.95 meal in itself, with potato, clams, and rich flavor. The fish — Alaskan cod — is fresh-tasting and totally scrumby, once you sploit sachets of malt vinegar over it and dunk it in the tartar or cocktail sauce. A good sprinkling of salt helps, too.

Carla's clams are fine, like little squid. Soon I'm helping clear out her polystyrene plate.

Whew. Finished, we sit back, take in the view.

"Just think," Carla says. "Once all this was

mud flats. Imagine smugglers landing their goods in the black of night. They did, you know, a hundred years ago. And they say whales used to come and give birth to their calves. Right here."

"Guess that was before the cruise ships," I say.

I notice a yellow ramp going down to a dock. Oh, cool. You can sail over in your yacht, come up, eat, sail off. Sigh. Across the water, on the decks of the cruise ship at the B Street pier, new passengers are starting to appear. "Wonder what they'll be eating tonight?" Carla says wistfully. Seagulls swirl in the air. A young one comes and stands on the brown railing, looking straight at Carla.

"Oh, give him something," she says. I throw him half a fry. He misses. Two dozen other gulls swoop. The young bird caws at Carla. "Try again, darling," she says. "Or let me..."

She leans forward and starts to grab the last of my fish. I trap her hand. "Carla," I say, "I love you, babe, but no gull's gonna have that Alaska cod. That's my catch."

She looks triumphant. "So this 'tourist trap' food ain't so bad after all, huh?"

A guy comes past, heading out to the seaward deck with a big pitcher of beer. God, it looks deelyish. I ask him how much he paid. "Eleven bucks," he says. "Deal."

Guess Carla sees my tongue hanging out.

"Next time, darling, we'll come by bus." ■

The Place: Anthony's Fishette, 1360 North Harbor Drive, at Ash (619-232-2175)

Type of Food: Seafood

Prices: New England clam chowder, \$2.95 bowl; smoked fish cocktail, \$3.95; Pacific shrimp and crab salad, \$7.50; Baja squid steak sandwich, \$6.95; albacore tuna salad sandwich, \$4.75; fish tacos, \$2.95; battered catfish strips, \$7.50; swordfish nuggets, fries, \$7.50; oysters, fries, \$8.50; crab claws, fries, \$14.50. Breakfasts winter weekends, summer all week

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Growing Pains

"When you get above five barrels, you can't do the small, open-bin fermentation."

Pity the Napa Valley grape grower. In an especially good year, his vines may work magic, ripening far more grapes to perfection than usual. More product, more money, right? Maybe, maybe not. If his contracts with the wine producers call for only so much, then his abundance is subject to supply and demand, and odds are his neighbors are experiencing similar abundance. Supply is high. If he doesn't have a name vineyard — the sort that gets a mention on the front of the label — his abundance may avail him little. Somebody will almost certainly buy it, but the grower may be forced to accept prices well below normal. Frustrating.

Frustration is what started Judd's Hill Winery on its custom micro-crush winemaking plan in 1992. "We've been in the Valley for almost 30 years," says second-generation winemaker Judd Finkelstein, "and we know a lot of growers. One guy in particular didn't think he was getting enough money for his grapes." But how to prove it? Like many growers, his fruit went into the crusher along with fruit from other sources, so that no wine was produced exclusively from his grapes. "We said, 'Why don't you bring us a half ton, and we'll make it into wine for you?' He was really happy with the results." The custom wine the grower got from Judd's Hill "was a good showcase. He could take it to wineries and hopefully

add value to his vineyard." Maybe even get someone to take it on for vineyard-designated production.

Word spread, and more and more growers began to come to the Finkelsteins with their excess fruit. The Finkelsteins had the reputation — Judd's father Art had been co-founder of Whitehall Lane back in the '70s. And they had the physical facility — no minor detail in building-shy Napa. And most importantly, they were willing to work with relatively tiny quantities — say, a

grower's unexpected excess half ton, good for a single barrel of wine. By comparison, custom-crush facility Napa Valley Wine Company requires an eight-ton minimum. "We have a good relationship with them," says Judd. "They send us some of their small-scale clients, and if someone calls me and says, 'I've got ten tons of Cabernet here,' I'll tell them to go to Napa Valley Wine Company."

A number of growers were so happy with their wine that they started bringing more and more of their production to Judd's Hill. Several have since launched their own commercial labels. "We kind of launched them," explains Judd. "If they realize they're becoming successful, we kind of nudge them to start doing their own thing. We're not really in the business of making commercial wine for people. We don't like getting above five

barrels' worth. It's the small lots we can really put ourselves into. I like to get my nose in every barrel."

"When you get above five barrels," adds Judd's wife Holly, "you can't do the small, open-bin fermentation, the hand punch-downs you can do with smaller lots. We try not to use too much machine intervention." And even with the five-barrel limit, things are beginning to get hectic. Last year's huge harvest brought around 100 clients to the micro-crush operation. "We started swimming in wine, and it taxed our ability to give everything personal attention," says Judd. So much so that this year the Finkelsteins hired another enologist, one with a mastery of Excel and a penchant for organization.

Not all of those 100 clients were growers, however. Somewhere along the line, the civilians got in on the game. "People really love being in Napa," says Holly. "They'll come to the winery, and they'll realize, 'Wow, I can have a barrel of wine with my own name on it, with my name on the label.'"

"And it's not just their name," says Judd. "They get to really consult. They can say, 'I really like Cabernet from the Stag's Leap District; what can you get me?' We know pretty much all the growers, and we're usually able to source whatever it is they want."

Sometimes, what they want isn't what the Finkelsteins would suggest. "Ripeness is a pretty big thing in Napa — higher-alcohol wines," says Holly. That kind of super-ripeness isn't the Judd's Hill style, and they'll say as much to the client. "But some people just love that higher alcohol, and



Judd and Holly Finkelstein

it's whatever the client wants."

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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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SanDiegoReader.com.
Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too “Frenchy,” in the sunny Provencal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barrare, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you’d find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached *foie gras*, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — N.W. (8/03)

Bubby’s Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The “gourmet sandwiches” really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Fidel’s Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It’s not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel’s menu — but who gives a flyin’ fajita when you can order just about any traditional So-Cal-Mexican dish and know it’s gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you’re going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you’re set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multi-regional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: “Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar” in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O’side’s past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* (“Greek eggs”), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that’s French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An

enduring hit in Encinitas (where there’s no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled “Nouvelle Italian Cuisine,” resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically “northern Italian” bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest’s Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour’s wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana’s 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it’s such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There’s a Caribbean chocolate, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.’s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant’s seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as “salmon tower tartare” and “drunken black cod” are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, espe-

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By Amanda Zilke

Somewhere in the back of our minds, we know that a frozen patty of fatty ground meat that becomes our favorite burger is really not good for us. We may not know that our favorite burger joint is serving us the cheapest beef it can find, beef that has been fed a diet of grain and ruminants (various mixed animal parts and other questionable components) that was pumped full of antibiotics and steroids. We know it’s not healthy. In fact, it’s probably downright dangerous and disgusting. What are cattle doing eating meat anyway???

Yet, beef can be healthy! According to Dr. Joseph Mercola, author of the *Total Health Program*, “You can still eat meat and be healthful, if what you eat has fed itself the old-fashioned way.” Eating beef reared in the fresh, open outdoors on a diet of abundant green grass is far healthier, leaner and less fatty, higher in Omega 3 fatty acids, Vitamins A, B, C, zinc and iron, and free from BSE (Mad Cow Disease), antibiotics and growth hormones.

So, just when you thought one of your New Year’s resolutions was to quit eating burgers, along comes a new addition to Pacific Beach. **Bare Back Grill, New Zealand burgers and 'wiches** is a fun, easygoing, new bar and restaurant specializing in New Zealand certified organic beef burgers. What are Pure New Zealand Beef Burgers, you ask, mate? According to partner Philip Lamont, “New Zealand is one of the last few pure and natural areas that cattle can graze on large, open, fresh pastures in a safe, clean environment. **We use only organic, naturally low-fat beef imported from New Zealand.** We grind our beef fresh each day, char-grill it over an open flame, use only freshly made, preservative-free bread and all organic vegetables. Simply put, our burgers are different from everything else you’ve tried. They’re delicious and

they really are great for you!”

My order of the “Queenstown Fave” (their version of a cheeseburger), is big, thick, juicy and mouthwatering—the way a freshly made burger made by hand should look! And the taste—WOW! This is something different and fantastic! I know this is how a great fresh burger should taste. It’s slightly exotic with a hint of a sweetness that complements the whole sandwich.

This burger isn’t just healthy; it’s delicious and definitely one of the best-tasting cheeseburgers I’ve ever had anywhere!

Ed Bedford, restaurant critic for the San Diego Reader, says, “Truly, this is a whole new burger ballgame.”

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At 4640 Mission Boulevard (2 blocks north of Garnet) in P.B., Bare Back Grill melts easily into this lively beach town. With large windows on both corners, a uniquely designed exterior, the mix of reggae music and extreme surf videos playing, and a fun, friendly, casual crowd, this is just a great place to come, hang out and enjoy the crowd. Along with their burgers, Bare Back Grill offers all-natural grilled chicken, fish, a signature Kiwi lamb burger, fries, calamari, and onion rings, which are all equally fantastic tasting. So next time you feel like a burger but you start thinking you shouldn’t, just swing into P.B. and indulge in a big, thick, juicy, great, tasty burger and know that this is a burger that is actually good for you!

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RESTAURANTS

cially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.* (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific The-

atres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W.* (10/04)

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations

(grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Schroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitter-sweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner

and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — *S.M.* (4/04)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. clos-

ing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M.* (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M.* (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime

rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The unavailability of highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and the replacement of *tobiko* (flying fish roe) with inferior *masago* (smelt roe) are minor disappointments, but the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens

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Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even

simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless

you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner and entertainment (piano or harp) nightly, closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-569-7519. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This

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unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to

Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one

fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a

yarmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are

charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak-wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported

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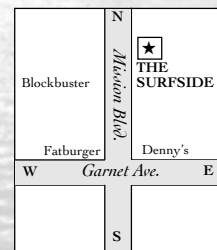
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much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed “lazy cook,” she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street’s best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City “let the bon temps rouler” feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen’s attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It’s young and crowded here — is that because you don’t have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen’s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Kono’s 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It’s cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono’s is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out

of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city’s oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky water-side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore’s charming, comfortable historic “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre’s*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. Other location: 534 Broadway (at H Street), Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero,

Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there’s fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it’s moister), but don’t overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what’s available and place your order. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Mailo’s Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo’s is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren’t Greek, they’re Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There’s also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo’s cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham

or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Sister Pee Wee’s Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister’s special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it’s the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you’re hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves’ tangy taste

and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don’t forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mario’s de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant’s sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the “machaca sonora style” (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There’s nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle (“Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions”). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*,

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house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced “trust the chef” tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening’s menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It’s the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it’s from the Isaan, Thailand’s ethnic Lao North-

east — it catches your nose. We’re talking “boxing arena grilled chicken,” after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you’re in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features “Pacific coastal cuisine,” an

eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and “something for everyone.” And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial “tapas” sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine’s own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they’re not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they’re still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days.

And they’ll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims “New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine.” Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. But don’t look for fresh-picked veggies, too — it’s Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen’s menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional “Chef’s Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a “New York-ish” spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Saturdays) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Downtown Johnny Brown’s 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown’s answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken’s grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup’s bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest



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RESTAURANTS

Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining

room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., to midnight on weekends. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on weekends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chianepanco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the ziestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things:

your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage.

Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m, weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages.



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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.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you’re surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana’s great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos’ brands, and a matador’s framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food’s all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you’re looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don’t stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant’s own ranches, and may be enjoyed in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant’s name means “the nest” and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don’t sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read

font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it’s just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana’s version of Mission Valley. Still, it’s charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don’t forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they’re great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

La Fonda Roberto’s Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs’ “red spinach”? Roberto’s presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolate mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes’s eatery. It’s a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* (“Montezuma’s fingers”) is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camaron seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there’re also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — E.B. (2/05)

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tle (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don’t miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, “Mexican hamburgers,” and Sno-Kones (don’t worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it’s a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is “just” a cart, but don’t let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It’s always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony’s Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West

Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You’re going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don’t want over-complicated food, Anthony’s obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama’s Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony’s has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you’ve got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (12/05)

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of “themed” Italian. Buca di Beppo (“Joe’s Cellar”) is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown’s rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield’s breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you’re having fun. Don’t leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/05)

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of “Restaurant Row”), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin’ thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were avail-

able as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don’t really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their “krab” salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don’t even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There’s something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or pan-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain’s Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a “local” species it merely means it’s from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The “Ichiban Hamachi” (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of “Honey-moon Oysters” with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio’s defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado’s Old Ferry Landing — but it’s worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. “*Il fornaio*” means “the baker,” after all. Beyond bread, we’re talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisticchina* (thin

grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza puttanesca* is heaven too, if you’re into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

Oggi’s At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi’s so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous “best pizza” citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

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Much Ado, Bay-Bay

The script smacks of a speed job, done on deadline.

Aquila Theatre's *Much Ado About Nothing* opens with the theme from *Goldfinger*. Surreptitious gents in shades, charcoal-gray suits, and bowler hats and three catwomen in black leather jumpsuits and platinum hair point pistols at each other and do snappy judo-kicks à la James Bond or *The Avengers*. The women also do the "swim" and the "pony" and other atrocious dances made popular on *American Bandstand*. It's a retro-'60s, Mod/Rocker scene. You half expect Mike Myers to cameo, licking his chops and saying "shagadelic" or "groovy, bay-bay, groovy."

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

This is Shakespeare? Well. Sort of. *Much Ado* shows signs of having been written not only to tour but also on the run. Shakespeare gives no details about the setting, which allowed his company to stage the comedy in the provinces. The script smacks of a speed job, done on deadline. Except for Beatrice and Benedick's flash-flood repartee, it's more formulaic than the Bard's other comedies: the subplot's barely fleshed in, and the villain, Don John, is a generic baddy. For these reasons, we've seen *Much Ado*'s located in the Wild West, the Roaring '20s, even India during the Raj.

The play's set in Sicily. Expect someday a *Sopranos*/*Godfather* take — which would put Balthasar's song, of Act Two scene three, in heavy italics: "Men were deceivers ever, / One foot in sea and one on shore, / To one thing constant never."

Aquila's set's a bare floor, a large black square

with a red border, dominated by a huge Union Jack on the rear wall. The only prop's a red BMW mini-Cooper with a white top — "Mini-Me"? — which moves to change a scene.

Casting a '60s James Bond aura around the play makes some sense. The plot of *Much Ado*'s a series of plottings: staged charades to get Beatrice and Benedick to fall in love; others to trick Claudio and Hero out of it.

Nothing moves in Messina, it seems, until someone is duped into action. And the movements, the much ado's, are prompted by "no thing," which is how Shakespeare's England pronounced "nothing."

The atmosphere of intrigue hooks up with the play: Messinans relish eavesdropping and surveillance. And giving Governor Leonato a mechanical hand references *Dr. No*. But it's impossible to imagine Beatrice, one of Shakespeare's most intelligent, independent women, dressing like a Charlie's Angel to lure a lover. She doesn't hate men, as some (male) commentators allege. She's just one wary woman who'd refrain from sexual objectification. Benedick won her before with "false dice." She won't encourage anything like that again.

Aquila, a ten-year-old British-American troupe, has become renowned as a classical ensemble company, and its production shows why. Everyone in the cast gives sharp, precise readings. The performances of Kathryn Merry, as Hero, and John Lavelle, as Claudio, are a surprise. The young lovers usually get played as



Jessica Boevers, Marwa Bernstein, Kathryn Merry in *Much Ado About Nothing*

Much Ado About Nothing, by William Shakespeare
Aquila Theatre Company at the La Jolla Playhouse, Sheila & Hughes Potiker Theatre, UCSD
Directed and adapted by Robert Richmond; cast: Marwa Bernstein, Jessica Boevers, Luis Butelli, Anthony Cochrane, John Lavelle, Kathryn Merry, Kenn Sabberton, Craig Wroe; scenic design, Peter Meineck, Richmond; lighting, Meineck; costumes, Megan Bowers
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passive airhead foils for Beatrice and Benedick. Here, they're human beings caught in a maze of lies, and they do not like it.

Versatile Luis Butelli goes two for three. He

provides nuances for Don John, the one-note villain, and actually makes Dogberry funny beyond his one-note malaprops. Butelli's Friar Francis is a jumble, though. He heroically ropes down from

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above — the obligatory entrance in many a James Bond movie — then the same guy becomes this twitchy, focus-stealing flake.

Much Ado usually gets staged as a star vehicle for actors playing Beatrice and Benedick. In keeping with its ensemble emphasis, Aquila doesn't spike the reticent lovers. Maybe because we're so used to followspots shining on their every move, Anthony Cochrane's Benedick and Jessica Boevers's Beatrice feel toned down, just another part of the show rather than headliners. Also: remove the romanticizing gleam, and he's got a major obsession with infidelity, and she comes off as a repressed controller.

Both have a commanding ease with the language and accompany speeches with eloquent gestures (Cochrane has an entire lexicon of vivid signs). And both are, as Beatrice proclaims, "too wise to woo peaceably." But though they connect verbally, they never quite fall into love. It's almost as if the actors were as skeptical of each other as their characters.

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availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Ajax

Marianne McDonald's new translation of Sophocles's 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.

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Biedermann and the Firebugs

If serial arsonists burn buildings every day in your fair city, and two guys start rolling barrels of gasoline up to your attic, then two plus two equals...hel-LOW??? To say that Sepp and Willi are the pyromaniacs doesn't give away the plot of Max Frisch's acerbic comedy. From the get-go it's obvious to all except Gotteib Biedermann, self-proclaimed "man of honor" (who turns out to be, or should, as smarmy as the firebugs). He would rather look away than cry foul. Cygnet Theatre has defanged the play but still has much to offer, from Eric Lotze's expressive lighting to performances by Daren Scott and Joshua Everett Johnson as the sleazy arsonists (who, in the epilogue, which Cygnet cut, turn out to be Beelzebub and Satan). And Tim Irving gives a detailed, funny performance as Biedermann. If anything, however, he's too endearing and way too human. But to Frisch, Biedermann's an entitled bourgeois monster who should roast in hell. Irving's natural warmth could charm vipers. This makes his character a comic victim rather than the brunt of Frisch's *epater* — i.e. squish — *le bourgeois* venom. Another problem's probably been solved by now, but on opening night the chorus of firemen 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."

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Eve's Tail

For two evenings only, Cygnet Theatre hosts Laura Bozanich's very popular one-person show. Every guy she dates, Eve swears, dumps her and then comes out of the closet. But Eve, too, is a shut-in. She represses desires for fear her late father, who died when she was a child, won't approve ("Is he watching...always?"). Then she decides to change her ways. Dorothy went to Oz, Eve visits Self-Improvement Valhalla, where the gurus *really* practice what they preach (like the "Depressed Chef," who cries even when not cooking with onions; and Dr. Gender who teaches "How to Make Love All Day Long...YES!"). Bozanich, who performed *Eve's Tail* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, slips from one gonzo scenario to another in a montage that recalls the great Fire-sign Theatre comedy group (after a while, she leaves "reality" behind: are we watching late-night TV, or are we "live," watching sperm trying to storm a coy egg?). Throughout the hour-long piece, Bozanich moves, dances, creates vivid characters, and charms with double gifts: as a performer and a writer. This is a very, very funny show.

Worth a try:

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AT 8:00 P.M., 619-337-1525, X3.

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.***

LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, ROSE CANYON, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9; TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M., THURSDAY AT 9:15 P.M., SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-280-2641.

Gum

UCSD Theatre presents Karen Hartman's tough, poetic, moving drama about sexual awakening in a repressive society. MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UCSD, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

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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Killer Reunion

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The Most Happy Fella

Moonlight Stage Productions offers Frank Loesser's popular musical about Tony, an aging winemaker in the Napa Valley, and his mail-order wife-to-be. Kathy Brombacher



Eve's Tail

and Don and Bonnie Ward co-directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Much Ado About Nothing

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an ath-

letic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Noises Off

NV Theatre presents Michael Frayn's backstage farce, in which things subscribe to Murphy's Law in triplicate. 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY (ACROSS FROM CITY HALL) OCEANSIDE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-529-9140.

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

Cirque du Soleil's jaw-droppers beguile: gymnastic strength moves of Jerome La Baut and Asa Kubiak's "Statue"; the human pyramids of "Banquine"; and the spinning, yo-yo-like spools of "Diablos." The story of *Quidam* makes more sense in the program notes than onstage, however: something about strangers and anonymity; and Zoe, who thinks she's seen everything (then her family, reading newspapers, suddenly floats into the air). Zoe, her, guide, and the audience are in for extraordinary treats and, surprisingly, more mundane sections than usual. Though the music's loud as ever, the show also has dull spots. People walk on and off wearing the latest fashion — hybrid-weird — and there are two audience-participation scenes that 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 spellbind." But then out come the "diabolos," or 17 Slavic artists shaping human towers, and your notion of the humanly possible demands rethinking.

THE GRAND CHAPITEAU, DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS, 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.

Restless Spirits

The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents the world premiere of Allan Havis's mystery. A local scholar of ghosts and spirits finds connections that cross boundaries. Sam Woodhouse directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatre-sports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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Quidam: Cirque du Soleil

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 Is Father to the Man”; and Holmes’s touching rendition of “Dog Passages,” in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he’s

had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros), are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along — of which *Too Old* could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, *Too Old* needs major reinventing. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5; 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.
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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While

patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.
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Wait Until Dark
Coronado Playhouse opens its new theater with Frederick Knott’s creepy thriller about Susy, who is blind, and three con men. Keith A. Anderson directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1845 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, THROUGH MARCH 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.
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On Watch

The unsettling final shot is a stimulating discussion-starter for viewers whose curiosity rises above "Huh?"

The good start to the new year continues, thanks to a couple of late arrivals from the old year, one of the benefits (to look at the glass as half full) of our cultural deprivation here in the provinces.

Caché, meaning "hidden," has cachet. Meaning quality, distinction, class. A well-chilled French thriller

comparable in degrees centigrade to *Time Out*, *With a Friend Like Harry*, *Merci pour le Chocolat*, *Red Lights*, et al., it deals in anxiety rather than excitement. An anonymous video-cassette in a plastic bag is left without explanation at the doorstep of the civilized host of a book-chat TV show: a two-hour static surveillance shot of the front of the house where he lives with his wife and their twelve-year-old son. A similar second tape, night-time, follows, accompanied by a childish drawing of a figure with blood streaming from the mouth. You can readily imagine, inasmuch as you are put snugly in the shoes of the protagonist, how this might give you the willies. An additional drawing, later, of a

bloody chicken and additional surveillance tape of his boyhood home in the country, where now his mother alone resides, would seem to point the finger at an Algerian immigrant, a long-ago playmate of the protagonist, whom

the latter's parents had once planned to adopt. There's a story there, a story hidden, a deep dark secret from the

past, unknown even to the wife. The measured disclosure of it is as much a test of patience as a test of nerve.

The austere Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke lowers the temperature a few degrees nearer the deep freeze, even, than the French ideal. He gets unostentatious fine performances from Daniel Auteuil and a thicker-in-the-middle Juliette Binoche, and it's always good to see the venerable Annie Girardot (the mother in the country), whom we've likely not seen since Haneke's *The Piano Teacher*. He avails himself of no mood-setting background music, staying alert to ambient sound only, maintaining the stillness of a stalker, a voyeur. His spookily empty images, not just the



Caché

ones borrowed from the surveillance camera, possess something of the expectancy, the pregnancy, of the early-20th-century photographs of Eugene Atget. And the unsettling final shot, outside the school of the twelve-year-old, is a stimulating discussion-starter for viewers whose curiosity rises above "Huh?" (Answer

this: whose point of view?) The Arab angle, understandably sharpened by the spectacle last year of Paris burning, has been a bit overplayed by critics as a commentary on the legacy of French colonialism. My own feeling is that that's a heavy load to lay on the conscience of a six-year-old child (the age of the character at the pertinent

time), and that the deep dark secret is little more than a serviceable plot device to set in motion the wheels of revenge. But no doubt it's serviceable, too, as ballast for those filmgoers who have a need to add Social Significance to a creepy thriller. For others, the Hitchcockian theme of shaken complacency, the Highsmithian theme of

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irreversible consequence, will be ballast enough.

Mrs. Henderson Presents, set in the London of *entre les guerres* and a little ways into the Second World *guerre*, paints the portrait of a Plucky Old Lady, a screen species that tends more often than not to be British, a subspecies that nowadays tends to be Judi Dench. She — Dame Judi — plays here, very playfully indeed, a well-bred widow from real life, who, with time and money on her hands, purchases and refurbishes the derelict Windmill Theatre in the West End, and, with the head-butting collaboration of a Jewish impresario (Bob Hoskins, in fine fettle), institutes the “radical idea” of nonstop music-hall performances: Revuedeville. When her competition catches up with that idea, she advances another step ahead, a step in the direction of Paris, a step toward their Moulin Rouge namesake: “Why don’t we get rid of the clothes? Let’s have naked girls!” But the only way around the censorial Lord Chamberlain (Christopher Guest, probably having more fun than his character ought to be having) is to compromise on a rule of no movement: so-called *tableaux vivants*, to preserve an air of Frenchness. The results, copiously illustrated, are chastely, charmingly, nostalgically, elegantly erotic, and the fastidious period reproduction extends even to the shapes and sizes of the boobs. (It extends as well to the moral code: the unmarried

girl who gets herself pregnant promptly gets herself killed.) All in all, a well-crafted film from the erratic Stephen Frears, a film that fully accomplishes its aims, modest though those may be.

Anyone on the lookout for a lesbian *Brokeback Mountain* will have to look past *Imagine Me and You*, the writing and directing debut of Ol Parker, a lightweight love-at-first-sight romantic comedy about the instantaneous connection between a bride midway up the aisle and the nuptial flower arranger. Piper Perabo and Lena Headey are as attractive in their way as Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal, though without the hats or horses or equivalents; and Matthew Goode as the bridegroom, concurrently the brother of Emily Mortimer and brother-in-law of Jonathan Rhys-Meyers in Woody Allen’s *Match Point*, doesn’t make things easy on them by virtue of being a decent chap. But then in the end he does make things easy on them by virtue of being a whatever-makes-you-happy chap. The dismal predictability includes the traditional race-to-the-airport climax.

Festival season opens tonight, although not, as I have come to expect, with the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, the sixteenth annual edition of which will run from February 9 through 19 at various venues, the AMC La Jolla, the Ultrastar Mission Valley and Poway, the Lawrence Family Jewish Commu-

nity Center. For that, the full schedule can be obtained at www.lfjcc.org. Before that, however, the fledgling Noir Film Festival gets things going February 2 through 5 at the Pacific Gaslamp. This festival is not so self-explanatory. It seems necessary to say that it is not a *film noir* festival. It is rather a festival of black cinema, African-American cin-

ema, in all its forms, action, animation, documentary, shorts, what-have-you. For details, go to www.noirfilmfestival.com. Down the road awaits the San Diego Latino Film Festival, March 9 through 19 at Ultrastar Mission Valley. I’ll remind you when we get near enough to feel the vibration. ■

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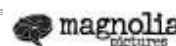
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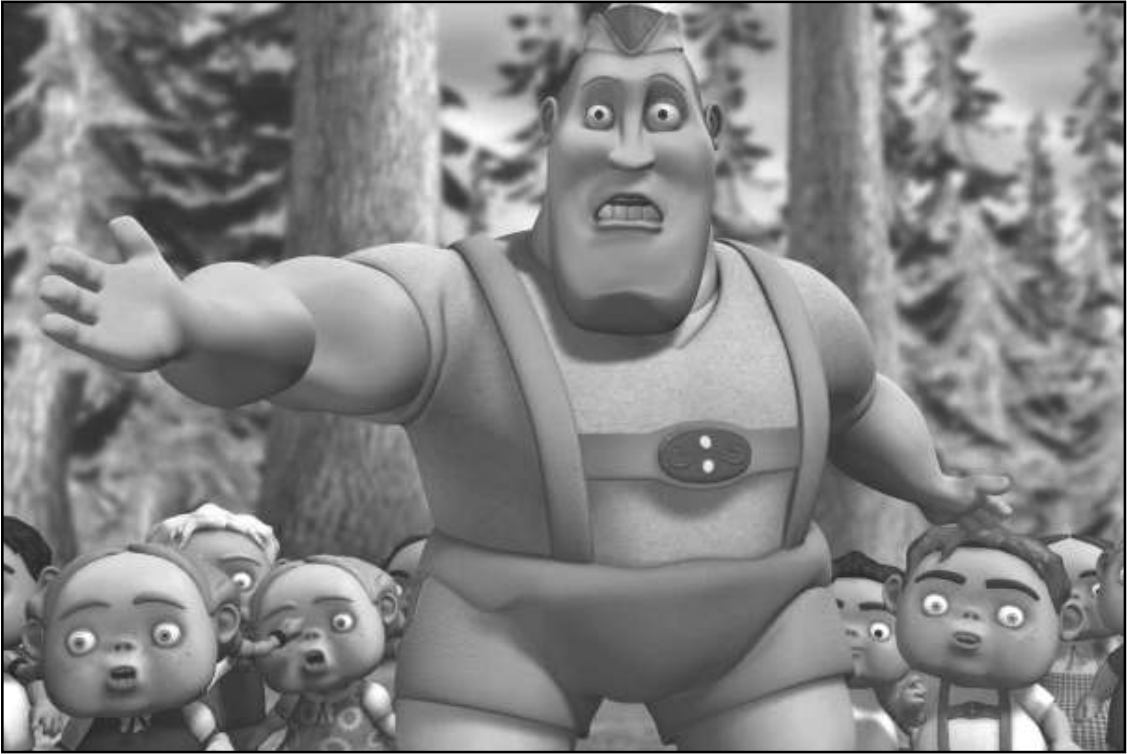
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Bubble — Reviewed next issue. With Debbie Doebereiner, Dustin James Ashley, Misty Dawn Wilkins, K. Smith, and Decker Moody; directed by Steven Soderbergh. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Caché — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Auteuil, Juliette Binoche, Maurice Benichou, and Annie Girardot; written and directed by Michael Haneke. ★★ ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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. (“Bergdorfs,” he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, “Sears, Roebuck.”) The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoff-



Hoodwinked

man, 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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 Perabo, 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. ★ ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Fun with Dick and Jane — Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotch-



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eff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelphia, 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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



Imagine Me and You

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, Mehcad Brooks; directed by James Gartner. 2006.

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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

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through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal “Salute to Edward R. Murrow” in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor’s scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow’s example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow’s stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionary-ism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 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)

Heaven — Directed by Tom Tykwer

(*Run, Lola, Run* and *The Princess and the Warrior*) from an unrealized screenplay by the late Krzysztof Kieslowski (*Red, White, and Blue*), this is an apparently harmonious collaboration between a couple of fate-chance-coincidence guys. The extended credits sequence, during which a bomb planted in an office wastebasket blows up instead in the cleaning lady's cart, presents a powerful illustration of the theme; and it immediately establishes the intensity of commitment, every carefully selected shot clicking into place with remorseless inevitability. Tykwer in general has toned down his visual trickiness for the occasion, and cameraman Frank Griebe's soft, smooth, no-gloss color is a thing of beauty throughout. (The Tuscany setting unearths additional things of beauty.) The solemnity never falters, even as the storyline turns preposterous: the grand romance, or *amour fou*, of Philippa and Filippo, the revenge-seeking Englishwoman who misguidedly planted the bomb, and the Italian policeman who helps her to carry out her revenge. Some big questions arise along the way: How does this grade-school teacher know how to make a time bomb? How is she able to come and go from police headquarters after her escape from custody? Why, if she wants only to kill the right person and not to avoid punishment for killing a few wrong ones, does she go on the lam once she accomplishes her mission? There is no bigger contradiction, though, no greater paradox, than the infinite expressiveness of Cate Blanchett's eyes inside her stiff, sanded, plaster-of-Paris face. With Giovanni Ribisi. 2002.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/6, 6:30 P.M.)

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.

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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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Imagine Me and You — Reviewed this issue. With Piper Perabo, Lena Headey, Matthew Goode, Darren Boyd, and Celia Imrie; written and directed by Ol Parker.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 2/3)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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 hydro-electric 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

SEEN ON DVD

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Memento is a mind-trip of a movie. The story's fantastic and makes you feel the confusion of someone who can't form new memories. The DVD includes the short story on which the film is based.

City of God is an amazing film set in the slums of Rio by the same director of *The Constant Gardener*. Beautiful cinematography and incredible storytelling bring what might seem like life on another planet alarmingly home. One of my favorite films ever!

David La Chapelle's documentary *Rize* explores the growth of krumping, a style of dancing so fast and frenetic that it seems unbelievable. La Chapelle lends the same unique visual style used in his photography to the way he captures the amazing dancers featured in the film.

MEMENTO (USA) 2000,

Sony Pictures

List price: \$24.95

CITY OF GOD (Brazil) 2002,

Miramax

List price: \$29.99

RIZE (USA) 2005, Lion's Gate

List price: \$27.98

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; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World — Albert Brooks, director, writer, star, returns to top form, and for the first time since his first film, *Real Life*, literally portrays "himself," though one would hope not altogether accurately. The idea of the film is self-evidently an inspired one. The

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Before coming to the La Jolla Playhouse's *Much Ado About Nothing*, I suggest watching *The Avengers*. The conceit is simple: John Steed, debonair Englishman, teams up with Emma Peel (think "M-appeal" or "man-appeal"), an independently wealthy modern Englishwoman, to investigate mysterious crimes. Many credit Diana Rigg's portrayal of the sexy, liberated Mrs. Peel as a turning point for the depiction of women on TV as simultaneously capable of physical prowess, sex appeal, and intellect.

And from America, *Top Secret!* The silliness of the Zuckers' film matches silly moments in our play, which both pays homage to the spy genre and sends it up. Val Kilmer, Omar Sharif, cows in boots, French agents with names like Latrine and Déjà Vu — it helped to shape my sense of comedy.

THE AVENGERS: THE COMPLETE

EMMA PEEL MEGASET

(England) 1965–67,

A&E Home Video

List price: \$199.95 (sixteen discs)

TOP SECRET!

(USA) 1984, Paramount

List price: \$9.98

BETH ACCOMANDO

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La Jolla Playhouse's *Much Ado About Nothing*, with its Brit spy spin, put me in the mood for Bond. James Bond. I grew up wanting to be a secret agent because of Sean Connery (the ONLY Bond in my book). *Goldfinger*'s the best, followed closely by *From Russia with Love*. My feminist sister says she can't watch them because they're sexist. But despite an outrageous name, *Goldfinger*'s Pussy Galore — like so many Bond babes — is no bimbo. She runs a woman-owned business, is sexually confident, smart enough to play with the big boys and win, can karate-chop Bond into submission, and is gorgeous to boot. Diana Rigg, who would go on to play TV's stunning Emma Peel, was memorable in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*; unfortunately George Lazenby's Bond was entirely forgettable.

GOLDFINGER (England) 1964, MGM

List price: \$24.95

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

(England) 1963, MGM

List price: \$24.95

ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET

SERVICE (England) 1969, MGM

List price: \$34.98

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." 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. To the extent that

the idea affords Brooks a way to confront such 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-

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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 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.
● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)
Mrs. Henderson Presents — Reviewed this issue. With Judi Dench, Bob Hoskins, Kelly Reilly, Will Young, and Christopher Guest; directed by Stephen Frears.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 2/3)

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 parties, 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 Craig, Ciarán Hinds, Mathieu Kassovitz, Hanns Zischler, and Geoffrey Rush. 2005.
★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)
Nanny McPhee — A Mary Poppins for the Tim Burton era. Magical powers, for sure, but also a bulbous nose, a bucktooth, a unibrow, and two hairy moles, all of which disappear one by one as she imparts her Five Lessons to the “very clever but

very, very, *very* naughty” seven children of a widowed undertaker. Emma Thompson, who also wrote the script, is remarkably restrained beneath the icky makeup, leaving the lusty caricature in the capable hands of Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, and Angela Lansbury. The good-looking as well as good-acting Colin Firth and Kelly Macdonald round out a strong cast. Directed by Kirk Jones. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-

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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; GALAXY 6; 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)



Mrs. Henderson Presents

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author’s mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the

filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for

Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is 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 dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Holland. 2005.

★★ (GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15)

Something New — Sanaa Lathan and Si-

mon Baker in an interracial romantic comedy by first-time director Sanaa Hamri. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/3)

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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA COSTA 6; MISSION VALLEY 7)

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 “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

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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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; 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 breastroker'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)

When a Stranger Calls — Simon West's remake of the 1979 thriller by Fred Walton, with Camilla Belle, Brian Geraghty, and Clark Gregg. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA 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; FROM 2/3)

The White Countess — A James Ivory film, and a posthumous film for his longtime producer Ismail Merchant, on which their longtime screenwriter, Ruth Prawer 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. ★ (KEN)

The World's Fastest Indian — Anthony Hopkins as New Zealander Burt Munro, on a quest to set the land speed record on motorcycle; written and directed by Roger Donaldson. (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 2/3)

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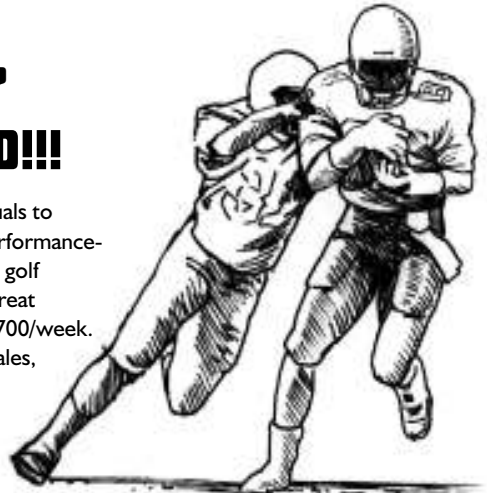
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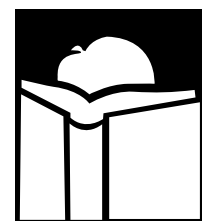
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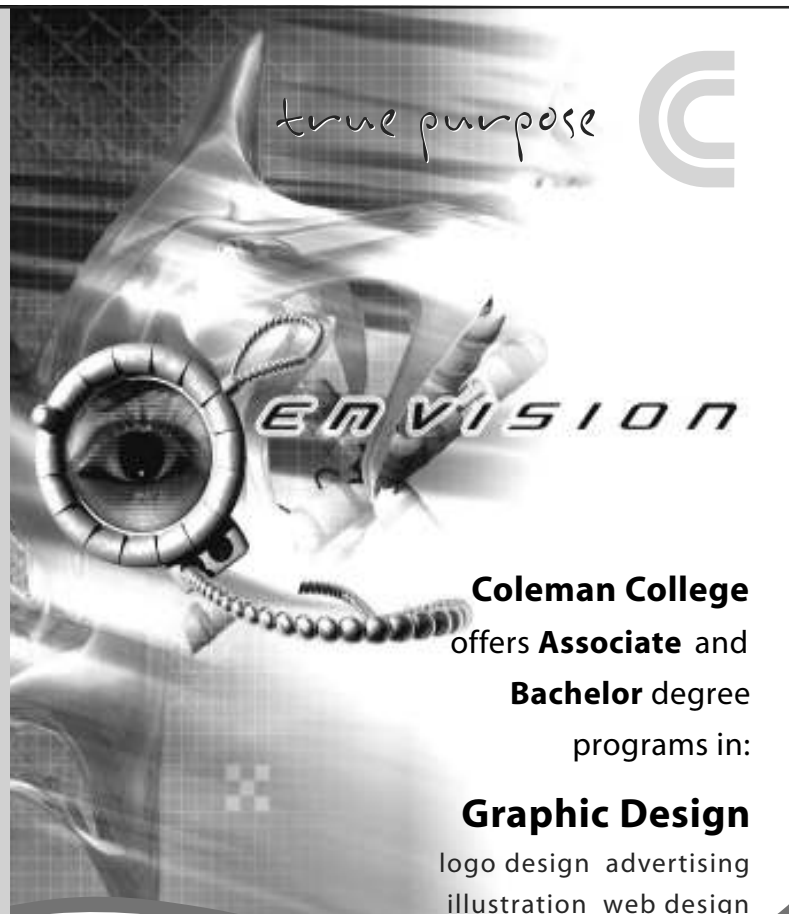
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Across

- 1. Parabolic paths
- 5. Fishing hook
- 9. "It's ____ country!"
- 14. Corn Belt skyline feature
- 15. Anti-censorship org.
- 16. "As ____ and breathe!"
- 17. With 49-Down, an 1898 conflict
- 20. Not yet proficient with
- 21. Brockovich played by Roberts
- 22. Cough (up)
- 23. Tetley product
- 25. Early Peruvians
- 27. Fast-paced, slangily
- 30. Islamic crusade
- 34. Sam Adams product
- 35. White House inits. from 1869-77
- 36. Tried, with "at"
- 37. First Western televised in color
- 40. Added, as an ingredient
- 41. "In the Land of Israel" author
- 42. Down in the mouth
- 43. "If You Had My Love" singer, familiarly
- 44. Kramer's first name on "Seinfeld"
- 45. Pretend to be something one's not
- 48. Single
- 50. Majorca Mrs.
- 51. Frisbee, e.g.
- 54. Some Monopoly properties: Abbr.
- 56. They undergo bonding
- 60. Query from a vegetarian (who won't be happy with the answers to 17-, 27- and 45-Across)
- 63. #34 in the NBA
- 64. Miner's aid
- 65. Title character with a "lucky fin" in a 2003 film
- 66. "Au contraire!"
- 67. Agitated state
- 68. "Have ____!" ("Drink!")

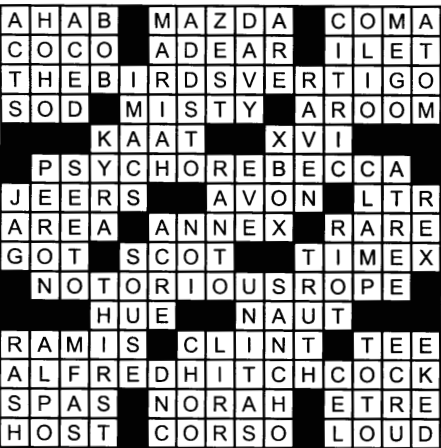
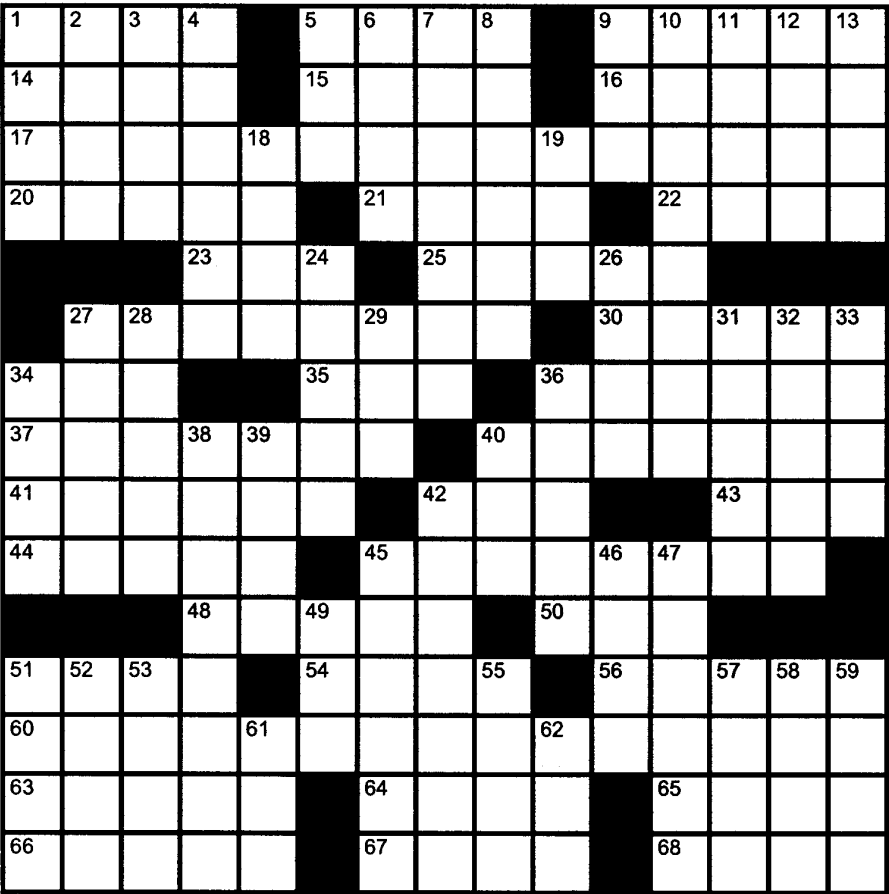
Down

- 1. WNBA part
- 2. Fit for picking
- 3. Lobster portion
- 4. Beethoven work
- 5. It may be neutral or noble
- 6. Need a massage
- 7. Expanding, as one's nostrils
- 8. Irate
- 9. Make public
- 10. Half a platter
- 11. Puerto ____
- 12. Author Hunter
- 13. Start of a counting-out rhyme

- 18. Tabloid couple
- 19. SASE, e.g.
- 24. Full of activity
- 26. Comet rival
- 27. TD replay tempo
- 28. Late night host Jay and family
- 29. Fit ____ fiddle
- 31. Pilgrim to Mecca
- 32. Nimble
- 33. "He could ____ wrong"
- 34. Rhyme scheme
- 36. Camouflages
- 38. Equal to
- 39. Time for a Wild West shootout
- 40. Dallas NBAer
- 42. Jazz band member
- 45. Razes
- 46. "I smell ____!"
- 47. 43-Across, e.g.
- 49. See 17-Across
- 51. "My Heart Will Go On" singer
- 52. "Ignorance ____ excuse"
- 53. Manuscript annotation
- 55. Big rig
- 57. Singles
- 58. Actress Rogers
- 59. Cry from a tickled person
- 61. "Xanadu" band
- 62. Fitting

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.
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- 7. One entry per person.



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- 1. Scott Humphreys, *Linda Vista*
- 2. Jennifer Wo, *Pacific Beach*
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Open Meeting, no fee, materials available. For information, call 858-259-1880.

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VOLUNTEERS. Like to steer people straight? Learn about Superior Court by staffing the information desk. South County, East County, Downtown court-houses one morning or afternoon a week. Training/parking provided. Julie, 619-531-3489.

WHAT THE BLEEP DO WE KNOW? Discussion group explores ideas based on movie. Range of topics. Meets weekly 6:30pm, University Heights area, more information xxxlogosxxx@yahoo.com.

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DAVIEBABE Went East. She was kind, wise, beautiful and loving with great kids. I left her. How stupid was that!?! Still crazy after all these years.

EARTH IS CHANGING, Its magnetic poles. Magnetic poles shift every so many eons; you're IN IT! Your compass will continue to point North, while direction may actually be South. Aton.

H-FISH, Fish, Barry P. Where you at? Lost Brother from another time. John tow guy. Contact Bill L. at Walco Escondido.

HGS, Maintaining as I do, that I'll always love you. Makes me look forward to eternity: TYS MICHAEL IRDLY 24/7/365.

THANK YOU, Holy spirit, for prayers answered. ALL.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

FRIENDSHIP. Clairemont, female, 53, retired pharmacist, positive attitude, fitness enthusiast, dancing, movie, dining, concert. Seeking nonsmoker pals in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling platonic friendship. (2/15) ☎50016

FRIENDSHIP, males. Outdoor enthusiast, camping, hiking, workout buddy, poker pal, rummage, photography, cruises, single, healthy. No drugs, no alcohol. (2/8) ☎49985

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

HAPPY, SMART, CARING, supportive, funny, cute, attractive African-American, 37. Seeking good natured, tall, slightly nerdy, smart, caring, white male, 35-50, friendship, possibly/hopefully more. (2/8) ☎50667

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ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN, Mexican, 5'8", 142lbs fun, sexy, loving, educated. Looking to meet attractive Caucasian man, age 39-50 years, fun, loving, romantic for possible long-term relationship. (2/15) **50681**

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**

VERY ATTRACTIVE ARTIST, 50, tall, blue eyes, classy, sensuous. Desires loving relationship; handsome, secure, intelligent man. We enjoy film, antiquing, outdoors. Nonsmoker, San Diego area. (2/15) **50669**

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, spiritual, down to earth, curvy, 55. Lady seeking nonsmoker male who enjoys movies, dancing, travel, cuddling, dining, 45-60, tall, handsome, secure lover. (2/8) **50658**

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. (2/15) **50679**

ARE YOU CONSIDERATE, intelligent, handsome, sense of humor, gentleman, 52-62, who desires friendship, romance, adventure? This 57, smart, sexy, sweet lady wants to meet you! (2/15) **50690**

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years, for relationship. Must be presentable. (2/15) **50688**

MY FIRST PRIORITY is you. If you are 59+, tall, cheerful with plenty of time to play, very pretty, nice-figured lady awaits your call. (2/15) **50683**

GODDESS SUMMONS WARRIOR! This tall, black, beautiful, sexy goddess immediately summons a strong yet gentle emotionally stable, humorous, uncumbered white male, 28-48. No poseurs please! (2/8) **50644**

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN LADY, slim, happy, caring, gentle. Seeking sincere, easygoing and loving caucasian gentleman. Nonsmoker, no drugs. Let's explore what life has to offer. (2/15) **50689**

SPIRITUAL, VERY ATTRACTIVE, growth oriented, educated, holistic lifestyle, compassionate, heart connected, your best friend. Fit, 5'6", slender, blonde, loving, artist, musical, outdoors oriented, beach lover. (2/15) **50684**

SINGLE BLACK, 46, woman, hoping for love. Willing to meet black male for fun, excitement. Romantic, honest, no drama, can you make me laugh. (2/8) **50657**

EX-LIBERAL, ATTRACTIVE, Slim, engaging, 40ish-looking agnostic into making art. Seeking fit, non-idealogue baby-boomer individualist, for hot philosophical/political dialoguing, films, walks, theatre, healthy dining. (2/15) **50680**

SHY BRUNETTE, DISABLED, 30s. Seeking gentleman in 20s-30s for friendship, possible relationship. Enjoy various activities, love Star Wars. (2/8) **50650**

CONSERVATIVELY WILD, paradox. Zany, unconventional, easygoing Asian, single female, 40. Loves outdoors, ocean, adventure, spirituality, snuggling, quiet times. Seeking authentic, happy, single male, soulmate, 35-45. (2/15) **50677**

UNIQUE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, intelligent, genuine, striking, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, hot figure, 48. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere single gentleman who appreciates the best. (2/15) **50673**

BEAUTIFUL COSTA RICAN seeks relationship with man that treats me right. I'm 47, fabulous cook, massage therapist. You: 40-65, honest, car, job, time for me. (2/8) **50660**

HAPPY, HEALTHY, HUMOROUS. I am 30-something, been in San Diego for 5 years. Seeking fun and adventure or just calm, drama-free friendship. (2/15) **50676**

CAUCASIAN SENIOR, PETITE, Active, sincere, health-minded, outdoors beach gal, wishes to meet nonsmoking, 70ish gentleman with good old fashioned values. Ballroom dancing (optional). (2/8) **50661**

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA, 53 years, 5'1", 130lbs., fun loving, caring, romantic. Looking to meet attractive man, between 50-60 years, honest, caring, romantic, loving, for serious relationship. (2/8) **50643**

HONEST, 35 YEARS, green eyes, brown hair, 5'8", plus size, loving. Seeking a man, 35-42, romantic, honest, knows how to treat a lady, likes kids. (2/15) **50687**

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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**

HAVING TO START OVER, young at heart, successful professional, fit, fun, 50, white, energetic to share outdoors with mature, honest, uncumbered, secure, strong morale, 45-55, male. (2/8) **50652**

ATTRACTIVE, SPIRITUAL lady, 60s. Like dancing, movie, theater, traveling, studying philosophy. Seeking spiritual, kind, nonsmoker gentleman for long-term relationship. No pets please. (2/15) **50671**

VALENTINE, WHERE ART THOU? I'm 5'7", caucasian, slender, mature woman. Seeking tall, caucasian, nonsmoker, young-in-heart, senior man for long-term companionship and friendship. (2/15) **50685**

OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE, Intelligent lady. Seeking a 47+ Caucasian gentleman for long-term relationship. You're kind and caring, and believe the best is yet to come. (2/8) **50659**

EUROPEAN LADY, wants to meet interesting man, 47-57 for fun, friendship, maybe more. Me: attractive, sexy blonde, 54, 5'4", 147lbs., music, movies, books, cats, dogs. (2/15) **50672**

COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar, gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (2/15) **50674**

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**

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**

CARING, COMPASSIONATE lady, 5'3", weight 115lbs. Would like to meet white male, aged 57 to 65, for a relationship. (2/8) **50655**

ATTRACTIVE RETIRED NAVY widow, blonde, blue, warm, creative, intelligent, spiritual. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, cruises, swimming, horticulture, cultural activities. Seeking Christian gentleman companion, British background. (2/15) **50670**

FEMALE, 53, OCEANSIDE. Seeking long relationship, born again Christian. Traveling, fishing with boat a plus, humor, loyal, conversation responsible, 5', very thin, nonjudgemental. (2/15) **50668**

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**

SEEKING MY VALENTINE, 43-52, sincere, romantic for a possible relationship. Me 48, Cubana, 5'5", sincere, passionate, loving. Seeking that special gentleman. Is that you. (2/15) **50678**

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN single mom, 40, East County, size 18. Looking to meet hispanic/caucasian man for possible relationship. I'm not looking for an occasional thing. (2/15) **50675**

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN, integrity, loyalty, never married, no kids, gourmet cook, artist, author, educated, athletic, dancer. You: never married, fit, quality, animal lover, compassionate, communicative. (2/15) **50691**

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**

SWEET, PETITE, 59, youthful, fit, Caucasian lady. Down to earth, happy and healthy. Enjoy getaways, movies, exercising, and life. Seeking financially success-

ful, Caucasian homeowner. (2/8) **50645**

VALENTINE IS AROUND the corner. Let's share some love. 5'5", 148lbs., Cuban. You: 40-50, sincere who seeks that passionate woman to share times with. (2/8) **50656**

TALL, INTELLIGENT, Funny Latina, 45, newly separated. Seeking man under 50 in the South Bay for conversation and coffee, maybe dancing. (2/8) **50662**

LATIN EDUCATED MALE WANTED, degreed, 45-55, 5'9"-6'2", fit, Christian, financially secure. Like arts, traveling, family life; lasting relationship. Me: professional Mexican lady, 48, 6", 132lbs. (2/15) **50686**

ATTRACTIVE, 58, BLONDE widow, with traditional values. Love the theater, concerts and outings, many hobbies. Seeking single gentleman, 55-65, who loves the arts, nonsmoker, polite. (2/8) **50647**

VALENTINE: BE MINE. 13 years living on the Colorado River makes me open to any experience. You are athletic, 6' tall, 40s. La Mesa area. (2/15) **50682**

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858) (2/8) **50648**

MATCHES Men Seeking Women

53, SLIM, FIT, humorous, divorced, responsible father, degreed, fun, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, nonsmoker, sincere, feminine, trim, North County, for conversation, outings, possibly more. (2/8) **50969**

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, 5'4", 130lbs., businessman. Seeking sincere and attractive lady. Nonsmoker, petite, for conversation, friendship, romance. Enjoy music, movies, theater, golf, travel. Age/race open. (2/15) **50026**

ORIENTAL SWEETHEART WHO would like to enjoy the company of this handsome, playful, light skin African-American, 49, 175lbs., with strong hands and soft lips. (2/15) **50005**

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. (2/15) **50012**

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**

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 70 years, retired, love to travel, movies, desert, cruises, stable finance, East County. Looking for a nice lady. (2/15) **50011**

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, older woman sought by tall white male, 54. I'm warm, loving, caring, passionate, affectionate, financially secure, uncumbered. Enjoy dining, closeness, togetherness, intimacy. (2/8) **49973**

6'2", EYES OF BLUE. Seeking Jewish woman, 35-50 with similar interests. Tennis, swimming, movies, theater, concerts and travel. (2/8) **49982**

6'1, 180, 30s. Great home, job, life, noticed something missing from life. Want to date fun outgoing female, 25-40, who want a great, honest guy. (2/15) **49998**

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**

GOOD-LOOKING CAUCASIAN. Looking for adventurous, spontaneous, attractive lady, for relationship, traveling, romance, dining out, best friends. Me: 6'3", 240lbs., 43, very caring. (2/15) **50017**

TALL, ECTOMORPHIC, White geek. Seeks bespectacled ebony nerd for retina-shattering spotlight-lit lams dinners, and skin-diver-finned frogs through moonlit swamps. (2/15) **50002**

DISCREETLY HERPETIC, HOTI 38, tall, dark, athletic Caucasian. Private yet outgoing, scuba, ski, food, music, film, reading. You: attractive, intelligent, nice. (2/8) **49975**

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. (2/15) **50024**

GENTLEMAN 40s, 6', 175, nonsmoker/non drinker, living by spiritual principles. Seeks affinity with adorable affectionate sensual soul, you're petite/shapely with dark hair. (2/8) **49981**

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**

GLASS OF WINE, Good conversation, a new relationship. Hugs, romance if interested this 60s guy. Seek lady, 20-40 crafts, tole painting a plus. (2/8) **49983**

VERY HANDSOME, SINGLE, Educated, financially secure, athletic, nonsmoker, sports, horses, painting, singer, 50 look 35, 5'8" 145lbs, speak French, Italian, Spanish. Must be attractive, 25-35. (2/15) **50000**

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**

WANTED: MISCHIEVOUS, optimistic, playful, intelligent woman for nice-looking gentleman, independent professional with many interests. Let's talk. (2/8) **49986**

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**

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly female. (2/15) **50009**

HANDSOME AFRICAN AMERICAN, Christian senior, 5'-7", 145lbs. I am seeking an attractive Christian lady, physically fit, small to medium size, 50-60, race open. (2/15) **49997**

PAPI CHULO, fit, slim, 5'8", 50, outgoing, college educated, homeowner. Seeking super fine Latina woman. (2/8) **49989**

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**

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**

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. (2/15) **50021**

GOOD HEARTED BIKER seeks woman, 35-46, for possibly serious relationship. Love hugs and kisses. Ready to give all my heart. Call me. (2/15) **50019**

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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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**

MEAT AND POTATOES MAN seeks a friend. May lead into more. Call and leave your phone number. (2/15) **50006**

ATTORNEY, 54, seeks single white female, 45-49, nonsmoker, slender, smart, playful, for fun, romance, all that is good between men and woman. Call now. (2/15) **50022**

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HANDSOME, PHYSICALLY FIT black male, 5'7", 165lbs., 62, loving, romantic, very down to earth, with an easygoing nature. Enjoy spending time with my sweetheart. (2/15) **50020**

PREFER PEAR SHAPED, Bottom heavy woman, who's smart, creative, articulate. I'm 49, Caucasian, spiritual, like movies, hiking, dancing, comedy, art. Positive uncumbered, open to age. (2/8) **49980**

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EASYGOING, 55, looks 45, 5'10", 185lbs., multiple homeowner, travel, sports, concerts, movies, sport cars. You: slim, smart, beauty, to share great experiences. (2/15) **49995**

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**

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**

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BLUEGRASS, TALL MALE seeks positive, maybe artsy, outdoor adventure, travel, local fun, affectionate, maybe sing or play an instrument. Seeking female, late 30s-40s. (2/15) **49996**

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**

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**

AFFECTIONATE, EVOLVED, caring, athletic, muscular build, 6', 205lbs., dark hair/eyes, olive complexion, run, hike, gym, beach, outdoors, rugged, very handsome, own a Harley, 49 years. Seeking a meaningful connection. (2/15) **50013**

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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**

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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**

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Eduardo Guerrero
Cook
Mission Valley

Man, I am married. I think that both people in a relationship should be equal because you have to think about the future. It comes down to communication; my wife has a different job with more responsibility, but since there's communication between us, it works out and she's able to teach me about things. She works with me on my English because she speaks it much better than I do. When I was a kid, I didn't date a lot of girls, but I dated a few who were more attractive. With really attractive girls, they get interested in things like cars and money because personality isn't everything for them.



Audrey Rodriguez
Student
College Area

Yes. I can control a boyfriend and it's fun for a couple months, but I don't want to control a husband. It's okay to go out with a little idiot for a boyfriend, but I don't want to marry an idiot. I'd prefer the guy not to control, but to use his intelligence into guidance and support; that'd be a good marriage. [Dumb guys] are all that I'm surrounded by and it's a combination of both [immaturity and dumbness] and I happen to be incredibly smart. It's hard, it's a struggle, but I'm making it. As long as I have a couple drinks I can get on his [college guys'] level.



Shannon Moores
Student
College Area

Yes. I'd like him to be more intelligent because then I could learn from him, but not necessarily more attractive. I don't want him to be too conceited and have all these women flocking over him. I mean, if George Clooney were a little bit younger and I was a little bit older, I'd date him. I do think it's hard to meet intelligent guys who are attractive. It's mean to stereotype, but I find very few attractive, intelligent guys. Even in class, I haven't seen that many pretty guys period; I'm not really looking, so maybe that's part of it. I'm not here [at school] to pick up guys. Sometimes it does work to talk about politics and higher-level things at a party, but those are usually my friends. I'd be pretty impressed if a guy came up and talked to me about something intelligent.



Ben Tea
Political Organizer
College Area

Why not? I think it may seem [as if women are more crafty] in this culture, but that doesn't mean that it's natural in gender. I wouldn't mind [if she were more attractive], I'd mind if she were lazy. If she weren't trying to do something for the future generations, that'd bug me a lot. I'd want a conscientious woman, who knows what it means to study history. That doesn't mean I want a speed addict. If she's more intelligent, then she could help me. If she's less intelligent, then I could challenge myself by teaching her. It's kind of hard to lose. I'm not a hundred percent stuck on looks, but I find myself being more interested in attractive females. But I'm not the kind of guy who only cares about the attractive body, if there's nothing more to her.



Kristen Munich
Student
La Mesa

I'd rather that he was smarter than me, then he'd think that I'm the most beautiful woman in the world. You're usually smarter or prettier and if he's smarter, then I'd be prettier. An ugly husband would think his wife's a gorgeous woman. That's from experience and from what I've seen. If you look at a fraternity, that's exactly what you're getting; they're idiots with pretty faces. It's nice to have a medium; I don't need him to be smarter than me or less smart than me. I'm looking for an equal.



Tatiana Aguilar
Grocery Store Manager
Point Loma

Yeah. You put two things that go together; intelligence and good looks usually go together. If you go by intelligence, good looks, and no money; if you had a different kind of comparison, then you'd have different answers. Life skills, what kind of person they are and what kind of person they are to others or if they're responsible, caring, or compassionate. That's a big thing talking about whether someone's smart because somebody can be book smart or they can be street smart, there's lots of different ways [to be smart]. One person isn't going to be all of it; it's what the individual person is looking for. Out of all the things that a guy can be, looks would be last. There have to be common interests. You can have passion in the beginning, but it's like when you have a best friend, you usually have a lot of things in common.

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DOWNTOWN, MARINA DISTRICT. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-parking spaces. Beautiful remodel: granite countertops, hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. Gym. \$2350/month. Phil, 619-855-5881.

DOWNTOWN. Hip new loft! 1 bedroom, optional second bedroom/office, 2 bath. Great city lights view! 1380 square feet, 11 foot ceiling. Stainless appliances, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, secured parking, small pet, \$2400. 619-303-9706, 619-838-4785.

DOWNTOWN, Metrome. Move-in special! \$1300/month. New large luxury studio, appliances, washer/dryer granite countertops, Japanese garden, bayview, parking, storage, gym. \$1350, 1150 J/11th Avenue, 858-277-3410.

DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE. Real warehouse live/work loft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking included. Spacious, private 3-unit building, \$2500 month/lease. Appointment, 619-994-6991.

DOWNTOWN. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious condo. Washer/dryer hookup, minutes to Petco park, 2 parking spaces. Close to freeways. 335 34th Street. 619-922-9892.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. February move-in special! Only \$603-\$724/month for 6 months! Utilities included! Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 8am-3pm. Near Petco Park, bus/trolley. Fully furnished. Bay/ballpark views. Underground parking. Air conditioning. Laundry. Internet. Clubhouse/library. Income qualify! Island Village. 1245 Market Street. For de-

tails, 1-800-351-0613. www.sdreader.com/rent/2070.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms, \$450/up. Studios, \$650/up. Near Gaslamp District. Very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management. 619-231-2385. www.sdreader.com/rent/2097.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, \$450-\$625, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B. Hughes Management. 619-239-3808. www.sdreader.com/rent/2099.

DOWNTOWN. Economical furnished rooms, \$400-\$500, best price, save money. Conveniently located on C Street trolley line, near restaurants, free cable TV, shared bathrooms, on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, elevator service, no pets. 636 C Street (between 6th and 7th). C Street Inn, Hughes Management. 619-234-4165. www.sdreader.com/rent/2098.

DOWNTOWN. Like brand new, 1 bedroom condo, Union Square. 720 square-feet. Granite/tile, washer/dryer, balcony/courtyard view, security building/parking, spa/gym, storage. Lease, \$1395. 619-669-1470.

DOWNTOWN. Gaslamp area. Move-in special, \$280. Community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new, executive level, Coronado Bridge/Courtyard views, Petco Park, trolley station, fitness center, clubhouse, secured parking, stainless, granite, slate flooring, washer/dryer. Unfurnished \$1275, furnished \$1475. 760-960-4273.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful historical building. \$750, studio apartment. \$1295, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, patio, locked complex. Appliances. Free laundry. pets negotiable. 768 17th Street. 619-253-5802.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Free wireless Internet! Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable, \$175, weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new cool urban loft at M21. In heart of Ballpark district. 2 story, 2 bath with spiral staircase and concrete floors. 1 garage parking. Pet considered. Available now! \$1850. 1050 Island Avenue. 619-820-9564.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new 2 bedroom 2 bath, 5th floor corner unit. Hardwood floors. 2 parking spaces. Close to trolley and Gaslamp. \$2200/month. Available now. 858-472-3567; 858-495-9334.

DOWNTOWN. \$495 and up plus deposit. Furnished room available in residential hotel with refriger kitchen/bath. Includes microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. 1545 Second Avenue, between Beech and Cedar. 619-595-0078.

DOWNTOWN. Near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from \$160/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com.

DOWNTOWN. San Diego's first hip hybrid hotel. Sleep small. Dream big. Stay the day, week, month. Single/twin, \$59. Full/double, \$69. Full/twin, \$89. Two twins, \$79. Rest. Lounge. Connect. Play. Eat. Watch. Shower. Launder. Live. 500 West Hotel, 500 West Broadway. www.500westhotel.com. 1-888-895-0875 or 619-234-5252. www.sdreader.com/rent/2114.

DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, \$400-\$500. Heart of Gaslamp. Shared bathrooms. Community kitchen. Free cable TV. No pets. 843 4th Avenue. Windsor Hotel. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Attractive rooms. Shared bath. Utilities included! Near City College! \$400-\$595 per month. Weekly rates from \$1251 719 14th Street, Villa Victoria. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385.

DOWNTOWN. Furnished 1 bedroom plus loft, 1-1/2 bath. Park Row condo. Hardwood floors, fireplace, balcony, washer/dryer. Underground space, 24-hour security, pool/spa. \$2200/month. 619-322-6818.

DOWNTOWN. \$625 and up. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, carpet. All utilities. Laundry, street parking. No pets. Close to Balboa Park. 1758 6th Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

DOWNTOWN. \$825. Dogs OK! 1 bedroom apartment home with laundry facility

ties on-site and plenty of storage space. Great location, close to everything San Diego has to offer! \$500 gift card at move-in for your shopping. 843 13th Street. 858-270-5500 x50, www.msbrrowar.com.

DOWNTOWN. Air conditioned studio apartment with kitchenette and full bath-room. No smoking/pets. \$675/up, including utilities. 728 Market at 7th. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x103.

DOWNTOWN. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$3000/month. Bay, mountain, city views from every room in unit! Cherrywood floors and cabinets. Stainless steel appliances, entertaining balconies and more! 1205 Pacific Coast Highway #702. 619-254-3925.

DOWNTOWN. \$2350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$2350/month. Tastefully furnished, in the heart of Gaslamp! One block to Petco Park. Must see! 530 K Street #212. 619-339-1429; 619-708-9799.

DOWNTOWN. \$1550. Huge 1 bedroom, 1 bath located in the historical building with charm and class walking distance to Horton Plaza, Little Italy and more. Enjoy roof top entertaining with city views. Perfect for the urban lifestyle. Parking included. Pets ok. 619-574-0558. www.SanDiegoRealtyGuide.com.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath 10th floor Renaissance condo. Panoramic bay view, marble bath, gourmet kitchen, granite counters, Subzero stainless steel appliances. \$2590/month. 619-306-1065.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1100 square feet, bright, sunny, hardwood floors, granite countertops. Underground parking. Balcony, view. Gym, spa. No pets. Nonsmoking. \$2000. Jennifer, 619-347-1004.

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DOWNTOWN. 877 Island #305. Beautiful Downtown loft, 1 bath, 1279 estimated square feet. Modern, hardwood floors, subzero refrigerator. \$2200/month plus \$1100 deposit. Call Agent, Nicole, 619-471-1755.

DOWNTOWN. 1 bedroom-\$750. Huge 1 bedroom-\$875. Vintage building. Just restored apartments, 10 blocks from water, authentic hardwood floors, fresh paint, new tile, new appliances. Call now 619-297-9011.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. From \$675-\$800. Beaumanoir mini lofts, located blocks from Petco Park. Unique urban lofts with approximately 250 square feet, 12-foot ceilings, exposed brick, redwood floors. Solid wood furniture available. Paid cable/electric/water. Most spaces include sleeping lofts. Includes refrigerator and microwave. High speed Internet access available via Cox or PacBell. On-site laundry, barbecue deck. Impeccable renovation. 927 6th Avenue. No pets. www.sdreader.com/rent/2127. Michael, 619-232-1517.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Move-in Specials. Live/Work Lofts in the heart of The Gaslamp from \$1,100! Roof decks with barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Seven locations Downtown. Select pets OK. Visit loft leasing office: 315 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdreader.com/rent/2064.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Trellis. 5th floor, 2 parking spaces. Practically new! No pets. 530 K Street. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1600. Loft living-heart of Gaslamp District. Live/work. Gorgeous historical building. Walk to Horton Plaza, Petco Park, House of Blues, Seaport Village, Convention Center, bay. Hardwood floors. Air conditioning. Cable/Internet ready. Controlled access. Pets welcomed! On Broadway, 1023 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1333. http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2109.

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1050-\$1550, unfurnished 2 level lofts, parking available. \$2500, furnished luxury loft with bay views and parking. Call 619-255-0526. www.sdburbanliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright, corner, 1 bedroom apartment, \$995. Ideal location, charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front Street, near Beech, Call 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1650. New Acqua Vista condo, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 11th floor view of bay and city, valet parking, all appliances including washer/dryer. Pool, spa, exercise room. Small pet OK. 425 Beech Street #1107. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400; www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1895. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 level condo. View. Granite countertops. Stainless steel appliances. Hookups. Small pet OK. 619-291-5555 x192. www.utopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA PARK. 2 bedroom plus den, 2 bath. New appliances, gleaming hardwood, fireplace, washer/dryer, balcony. Pools, gym, security, parking. \$2300/month. Pets OK! 619-322-6818.

DOWNTOWN/PARK PLACE. 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath townhouse. Balconies and rooftop deck, two parking spaces, fireplace, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, all amenities. \$3395/month. 619-306-8193.

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EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome, \$1040-\$1070. Freshly painted. New appliances, carpet. Patio. Small gated community. Laundry facilities. Pool. No pets. 1397 East Washington. 619-593-6602.

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EL CAJON. 1 bedroom-\$725. Studio-\$630. Large apartments in quiet complex. Air conditioning, pool and secure parking. Month-to-month lease. 1362 East Main Street. Jason 619-334-3151, 858-200-9408.

EL CAJON. \$950/up. Large, deluxe 2 bedroom single story bungalows. Amenities. Pool, park-like grounds. Parking. 743 South Magnolia Avenue. Near town, shops, bus. 619-579-0174.

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EL CAJON. \$725-\$925. 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms. Pool, laundry, parking on-site. Month-to-month lease. 1019 Peach. 619-588-4773. Ask about move-in special.

EL CAJON. \$850. 1423 Peach Avenue. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs, new carpet, assigned parking, laundry room. No pets. Section 8 OK. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

EL CAJON. \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with large fenced yard! End unit with single-story complex. Everything updated! Pet on approval. Laundry hookups at kitchen! Onsite parking. 1100-1154 North Millison Avenue. Agent, 619-283-2144.

EL CAJON. \$1200/month. 918 estimated square feet, wood floors, air conditioning, dishwasher, refrigerator, community pool, 1-car garage. 1017 South Sunshine #A. Call agent, Nicole, 619-471-1755.

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EL CAJON. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Lincoln-Washington Apartments. Very large units, pool, on-site laundry, covered parking, in great location. Clean and quiet. 685 South Lincoln Avenue. Agent, 619-444-8191 or 858-560-1178.

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ESCONDIDO. \$750. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ask about move-in special! Beautiful courtyard setting in quiet complex. Air conditioning, coin laundry, pool and covered parking. 702-706 Fig Street. Villa Hermosa. 760-741-5002.

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GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, second floor, ocean view. Pets OK. \$925/plus \$925 deposit. 3154 B Street, #3. Call 858-245-8198.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$975. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. Garden courtyard setting. Washer/dryer on-site. Close to Downtown. Moran Realty Inc.: 619-231-1818.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$945. 1 bedroom, wood floors, built-in cabinetry, sunroom, lots of charm. Quiet neighborhood. 1627 29th Street #4. 619-280-2658.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$825. 1 bedroom, upstairs duplex. Hardwood floors. Overlooks Golden Hill park. Large kitchen. Laundry on site. Shower only. Agent, 619-234-9553. www.goldenhillpm.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Large kitchen. Lots of windows. Cats OK. Street parking. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs, historic duplex. Berber carpet. New kitchen. Dishwasher. Gated. View. French doors. Washer/dryer.

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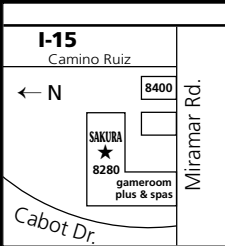
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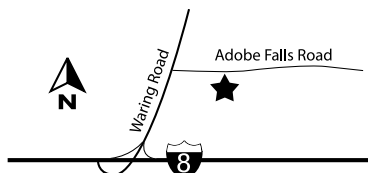
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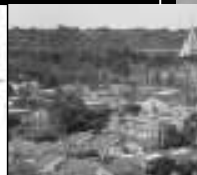
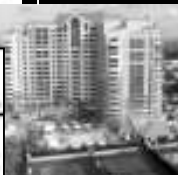


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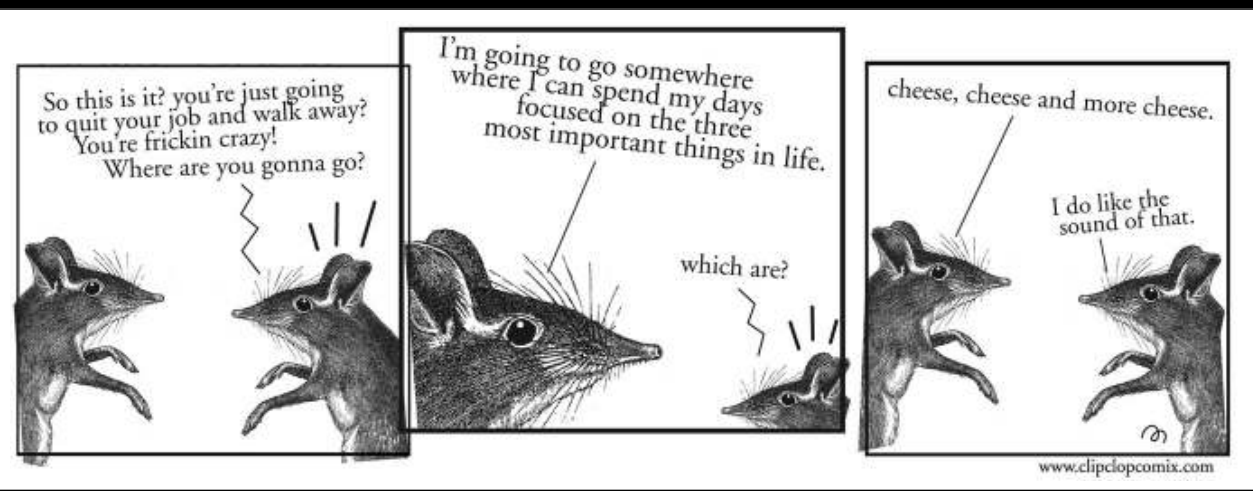
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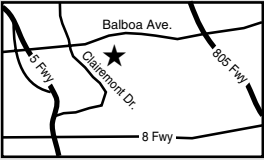
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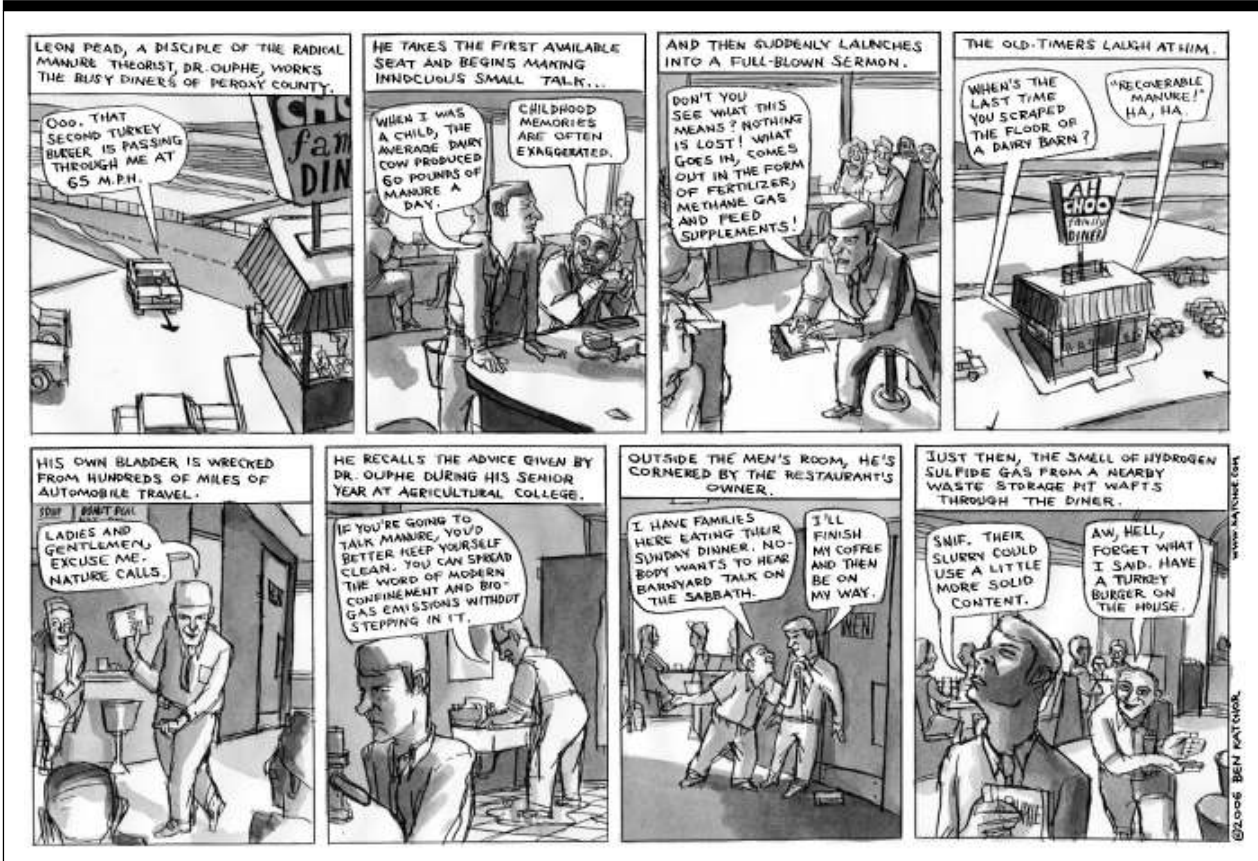
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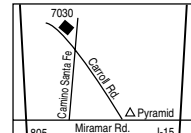
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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

In the wake of Grape's demise, Mosley returned to San Diego and worked in high schools as a janitor and later joined the Marines.

What made you decide to go into the Marines?

"I wanted to straighten myself out. I had gotten into a heavy scene with the music thing. I got tired of trying to be hip and shooting the bull and such. I thought the Marines could help me be more the person I wanted to be."

—**"A MOBY GRAPE SURVIVOR,"** *Ted Navin Burke, January 29, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

During the Christmas holiday, my sister and I waited in vain for a bus that would take us to the center of La Jolla. After we had tired of craning our necks, my sister approached a woman and her child. They were entering their car and my sister asked whether "two nice women" could be driven into town. Though the driver of the car may have been somewhat startled by the request, she gave us a ride. As we entered the car, she told us that she was headed for the Baltimore Bagel Company, and we all cried out in unison,

"For bialys!"

—RESTAURANTS: **"BAGELS AND BIALYS,"**
Eleanor Widmer, February 5, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Roger Hedgecock complained about the cozy friendship between *San Diego Union* publisher Helen Copley and mayoral candidate Maureen O'Connor and how the relationship tainted the *Union's* coverage of the 1983 mayoral campaign. Bill Cleator and his strategists are further refining the art of Copley-bashing in the current primary contest, which they've nicknamed "the O'Copley campaign."

—THE INSIDE STORY, *Paul Krueger, February 6, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

I know a girl who loves the Replacements so much that when she bought a new car, the first thing she did was transfer singer Paul Westerberg's cigarette butts (hoarded for years in her old car's ashtray) into the new one for luck. That's the kind of devotion for the Replacements I understand, since I've indulged in it for the last eight years. In 1986, I flew to Europe to see the band's first three dates there.

—**"HIS TONGUE DOWN THE THROAT OF A HAPLESS 14-YEAR-OLD,"** *Gina Arnold, February 7, 1991*

Ten Years Ago

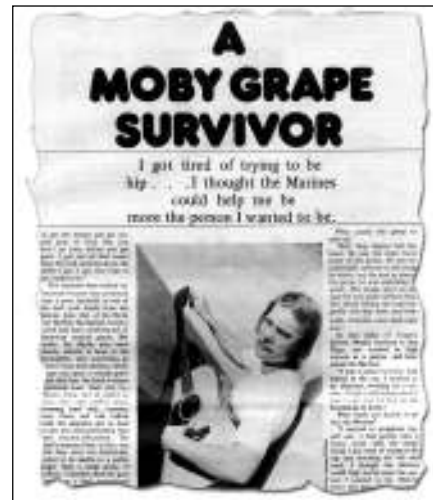
The Zona Norte is an outback, sunken and depraved, a sort of necessary afterthought of pockmarked pavement to the rest of the *avenida*, purposely set off by some invisible barrier. It is the famous red-light district of Tijuana, a network of slum courts or *vecindades*, bedraggled love hotels, and sex cabarets like the Diamante Disco and the Cielito Lindo, from which are heard shouts of ¡Olé! and ¡Mucha ropa! (Take it off!) The ten-block *zona* runs east to west, between the lower *avenida* and H Street (Avenida Cristobal Colón); it is like Hong Kong's tattered Wanchai, Bangkok's notorious Patpong Road, or Taipei's Sugar Daddy Row, but for its rumpled, out-of-date seediness, right out of Zola or a daguerreotype scene from dust-drab New York City 100 years ago.

—**"THE STREET WHERE NOTHING EVER HAPPENS**

UNTIL IT DOES," *Alexander Theroux, February 1, 1996*

Five Years Ago

Every now and then an Aztec priest would skin a human sacrifice and, wearing the skin like a costume, dance about in it. To the Aztec layperson, this was business as usual. The same mouths that had eaten human stew and



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found it agreeable knew avocado and set their imaginations to work on it. Without realizing avocado was related to the laurel, and to cinnamon, they knew that when toasted its leaves tasted like anise, a flavor they incorporated into mole. As for the green smooth flesh, it needed something acid, like lime, or tomato, to cut its richness, and maybe some chopped onion and minced coriander to enliven it.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: **"AVOCADO,"** *Max Nash, February 1, 2001*

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Dear Saffron,

My mother, 70, lives in Victoria, Canada. I visit her four or five times a year. On my last trip she mentioned several minor mishaps she'd had with the car, little fender benders and so on. I thought, "Oh boy, her eyesight must be going. I'm going to have to try to talk her out of driving any more, and that's going to be difficult." I was surprised, though, because she'd just taken her driver's test and passed with flying colors. Later that day I drove her to the hardware store and discovered it's not my mother that's the problem; it's her awful car. She's very attached to her car and says she wouldn't dream of getting a new one, although she could easily afford it. She's got plenty of money but is a bit tight with it — an old habit from leaner times. At 35 years old, her car is practically undriveable and ready for the auto museum. I had a terrible time piloting the thing.

The steering is hard to control, the defroster is pathetic, visibility is terrible. I want her to get a new car that's safe and easy to drive. When I said as much, she responded, "That's not necessary. Your father loved this vehicle." My father's been dead for 20 years, and though we both miss him, bringing him up in this context is irrelevant. I don't want to upset her, but I can't sleep at night knowing she's driving that rattletrap. We argued about this a little while I was with her and I made no headway. She and I normally get along very well but we came close to really fighting over this. Now that I'm back home, should I just forget it and hope for the best and not bring it up when we talk on the phone? Or should I wait till my next trip in the spring to bring the subject up again, or keep on her about it?

FEARFUL SON IN VISTA

Dear Fearful,

No way can you wait another minute. There's nothing ambiguous about this situation. It's an emergency. Your mother is a danger to herself and others in this ancient, failing car and you must compel her to get rid of it and replace it with a safe vehicle *now*. Something terrible could happen if you don't act fast. If you need to make an additional trip to Canada to help her choose and purchase a new car, do it. Don't take no for an answer. Tell her

that your dear, departed father would never have wanted her driving this barely functional auto and putting herself and other drivers at risk. Whatever you have to do or say to effect this change, get going. Time is not on your side.

Dear Saffron,

This is regarding the recent letter from "Up-in-Arms Mother-in-Law," whose daughter's husband suddenly had to attend a funeral for his uncle in another city on the very day he and his wife had a big party planned at their home. A party is an event that the hosts can choose to postpone, and one party is like any other; a funeral is more or less an unscheduled event and the attendees do not dictate its timing. Of course the husband should be with his extended family for his uncle's funeral. And why would his wife even be thinking of having the party here in San Diego in the husband's absence — what kind of wife doesn't simply say to prospective guests, "I'm sorry. We'll just postpone"? But the bigger question is: What business is it of the mother-in-law's? She needs to butt out! No wonder there are mother-in-law jokes.

TWEAKED IN CORONADO

Dear Saffron,

I could totally relate to the letter from "Shrinking Violet." She is the shy person who was being

forced to make a tribute speech at her mother's large upcoming birthday party and was terrified and racked with stage fright. Here's my suggestion: If I were this person (and I would definitely feel the same way in her shoes), I would prepare my remarks by finding a good poem or essay and just reading it off, following a few words of introduction. I would also keep this plan to myself — it sounds as if the mother might otherwise demand the letter of her own law and make this poor woman prepare a speech.

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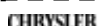
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My name is Monie. Well, actually, my name is Morenike, but you can call me Monie. I've lived in Rhode Island for the past eight years, and in West Africa — Lagos Nigeria — prior to that. I was born in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1978, to African parents who carted me back to Nigeria until I graduated high school. My parents sent me to the U.S. to attend college and "find myself" when I was 19. I have an older sister and recently found out that I have a six-year-old brother in Nigeria, fathered by my dad who, at 63 years old, felt the need to prove himself by having a male child. I have a five-year-old son, who, besides God, is the very light of my life. I have a fiancé who loves and accepts my son and me more than I thought possible, and a niece and nephew I adore. You could say I have a pretty normal family life.

I'm not an active person. I read, and when I'm not reading, I'm watching movies or writing online. I'm addicted to craigslist and have nine blogs on my favorites list. I scour the Web for news and know inconsequential, useless pieces of information that shouldn't matter to anyone. I watch *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* and *Law & Order: SVU*, which air on NBC and USA, but I boycott the episodes of *Criminal Intent* that don't feature Detectives Goren or Eames. My fiancé is a software engineer who brings his work home, so many a night we're both in the living room (he on his laptop and I on my PC) typing while we watch murder mysteries get solved on TV. Pretty boring, I assure you.

I discovered blogging last August, a month before I had surgery. In September, I had two rods and 14 screws fused to my curved spine to straighten out my scoliosis. I started blogging shortly

before the surgery, because I wanted to document my journey, and I didn't know any other way. I've been hooked since. Because of work, I haven't had time to write as much as I'd like, but I constantly think of what I'd write about. On my way home from work, I sit in traffic and mentally note the events unfolding around me. Every chore or journey to the



grocery store becomes an adventure to write about later. I find it relaxing and entertaining. Someday, before I get too old, I intend to write a book. What about? I have no clue. It's something I've wanted to do. I think it'd be pretty cool.

My best friend is Ron-

delle. I've known her since I arrived in the States in 1998. She is a year younger than me and is the only person — besides my fiancé — who "gets" me. She and I share a bond that has weathered fights, breakups, arguments, men, and births. She has three children who I've seen grow up through the years. My son calls Rondelle "Auntie" and does not have a

memory of life without her and her family. She, like me, does not have a lot of family around, so we make do with each other.

This is my life. Well, most of it. It's not much, but it's

good. I hope as I get older, it'll get better. It's uneventful, but I'll take uneventful and peaceful over exciting and chaotic any day. I'm grateful for who I am, what I have, and everything in between.

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Several hours later, Coronado Police officers received a LoJack signal

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The second stolen BMW was found parked in front of Cesar's residence in the 2000 block of Avenida del Mexico in San Diego. Investigators arrested Cesar later in the evening as he left work.

PETTY THEFT AND THREATS

Location: 2004 University Avenue, University Heights
Time/Date: 11:00 p.m. on 12/24/05

Officer's Statement: I responded to a robbery at the F Street Bookstore. I contacted the security officer,



Kevin P. He told me that a male had shoplifted a DVD and threatened him.

Statement of Kevin P.: I walked in the store and I saw Suspect #1 in the middle isle. I recognized him from previous contacts. He shoved something down the

front of his pants and I thought it was a DVD. I could see the square shape of the bottom of the DVD through his pants.

He came around the display case and walked towards me. I told him to lift his shirt and he refused. He told me to "get off" him and ran towards the front door. I ran after him and then Suspect #2 got between us. Suspect #1 then yelled that he was going to "blaze" me the next time he came into the store. I understood this to mean he was going to shoot me with a gun. Both suspects then crossed the street to the northwest corner of Florida Street and University. Suspect #1 again told me he was going to "blaze" me.

Witness Statement: ...then the guy ran out the door and said he was going to beat the security guard up. I don't really remember exactly what he said. I'm sorry, it's been a really long shift and I'm really tired.

INFLECT CORPORAL INJURY ON SPOUSE

Location: [16000] Via Embeleso, Bernardo Heights
Time/Date: 3:45 p.m. on 12/24/05



Officer's Investigation: Officer Duffy #4617 and I responded to a radio call to investigate a domestic violence disturbance. Mirna C., the reporting party, told dispatch that

Charles C. had been throwing furniture around, denying any injury. She then told dispatch she wanted no officers to respond. She also told dispatch there were no weapons in the house, but...if she had one, she would use it on her husband.

Upon arrival, we met Charles. He had to let us through the garage, as there was a pile of personal property belonging to his grandson blocking the front door. Mirna was not at home and Charles told us she had left with their daughter to avoid having to talk to us. I saw visible scratches to the outside of Charles' right biceps and asked him what had happened.

Charles said he was fed up with the mess of his grandson's property in a room upstairs, so he decided to collect it and take it out of the house. He said he got most of it downstairs before Mirna took issue with his cleaning project...and argued with him over putting it back. He said he refused and she got angry, clawing at him and punching at him. He said he tried to block the blows.

When I told Charles we would be taking a report for spousal abuse and that it was a crime case, he became uncooperative, telling us he wanted nothing done. He pointed out how trivial it was, as she had caused stitches on his head during the first year of their marriage. We told him it was a serious matter and that, based on what she had told dispatch and what we found at the scene, we would have to arrest her if she had been there. He then told us he was denying she did anything to him, that he had scratched himself.

I asked Charles if [his wife] had

any mental illness problems. He said she did, but did not know of any psychiatric medications she is taking.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

Location: 880 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Vista
Time/Date: 7:45 p.m. on 1/17/06



Report: A male suspect (later identified as Durrell J.) entered the [Savon] store and stuffed three bottles of alcohol into his pants and concealed them with his shirt. He then walked out of the store without paying for the items. The theft was witnessed by a store clerk, who confronted J. outside of the store and demanded the property be returned. J. removed one of the bottles from his pants and swung it at the clerk, striking him in the chest. He was not injured. Store security joined the clerk outside and tried to recover the stolen property. A fight ensued and J. fled the scene with the alcohol.

On arrival, the deputies were directed to a nearby apartment where the suspect was reportedly armed and barricaded. One of the occupants of the residence, apparently unaware of the ongoing police activity, exited the residence. He was immediately detained along with five other subjects. After a curbside lineup, three males were taken to the Vista Sheriff's Station for questioning.

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Mimi's Starlight Coupe

Mimi Halgren tells me, "My husband Bob and I, we're afflicted with Studebaker-itis. We have 11 Studebakers. Ten of them are on this property."

I ask, "Where does one pick up a disease like Studebaker-itis?"

"Well, my husband's father always had Studebakers, so he got hooked on them when he was young. He's been a gearhead, worked on cars, since he was about 13. And I've always liked working on cars. I've always liked everything about cars. So it was the natural thing for us to get married."

"On your honeymoon, did you work on cars?"

"Just about. We went to the Studebaker international meet in South Bend, Indiana, for our honeymoon. It was great.

"That's what we do for fun, work on our Studebakers. Right now we only have two that are fully restored. And even one of those is a '53 pickup that

we're in the process of replacing the six-cylinder engine with a V-8. Our cars are all in transition, all the time, except for the '50 Starlight Coupe. And that one's going to be in a show this Sunday. It's all stock, kind of like a period hot rod, all Studebaker, and it's show quality. She gets showed regularly.

"She's a blend of three different cars. They were all 1950 Starlight Coupes, one of which my husband gave me for a birthday present. The theory behind this car was to leave it almost stock. It's what you could've done to this car if you were in 1956 and you wanted to hot rod it, with the dual carburetors and the dual exhaust and the split manifold. The engine is the Studebaker flathead six, only 170 horsepower. It's not a real power plant. The transmission is a three on the tree, with overdrive."

"A 1950 with overdrive?"

"Oh yeah, we have a 1937 Studey in the garage, and even it has

overdrive.

"The Starlight Coupe, it's not stock on the inside. I redid the gauges. I went black and luminescent. And the lipstick-red seats are not a stock color. And the paint is Wimbledon white, which is not a stock Studebaker color either, but we really liked how it looked."

I ask, "Besides the interiors, which jobs are your specialties?"

"I do some of the wiring, and a lot of the body work. I do a lot of sanding and Bondo, and I do some of the cutting and shaping on the body, with the plasma cutter.

"Plasma cutter?"

"Yeah, it's a wonderful tool that runs on compressed air and cuts right through metal. I did a lot of cutting on the Blazing Studey. But the Starlight Coupe, we didn't need to modify. It's our classic. We don't drive it much. We usually drive it to the Studebaker Drivers Club meetings once a month, and we'll drive it to a show and in a



--- DRIVER: MIMI HALGREN
--- VEHICLE: 1950 STUDEBAKER STARLIGHT COUPE
--- BOUGHT: SPRING VALLEY AND ARIZONA
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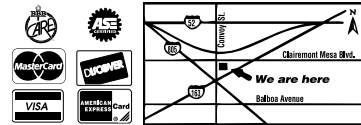
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“All right,” the reporter drops a shade of confidence and flusters. “I’ve heard you’ve never lost a bet.”

“That’s true,” the foppish gentleman replies.

“Why are you retiring from betting on sports?”

“I’m quite wealthy, as you well know. Sport betting has been good to me. I have even bought my own professional sporting teams.”

“I have that here,” the reporter states, flipping through pages on a clipboard. “You own a basketball team, a football team, and a hockey team. Why would you let your own teams lose if you can sway the final score?”

“I don’t determine the outcome of games,” Morton replies, letting some composure slip. “Everyone does.”

“I’m sorry,” the reporter’s words falter and he turns to look into the camera. He turns back, and in a higher tone, a questioning tone, he asks, “Everyone determines the outcome of sporting events?”

“Yes,” the man replies. “Everyone. Every fan. Everywhere. The determination of the fans, the dedication to positive thought, the lucky rituals, the lucky items, the totems and idols — it all adds up. It fills like a cup. The team whose fans overflow the cup first wins. Some cups flow for years; these are called dynasties. Some cups never overflow. Those teams languish in ‘slumps’ or ‘bad-luck streaks,’ sometimes for decades.”

“And, you can cheer for a team more than other people and fill the cup quicker?” the reporter asks.

“Are you an idiot?” Morton asks. “I don’t cheer for the team or pour faster or have a special ritual that holds more intention than others.”

“What is it you do then?” the reporter shows his agitation and forces his finger toward the face of his subject. “What is it the technique that you use to ensure that you have won every sports bet you’ve ever wagered on?”

“I can see the cups.”

WHAT I WILL AND WON’T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

SURVIVOR: PANAMA — EXILE ISLAND (SEASON PREMIERE)
CBS 8:00 P.M.
No Survivors would be the more interesting program.

JURASSIC PARK

USA 9:00 P.M.
We’ve built dinosaurs up to be vicious, blood-lusting creatures. Every program dedicated to them is centered on how they fight and kill and

eat each other. But, if we cloned them and kept them in a zoo, I think they’d be a letdown. I bet all they’d do is sort of sit around and lick their balls a lot.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

DISCOVERIES THIS WEEK
SCIENCE 8:00 P.M.
I believe the documentary series *Back to the Future* promised me a floating skateboard by now. I’m standing here with my arms out,

waiting for you, the scientific community, to hand over said hover-skate. Shame. Shame on the scientists for breaking the hearts of millions of young Americans.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

THE FRESH PRINCE OF BEL-AIR
FOX 6:30 A.M.
Everyone knows that the youngest daughter from the show is a soft-core nudie star now, but what people don’t know is I had Alfonso Ribeiro parading around in a Little Bo Peep outfit and shooting smack into the webbing of his toes on the 4th of July two years back. If only I could find the Polaroids from those carefree days. *NO, ALFONSO! PUT THE GUN DOWN!*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

FIGURE SKATING
ESPN 3:30 P.M.
Ladies and gentlemen, here we are! The big day has arrived. The faces are painted, the Li’l Smokies are bubbling away in a microwavable bowl, and I can hear the unique sound of a thousand beer cans cracking. Today *IS* Super Bowl Sunday Figure Skating! Here we go, Viacheslav! Here we go! Here we go, Viacheslav! Here we go!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

FOX 6 NEWS IN THE MORNING
FOX 7:00 A.M.
I’m flicking my ashes in the little tin foil strip from a pack of cigarettes, and a mouse is *crunch crunch crunching* crumbs and dried pieces of food on my kitchen floor. Brown booze is collecting in puddles on the table around my shot glass, and all I can think is *Goddamn it, Monday morning and I’ve got to work.*

SKATING WITH CELEBRITIES

FOX 8:00 P.M.
Besides Todd Bridges, my barber is more famous than all the “celebrities” on this cavalcade of mediocrity.



The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

EVE
UPN 8:00 P.M.
Did you hear the big news? UPN and the WB have merged to form a different, separate, and unique channel. **FINALLY!** Boy, I’ve been waiting for a new brand of fresh shows to push me one step closer to opening my wrists up with a rusty pair of scissors.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

THE 48TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS
CBS 8:00 P.M.
My dream is to one day be a red-carpet reporter and run up to recording stars like Kevin Federline and scream, “K Fed! Who are you wearing?!” And, after he answers, I’ll yell, “WHO GIVES A CRAP? YOU SUCK!” and I’ll try to strike him about the head and neck with my microphone.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN (2003)
FAM 8:00 P.M.
My roommate came home one night while I was watching *Under the Tuscan Sun*. The door slammed and there were footfalls on the stairs while I fumbled with the remote. The battery door on the controller blew off. The channel wouldn’t change. I lunged at the television set. A hand closed around my wrist with my finger a few inches from the rectangular power button. My roommate’s voice rang like a judge’s gavel, “Wait. Wait. Don’t turn it off. What are you watching here?”

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Having discovered such a thing as the Mars Society in San Diego and its Friday night events calendar, my column was clear. In a way. It will certainly sound odd to say that I have many associations with Mars, I suppose, but not terribly when you ask around certain guys my age — and no few women. It is mostly a guy thing though, I suspect (or “a boy thing” as one editor phrased it). Having visited the society in Golden Hill at the Arts Union Building at 2323 Broadway, I can tell you a little about them, but I can’t pretend to know much. At any rate it would be greater fun, if you’re so inclined, to find out more on your own, and I will feel free to indulge in some of my associations with the red planet.

My first memory of Mars involves me in the 1950s in a low-income veteran’s housing development tract in Bensenville, Illinois. I am wearing a snowsuit, and I can still hear the swish, swish of the syntho-thermal fiber environmental E.V.A. suit as my thighs, rendered even more chubby by the suit, abrade against each other during my trek across the frozen colonial settlement in the meteor crater designated FUTURE SITE OF PIGGLY WIGGLY FOODS. Banished from the family Modapt unit on the unpaved Grace

The Mars Society...more than a few real-life scientists, military men, and astronauts.

By John Brizzolara

Street, #411, as my mother was experiencing planetary orientation sickness that would continue through decades of exile among the Markons, I extended my tongue to an icy telephone pole to taste my new home and brought it away bloody. Through freezing tears, I attempted re-entry through the airlock and was turned away to face predatory hordes of invisible aliens. My survival that first day of planet fall is chronicled in the mission log by a drawing entitled “Me in marz.”

As a boy I somehow missed the novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and the adventures of John Carter, though I would have surely loved them. At an early enough age I did discover H.G. Wells and *War of the Worlds* and about that time also encountered the bubble gum with the trading card series “Mars Attacks” (much later a movie by Tim Burton) with its depiction of Martians roasting herds of cattle with their heat rays; between them I was appropriately horrified. In a recent re-reading of the Wells, I was stunned at his ability to envision mass destruction on such a scale years before the First World War.

A movie called *Marooned*, in the late ’60s or so, also left an indelible mark on not only myself, but, I discovered via Gerry William of the Mars Society this past Friday, more than a few real-life scientists, military men, and astronauts.

Later there was, of course, Robert A. Heinlein that great libertarian crank but also, like Kipling, a peerless storyteller for boys (and Tomboys, i.e. Pod-kayne of Mars). Later, when I came to California, I realized that science fiction writer Philip K. Dick, in novels like *Martian Time Slip* was not so much inventing a fictional Mars in his stories but describing a fairly naturalistic Los Angeles in the 1950s, not greatly different from my Bensenville.

Breathing figurative life into the Martian landscape is still very much the province of SF writers these days. Most notably we have former San Diegan Kim Stanley Robinson with his novels *Red Mars*, *Blue Mars* and *Green Mars*. These books are scientifically rigorous and literarily have nothing whatever to apologize for. Another San Diegan, physicist and fictioneer Gregory Benford regularly weighs in with work about Mars rich with hard science. There are several others in the field (Arthur C. Clarke, Ben Bova, etc.), but most real news about this neighbor and most Earth-like of planets is from NASA these



Mars rover

days. We’ll be getting stuff from Pluto soon, but the focus of the space program is likely to remain Mars oriented for a good time to come.

The Mars Society, by the way, has a functioning replica of the Mars Rover you may be allowed to play with. It is, I believe, the only one extant. The Friday night I chose to drop in was movie night, featuring Randy Quaid in 1990’s *Martians Go Home*, a truly awful comedy (with moments) based on the short novel (from, I think, the 1950s) by Fredrick Brown. I remember the novel being funnier. The movie version has Earth invaded by green stand-up comics from the red planet, somehow summoned by Quaid who scores music for TV. While ripping off the five-note theme from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* for some science fiction TV show, the Martians arrive and batter the world with shtick. Truly a film to rival *Queen of Outer Space*,

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