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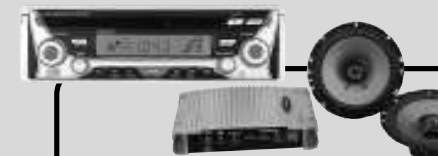
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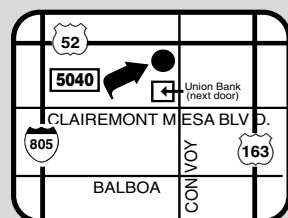
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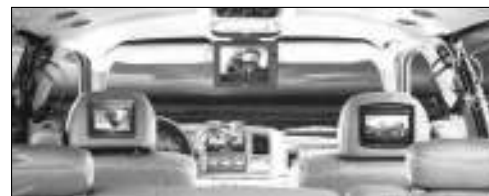
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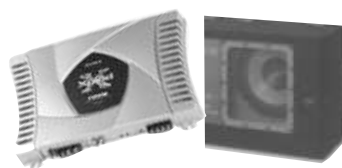
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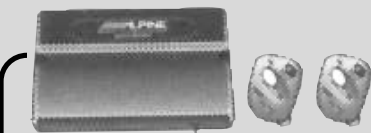
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**Air war** With San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s privatization and pension-reform measures barreling through the city council, November 2006 is shaping up as one of the busiest ballot seasons in memory. Adding to the lucre for Sanders political guru **Tom Shepard** and the usual consultants, spinmeisters, and opposition researchers will be the campaign for the regional airport authority's proposition to move the airport from Lindbergh Field.

Already, well-heeled pressure groups are meeting to plot their strategy and tactics. Number one among them is an outfit called ASAP21, whose president, **John Chalker**, is a downtown financier with close ties to the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, which insiders say desperately wants to see the airport moved to Miramar despite Pentagon opposition. The group, it is said, hopes to raise more than a million dollars from developers like the McMillin Companies and contractors such as **Doug Barnhart** to wage an aggressive autumn campaign in favor of the relocation and possible joint civilian use of Miramar. In that scenario, once the airport is moved, its current site — adjacent to McMillin's Liberty Station — could be redeveloped as pricey condos, hotels, and office towers.

According to minutes from an ASAP21 board meeting held in late October, attended by chamber head **Jessie Knight** and Regional Economic Development Corporation honcho **Julie Meier Wright**, the group is ramping up an ambitious lobbying agenda. "Board members discussed that ASAP21 does not have any credibility with the military. Therefore, we should identify people who are influential to reach out to them (e.g. **Malin Burnham**; Congressman **Darrell Issa**)," the document says. "It was suggested to start a web site search on remarks elected officials have made about airport issues, then target their polit-



Lindbergh Field

ical supporters. There were mixed feelings as to whether we should pursue this. Defense contractors will remain non-committal because of their clientele." A "future actions" list included lining up "thought leaders" who are important to elected officials" and having "a private conversation with the Airport Authority regarding the Joint Use issue ('shared infrastructure' may be a better terminology in the ballot language than 'joint use').... MJE Marketing will prepare a proposal for conducting the above mentioned research since this is beyond the capabilities of our volunteers due to the time and effort involved in collecting the information." MJE is run by **Marlee Ehrenfeld**, who also has a juicy marketing contract with the airport authority.

**Revolving doors** As **Jerry Sanders** settles into his big chair on the 11th floor at city hall, he's rapidly adding to his staff. Newcomers include press-office assistant **Kevin H. Klein** and business-office director **Rickie Reynolds**, who worked for Sanders honcho **Ronne Froman** when she was an aide to then-city

schools chief **Alan Bersin**. The latest arrival: policy advisor **Lisa Briggs**, who left her position as head of the pro-business San Diego County Taxpayers Association last September to take a job as a government affairs manager for SDG&E.... Yet another round of legal bills was paid this month by San Diego taxpayers as a result of the Cheetahs strippergate scandal. The firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge billed the City \$2546



Lisa Briggs

for counseling **Inzunza** deputy chief of staff **Jamie Fox Rice** as she prepared for grand jury testimony in June 2003. (Fox is moving over to the staff of new GOP councilman **Kevin Faulconer**.) Inzunza aide **Patrick Schott**, who was picked up on wiretaps gabbing with convicted Cheetahs lobbyist **Lance Malone**, ran up a \$2940 bill. Unlike recently released city council legal bills, the staff invoices were unredacted and included hourly charges for such activities as talking to federal prosecutors and grand jury schedulers.... After the arrest last month of city Water Department employee **Jacqueline Annette Lawrence** for stealing personal information about customers and using it to finance Internet shopping sprees, Jerry Sanders sprung into action and hired a consultant to "assess training and customer service needs in response to identity theft issue, and support disclosure effort." For an estimated \$6500, the San Diego-based Identity Theft Resource Center agreed to "edit mail-out letter" and "edit customer service representatives' script," as well as to provide training for a total of 50 water workers and "review website for content."



Jamie Fox Rice

**Spreading the wealth** Here are just a few of the latest reported freebies to California legislators, regulators, and staffers courtesy of Semptra Energy: on December 28, Democratic senator **Alan Lowenthal** played a few rounds at Carlsbad's Aviara Golf Club (\$205); in October, GOP assemblyman **George Plescia** went to a Chargers game (\$58); also in October, California Energy Commissioner **John Geesman** got a free lunch at the Prado in Balboa Park (\$33.33); and in December, **Juan Torres**, chief of staff to Assemblyman **Hector De La Torre**, chowed down at a Lakers game at the Staples Center in L.A. (\$138). ... Indicted Democratic political guru **Larry Remer** managed to see some action during November's election. Filings with the California secretary of state show that his PG Printing and Graphics picked up \$73,528 from the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council's Committee on Political Education. His Primacy Group earned another \$130,731 for TV spots and phone banking. Meanwhile, Cornerstone Strategies, the political and lobbying outfit run by ex-**Steve Peace** aide **Art Castanares**, got \$34,021 from COPE for creating TV spots and direct-mail letters.

— Matt Potter

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## Fast-Casual Food Wave of Future

By Don Bauder

If you see some silk-suited slicker snooping around your favorite taco shop, he's probably from Wall Street. The investment

community has gone gaga over so-called fast-casual Mexican restaurants, and two San Diego-based public companies, Jack in the Box and Rubio's

place and a full-service sit-down restaurant. The fast-casual category should grow by 10.8 to 12.5 percent a year through 2009, double the rate of the overall restaurant indus-



Restaurants, have Wall Street salivating again. Other local dining places could catch the wave too: maybe that burrito joint you love will one day become a hot initial public offering, and the guy who makes guacamole in the kitchen will become a billionaire.

A fast-casual restaurant is a hybrid between a fast-food

try, according to Chicago's Technomic, Inc., a food-service research firm. In 2004, Mexican food at such restaurants grew at 8.7 percent, double the industry rate, says Technomic.

At a fast-casual restaurant,

you get the food quickly, but there are no waiters or waitresses. There is ambiance. Ingredients are higher priced, and the bill is a bit stiffer: about \$7 to \$10 per person.

That's more than you'll pay at Taco Bell, the fast-food chain that has 58.4 percent of the combined fast-food and fast-casual Mexican restaurant market, according to Technomic.

Excitement hit January 26 when a Colorado company named Chipotle Mexican Grill went public at \$22. That same day, the price more than doubled to the mid-\$40s and has come down only slightly since then. It's one of the hottest initial public offerings of the year, but it's a little scary: new issues of fast-food stocks sizzled in the 1960s, and the stove got so hot that eventually the whole market boiled over. Then everything went to blazes, and the U.S. suffered the worst bear market since the 1930s Depression.

But Chipotle seems solid. Sales leapt from \$203.9 million in 2002 to \$468.6 million in 2004. It has 489 outlets and will add 80 to 90 this year. The

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## Land Management Questioned

By Ernie Grimm

In 1997, after six years of planning, the City of San Diego adopted the Multiple Species Conservation Program. The program proposed that 52,012 acres of undeveloped City land be set aside and maintained in perpetuity to preserve habitat for endangered plant and animal species. Federal, state, and local jurisdictions already owned 36,697 acres of undeveloped land. They would acquire the remainder over several decades. The City of San Diego's share was an estimated 2400 acres,

involved with the Multiple Species Conservation Program. The county and several other cities — as well as developers and environmentalists — worked to develop the comprehensive plan, which covers the southwest section of the county. The plan's goal, as Mayor Susan Golding wrote, was "to put aside habitat for endangered species while mak-

Diego office of the Tucson-based Center for Biological Diversity, "is the specific name for a type of program called a Habitat Conservation Plan. Habitat Conservation Plans give the federal government — the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in this case — the authority to transfer federal Endangered Species Act permitting authority to a local government agency, in this case the City of San Diego." That authority allows the City to issue permits to developers who want to build on endangered species habitat, and it requires the City to monitor and manage land in the program.

Now, a fight is brewing over whether the City is living up to its commitments. Hogan and his group say it isn't. City officials say it is. But the two sides agree on a surprising number of points. Both describe the open spaces within the program as indispensable "natural infrastructure." Both sides agree that the City once said it would spend \$8.3 million a year on the program. Both sides agree that the City isn't spending \$8.3 million.

At its inception in 1997, the Multiple Species Conservation Program did not have solid dollar figures attached to it. There was no stipulation as to how much money would be spent annually to acquire land, to manage it so that native species thrived, and to monitor the species to be sure they



David Hogan



Mission Trails park

about 1000 of which developers would contribute. Later the City's share was increased to 4691 acres.

San Diego isn't the only local government agency

ing it easier and less expensive for property owners to develop their land." "The Multiple Species Conservation Program," explains David Hogan, director of the San

were thriving. The plan proposed several options by which the City could provide a permanent funding source, and the City stated that it would do so within three years. But by 2000, that hadn't happened. "We started kind of raising some noise about it," Hogan says. "So the Fish and Wildlife Service and the City worked out an agreement whereby the City agreed to pay about \$8 million a year for protective management, monitoring, and acquisition of these lands, and that is the figure that we have been going on for what they should be paying, at least between fiscal years 2002 and 2004."

Hogan says the City has spent well short of \$8 million on the program every year since the agreement. "From

the best that I can tell from combing through the City budget," he says, "they have only provided anywhere from \$3 to \$4 million a year for things that we would generously give them as crediting towards that program. It is very difficult to quantify because there aren't MSCP line items in the budget. You can't go, 'Oh, this is an MSCP expenditure because...' For example, all the management is supposed to be done by the Department of Park and Recreation, and it is supposed to be done out of the Open Space Division. But, for example, there is a ranger at Balboa Park, and for all we know, the ranger might be doing the occasional habitat management in Florida Canyon, but that is not in the Open Space Division. So it is very difficult to track this stuff down, and the City is not going to tell us what is or isn't in the MSCP budget. There is no clear accounting system for what activities the City is doing to carry out the promises they made."

Keith Greer is a deputy planner in the City's Planning Department, which handles the program's land acquisition and monitoring. He objects to Hogan's assertion that the City isn't forthcoming with information regarding the conservation program. He says that since 1997 the City has acquired 1625 acres, although in the past three years, the City hasn't had the money to acquire land or contract out monitoring. The department's MSCP division currently employs one biologist. Greer, who is the planner in charge of Mul-

multiple Species Conservation Program issues, grows a little animated on the phone as he points out that the City posts reports regarding monitoring. "A lot of the stuff... is actually in the annual reports that are given to the public that are made available in PDF form on the Web [[sandiego.gov/mscp](http://sandiego.gov/mscp)]. And there is a whole section on MSCP monitoring made available to the public on the Web. As for Mr. Hogan, I would argue that I don't see any other jurisdiction in our region with that kind of information posted on a website. The City of San Diego is actually out there posting it and giving it to the public in more than one way both verbally in public meetings and also on the Web. I would ask, what are the other jurisdictions doing? But that is just me being a little bit sour about that."

As to the \$8 million figure, Greer says, "The document that Mr. Hogan is looking at is a three-year funding plan that went to the city council on November 27, 2000. It said, for three years from that date, we have an idea of how we are going to fund the MSCP. And it had \$8 million as the average annual allocation. The number actually expired in 2004. And no one has gone back and seen whether \$8 million had been allocated to these pots of money. What we have done is we have actually acquired land, we have done management, we have gone out and done monitoring. We are living up to if not exceeding any expectations."

Hogan begs to differ with that point, saying that man-



Homeless camp near San Diego River



## Wave of the future

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stock zoomed even though hamburger chain McDonald's owns 88 percent of it, and each McDonald's share has ten votes while each share owned by the public has one. McDonald's, a competitor, has effective veto power over key corporate decisions, such as mergers. Democracy it ain't, but investors are still lapping up Chipotle stock.

Also, Chipotle's internal growth is slowing. As recently as 2003, sales in outlets open at least a year (called comparable-store sales) rose 24.4 percent. This year, they are expected to rise only 2 to 5 percent.

The same day Chipotle went public, January 26, the stock of San Diego's Jack in the Box soared from \$36.98 to \$41.55. The Internet chat rooms and some analysts speculated that Jack stock was carried along by the Chipotle moon shot. On January 26, analyst Joseph Buckley of Wall Street's Bear Stearns raised his rating on Jack. Buckley said that Jack's Qdoba chain of Mexican fast-casual restau-

rants—a Colorado company that Jack purchased in early 2003—would help Jack stock get some of the glow from the Chipotle uprise, even though Qdoba represents only 2 percent of Jack's revenue.

In ensuing days, Jack stock leveled off and inched down below \$40 again, but it's still above the pre-Chipotle level. Stock of Carlsbad-based Rubio's Restaurants rose from \$9.70 to \$9.93 that day and continued to creep up and hang around \$10. In a sense, Rubio's can be called one of the pioneer fast-casual Mexican chains. The first Rubio's opened in Mission Bay in 1983, featuring "The Original Fish Taco," still its mainstay.

But since its public stock offering in 1999, it has had modest profits and three loss years while expanding rapidly. The stock price has not come back to the \$16.50 it hit after its public offering. As an investment, Standard & Poor's says that Rubio's scores lower than 85 percent of the companies it follows. Stock-rating firm Morningstar, Inc., gives Rubio's a grade of D for growth rates and C-minus for profitabil-

ity. But it gets a B grade for financial position: the company has no long-term debt.

In the last fiscal year, Rubio's sales rose only 2.4 percent. Comparable-store sales edged up just 1.2 percent. However, the fourth quarter looked better: sales jumped 5.1 percent, and comparable-store sales rose a sturdy 4.3 percent. In November 2004, Sheri Miksa was appointed president and chief executive officer. Thirteen months later she was gone.

Despite its wee size, Jack in the Box's Qdoba has outshone the bulwark hamburger/sandwich chain. Last year, Qdoba's revenues shot up 53.4 percent to \$58.4 million. The previous year, they had gone up 90.3 percent. Last year, earnings from operations were \$4.4 million, up 159 percent over 2004, according to Rachael Rothman of Merrill Lynch.

The traditional Jack in the Box sandwich shops have 2049 outlets; Qdoba has 250. But this year, the parent will open 45 to 55 Jack in the Box outlets but 85 to 95 Qdoba restaurants. The stepping up of Qdoba's expansion "is a smart

move," says Morningstar. "Qdoba has excellent prospects."

Same-store sales should rise 4 to 6 percent this year. That's about half of what they were last year, but that kind of performance is still good. Double-digit comparable-store sales can't continue for any consumer company.

Jack in the Box has had good and bad experiences with Mexican food. "We've included tacos on our [Jack in the Box] menu as far back as anyone can remember," says spokesman Brian Luscomb, and tacos are still a top seller, along with stuffed jalapeños and chicken fajita pita. However, the company bombed out in 1988 when it took on debt to buy a Mexican chain, Chi-Chi's, that it eventually sold at a big loss.

According to Technomic, of the 500 largest fast-casual chains in 2004, Chipotle was third biggest, Baja Fresh Mexican Grill 5th, Rubio's 16th, Qdoba 17th, Moe's Southwest Grill 18th, La Salsa Fresh Mexican Grill 25th, Wahoo's Fish Taco 33rd, and Taco Del Mar 34th. Of the total fast-casual market, Chipotle has 5.9 per-

cent, Baja Fresh 4.8, Taco Cabana 3.0, Rubio's 2.8, Qdoba 1.8, and Moe's Southwest Grill 1.7, according to another industry source.

Larger restaurant companies have been gobbling up these fast-casual Mexican chains. La Salsa is owned by Carpinteria's CKE Restaurants, which operates Carl's Jr. and Hardee's chains. However, La Salsa has 101 units—barely above two years ago. Baja Fresh is part of Wendy's, the third-largest hamburger chain, although Baja's comparable-store sales in the fourth quarter plunged 3.7 percent, and the parent had to take a \$190 million write-off on its Mexican chain in the same quarter a year earlier. Its once-surging store count is shrinking slightly too.

Burger King, the second-largest burger chain, intends to go public later this month or in early March. With money in the treasury, it might try to diversify by buying some of the smaller Mexican fast-casual chains. Wendy's plans to sell a portion of its Tim Hortons coffeehouse chain the same way McDonald's sold part of

Chipotle. Some gossips say Jack could do the same with Qdoba and rake in some money on the deal, but Jack isn't talking.

A potential problem for San Diegans is that when companies try to please only Wall Street, product quality can suffer. Rubio's has 43 locations in the county, and Chipotle, Baja Fresh, La Salsa, Wahoo's, and Taco Del Mar have outlets here too. Cross your fingers that the taco shells don't get stale. ■

## Land questioned

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agement of the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program's lands has been substandard. He uses the land adjacent to the San Diego River through Mission Valley and Old Town as an example. "There is a huge homeless encampment in the river channel. I don't want to kick homeless people out of the only place that they have to live, but we need another solution, because that river channel is also supposed to be protected

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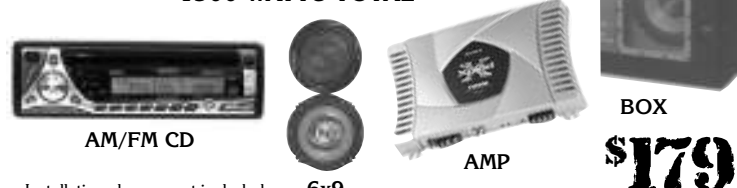
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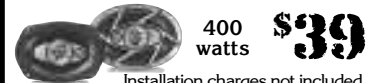
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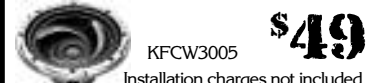


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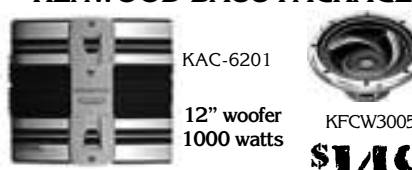
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### Land questioned

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habitat under the MSCP. It says so on the maps, and certainly nobody is doing anything to address that issue. Another area: it is kind of a crazy place, but if you are on Interstate 8 right near the Presidio, there is a steep slope on the south side of the highway there. It's a pretty degraded area, but that area was counted as part of the MSCP. It should never have been counted because it has very little habitat value. But, because they did count it, they need to be doing things to protect habitat there. And they very much are not."

Ann Hicks, who headed the Park and Recreation Department's Open Space Division until moving to a similar job with the City of Chula Vista, lists a few well-known areas in the program. "Tecolote Canyon, Rose Canyon, San Clemente Canyon, Los Peñasquitos, Mission Trails, those would be some real obvious examples. If you go into the North Park area, you'll

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find a number of small little urban canyons that people wouldn't even know what their names are that might be in the MSCP. Mount Soledad, a lot of the area around Mount Soledad is in the MSCP."

Asked what the Open Space Division does to manage the lands, she answers, "We have a park ranger program — about 18 park rangers — and they are concentrated in our bigger open-space parks that are more developed that have trails, or visitor centers, where we have a lot more people. So Mission Trails, we have a lot of park rangers there, Los Peñasquitos. They are out patrolling. We do a lot of fencing to make sure that we keep people out of sensitive areas where we have sensitive plants. We do a lot of interpretive work, where we educate the public about the area. We do some monitoring — the rangers are out watching to make sure that the habitats are doing all right. We do a lot of work with trying to control trail erosion and keeping our trails in some kind of shape, because that is always bad for the environment. So

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that is what the rangers do. But, in addition to not enough rangers, we just don't have a lot of the grounds and maintenance personnel to go out and physically do work. We don't have pesticide applicators to go out and spray the nonnative plants, which are a big problem in urban open spaces. We don't have a lot of grounds and maintenance people to help do the erosion work and the trail work. So it is just going to be a matter of time to build that up, and the City doesn't have a lot of spare cash right now. So I am quite sympathetic with David's frustration."

"You are well aware of the City's financial straits," Greer says. "My challenge is to make sure that the program is kept alive until a regional funding measure is approved. And what I would argue is that everything that we have committed to doing is being done. Now, has \$8 million a year been spent out of the city coffers? No, it hasn't. But everything that we have promised to do in terms of land management and acquisition has been done." ■

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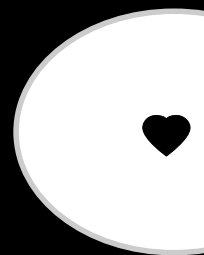
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Thank you for "Tin Fork,"  
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Charlie  
via e-mail

## Chicken Correction

Dear Reader Folks,  
Your "Picture Story" (February 9) states that Westgate's tuna was trademarked "Chicken of the Sea." I worked in the Westgate offices in the 1950s, and the Westgate brand was "Breast-O'-Chicken." Chicken of the Sea was marketed by the competition, Van Camp Cannery.

Nancy J.  
San Diego

## Enjoyable But Flawed

I enjoyed reading Dobyns's article ("The Least Tern Says

Something Ominous Is Coming," February 2), and I concur with views expressed favoring conservation of species and wildlife habitat. However, some things largely or entirely omitted were the roles of human population growth and incentives for construction of buildings, and other supports for a decadent (rich and wasteful) lifestyle. Indeed, it seems apparent that those are more consequential factors than last-ditch efforts to shelter wetlands from garbage and sewage, or to preserve endangered species at the Wild Animal Park. And so these errors of omission are very serious ones.

In addition, there is a devastating error of omission where it reads, “the sewage plant will be completed by 1997.” There was no indication that this is a reprinted story, although the *Reader* has reprinted articles acknowledged as such. Perhaps this was a simple oversight of a typist or copy editor, but it doesn’t matter because all the other figures are made suspect, especially numbers of currently surviving individuals of endangered species. This is central to the entire piece, and a lot can change in — is it ten years? What *now* is the case?

Another error was referring to roaming packs of domesticated breeds of dogs as “wild dogs,” which technically is a rather different species that lives in Africa. Placed side by side, nobody would confuse them with our dogs.

Finally, even though I basically understand what Dr. Mike McCoy meant calling the Wild Animal Park a “glorified zoo,” I like the place a lot better than any zoo, and certainly any circus I’ve visited, and I’ve seen them all over the country and overseas. At any rate, Mc-

Coy's view could be extremely misleading for people who have not been there. I fault Dobyns for not pointing this out. "Why didn't he?" I have to wonder. More discernment, please, or less anti-Park bias.

David Case  
San Diego

*The story was originally published September 28, 1995. — Editor*

## Violator

In response to “La Jolla Taco Shop Cited for Gaud” (“City Lights,” January 19), Jon Vipond (Letters, February 2) accurately summed it up; Mr. Hill was not only breaking the law, he tried to justify it, excuse it, use race, and ironically, he is still in violation of San Diego Municipal Code as he has two signs painted on the outside of his windows. The San Diego Neighborhood Code Compliance Department is complaint-driven, and without them, we would be surrounded by the abuse of signage Mr. Hill uses to promote his business. He should be grateful the City allows him to use the sidewalk to seat his customers and consider complying instead of complaining.

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## Rid Of Spanos

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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Dear Matt:

I'm moving into a new gated community. What I want to know is, how will the fire department get in if there's a fire? Do they have keys to every gated community? To every house? I need to know.

— New Homeowner, the net

Heymatt:

What's with the decorative paint job on fire hydrants? Some are white, some are yellow. And white and yellow ones can be just across the street from one another. Is there a reason for this?

— Wondering, the net

While the dog was eating my homework, he also ate the originals of these questions. But I've got the gist, anyway. And I think we have the gist of some answers too. Luckily, a few days ago Pa Alice's barbecue exploded and burned down Grandma's gazebo, so I collared one of the firefighters for the inside scoop. It's always easier when the information comes to me rather than having to chase it myself.

So you're moving to a place that is set up to keep the bad guys out, but what about the good guys? Well, it's as simple as a Knox-Box. Somewhere beside your main gate(s) is a metal plate with a keyhole and maybe some other doohickeys. The fire stations in your district have a master key that fits the Knox-Box and will open your sliding gate and lock it in that position until the emergency is over. Inside the Knox-Box will be keys to every house in the development (or maybe blueprints to a large commercial building), so if your house is on fire and you're not home, they don't have to destroy your door to get in. By law, gated developments and commercial property with a gate that closes across a vehicle entry must have a Knox-Box. If you live in a single-family home that's gated but only has a pedestrian entry, firefighters have a piece of equipment that will bust out the gate lock. One way or another, the good guys will be able to access your flaming investment.

Color-coded hydrants tell many tales. Black means it's out of service. Red means it's on private property. White and yellow indicate different levels of water pressure. Different types of fires (brush vs. structure, for example) call for different methods of attack. Knowing the gallons per minute that a hydrant puts out allows them to tweak their equipment to match the requirements of the situation. The more information they have going in, the more efficiently they can fight the fire.

Heymatt:

Being right-handed, it seems natural that I write from left to right on the page. This way I can see what I've written. And since most people (at least in the Western world) are right-handed, it seems natural for them to write left to right. But in the Middle East people write from right to left. Could it therefore be reasoned that the majority of them are left-handed?

— PN, San Diego

About 100 years ago, an archaeologist used the same reasoning but never convinced many colleagues to hop on his theoretical bus. From their writing, he postulated that ancient societies were left-handed and we've only recently come to favor the right. Most others studying cave paintings and ancient tools, weapons, and documents believe there never was such a thing as a left-handed society. And there still isn't. Righties rule, worldwide.

Writing evolved when there were finally enough of us around to require business records and the identification of personal property. And, of course, the first writing was pictographs, not script. It was read from top to bottom, right to left perhaps because the first records were counts and tallies.

The earliest records were marks pressed into small tablets of damp clay with a sharpened reed or scratched into dry clay slabs. At first, when we only had to keep a few counts of bushels of wheat or dates or whatever, scribes could use small tablets that fit into the palm of the hand. The most common theory goes that the clay was held in the left palm and steadied with the thumb, which would cover part of the left side of the tablet, making the right side the logical place to start. There also might be a natural inclination for right-handers to favor the upper-right-hand corner as a starting point. Even today, in left-to-right-reading societies, this is a prime location. The big front-page story of the day begins in the right-hand columns of a newspaper, not the left. And advertisers often pay extra to have their ads placed in the upper right-hand corner of a page.

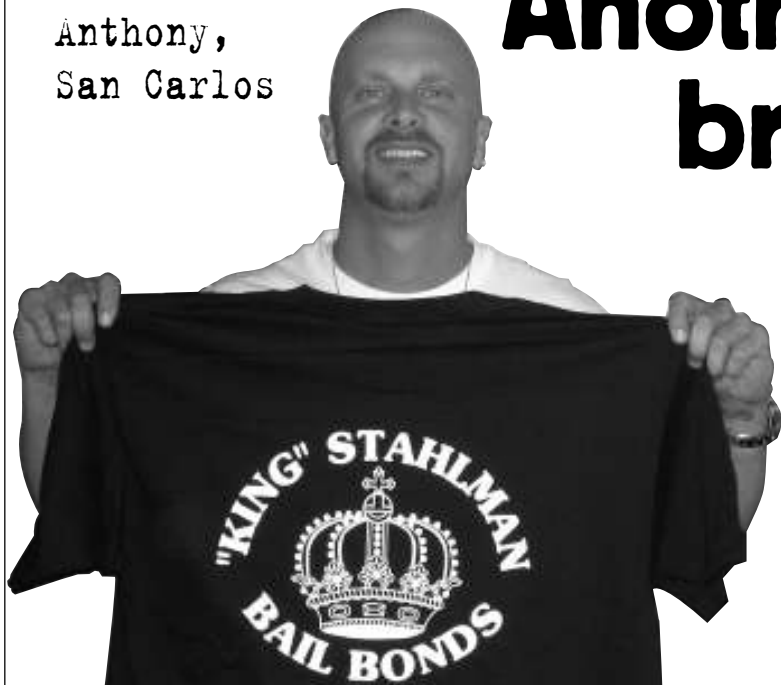
But even thousands of years ago, paperwork begat paperwork and the clay slabs became too large and unwieldy to hold in the palm. The most comfortable, efficient solution was to turn the rectangular tablet on its side and rest it along the scribe's arm. At the same time, they also rotated the pictographs to their sides and began to write horizontally, still beginning in the upper right-hand corner. The system stuck and is still used in Arabic and Hebrew writing.

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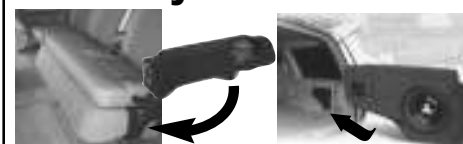
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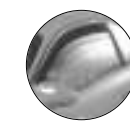
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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# Cheney Bags Elderly Lawyer

I lean into the telephone and say, "I'm curious about this Katharine Armstrong. She called the Corpus Christi paper and told them Cheney shot a hunting companion and that's how the story got out."

"That's what I heard," says Nueces County assistant district attorney Mark Skurka.

"Isn't that a bit odd? That Armstrong was the person who reported the incident and she wasn't in the hunting party."

"I don't know why she did that," Skurka says. "Carlos [Carlos Valdez, Nueces County district attorney] and I were talking about it earlier and he said, 'Well, it's on private property. They treated the guy, took him to the hospital.'" Skurka sighs, "Hell, I don't know how it works in the press corps, who they want to report the accident, but...do you know how it works here, jurisdictionally?"

"I don't."

"Our DA office covers Nueces County, which has about 400,000 people," Skurka says. "Corpus Christi is the big city. South of us is Kleberg County, home of the King Ranch. The county seat is Kingsville, which has about 30,000 people, and it's got Texas A&M Kingsville, and that has about 25,000 people. And then you go south of that to Kenedy County where the Armstrong ranch is. There's about 300 people who live in that whole county. So, when you go by the town of Armstrong there's nothing there except a post office. The closest town to Armstrong Ranch is Sarita. Sarita is the county seat of Kenedy County, and I bet you there are no more than ten buildings in the town."

I ask, "Who has the prosecutorial and police powers for that area?"

"Police powers would be Kenedy County sheriff," Skurka says. "It's a small operation, three to five officers. Now, Kenedy County has their own county attorney's office. They handle criminal misdemeanor cases like criminal trespass, DWI, and stuff like that. We handle the felonies."

"You have jurisdiction over felonies in that area?" That would include mafia-style murder.

"Yes," Skurka says. "They don't have a lot of crime. We send our prosecutors down there once in awhile. We probably have 10, 20 felonies a year. Not very much. Dope cases, running dope up and down [U.S. Highway 77], they intercept those once in awhile."

No wonder Cheney picked this place for gunplay.

"The ranch is self-contained. They've got

their own landing strip. Guests, probably, never have to leave the ranch." Skurka laughs, "Fifty thousand acres," and laughs again, "I go hunting in a place that's 52 acres."

"If I was out shooting quail and shot someone, wounding his face, neck, torso, and the victim wound up in a hospital's intensive care unit, if that happened to me there would be police crawling all over my life."

"This is South Texas," Skurka says. "Accidents happen. I mean, I've had friends get shot. We're Texans, we like our guns. My boss said, 'Our office is not involved unless local law enforcement request us, and we're not expecting that to happen.' You got to look at two things. Number one, does the victim want to press charges? And then, the circumstance of the event. I don't see anything to indicate that it was anything but a hunting accident."

Okay, the shooting occurred around 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Cheney has a problem, since the shooter is responsible for his shot, period, full stop.

Cheney schemes for the next 21 hours, decides to have Katharine Armstrong, a ranch owner and republican lobbyist, tell the story. The AP reports that, "Armstrong said everyone at the ranch was so 'focused' on Whittington's health Saturday that it wasn't until Sunday she called the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* to report the accident..." Yes, I see it. Cheney is focusing on the accident, not taking food or drink, for 21 straight hours.

Then, Armstrong spins the story of the accident, blaming the victim, saying that Whittington stepped out of the hunting line to retrieve a dead bird and failed to call out that he was returning to the line. Step out of line, get shot in the face.

Then, you get Whittington to say he won't sue. Then you get someone to minimize his gunshot wounds. Peter Banko, vice president and administrator of Christus Spohn Hospital Memorial, got down on his knees, and while licking reporters' shoes, said this about Whittington, "He is stable and doing well. It was almost like he was spending time with me in my living room." Then catch a plane out of that jurisdiction and go into hiding.

Turns out, Whittington was riddled with over 200 of Cheney's pellets and at least one of them lodged in his heart, causing a "minor" heart attack. If Whittington dies, we'll get to see exactly how much juice Cheney has. It would take massive, legendary juice for his bullshit story to survive a real investigation.

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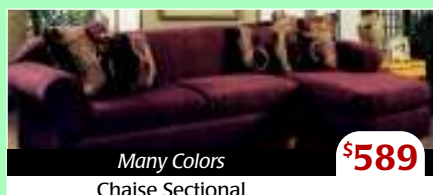
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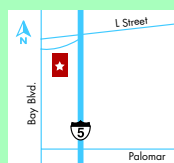


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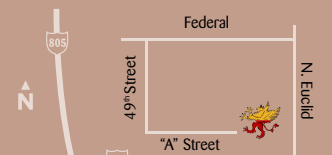
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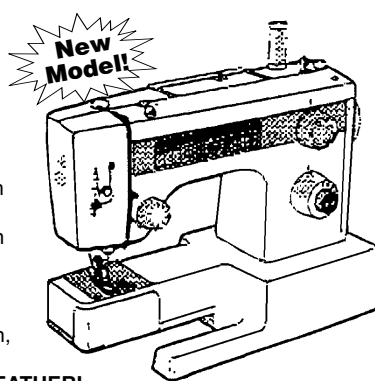
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The crucified Christ hung against an intense aquamarine background in the contemporary-primitive painting that adorned the chapel at First Lutheran. His heart was exposed and bleeding.

The rough-hewn character of the painting provided dramatic contrast with its surroundings, which, like the rest of the building, felt like a tasteful, modern update — and also a reminder — of the elements found in a traditional church. Everywhere was brick and hardwood, glass and metal, tile and rough cement block.

The organ and piano held pride of place near the front of the church. Over the course of the service, it took on many moods — swollen and booming, sweet and trilling, somber and meditative. It boomed for the opening hymn — all four verses of it, as well as an interlude — but before it did so, Pastor Miller asked all to rise and face him at the back of the church as he welcomed us. “We pray that you might encounter Christ’s presence as you are with us. We also welcome you, regardless of denomination or affiliation with other churches, when it is time for Holy Communion.... Jesus invites you all to partake of this great meal.”

That desire to welcome others showed up again in the Confession: “We have not loved and accepted one another. We have not reached out to those who are poor, hungry, or lost.” It showed up in the hymn after the Gospel: “Here the outcast and the stranger/bear the image of God’s face/let us bring an end to fear and danger/all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.” It showed up during A Prayer for Others, as the deacon prayed that the church might bring “God’s healing hand to all who are marginalized or outcast, that the world might see the power of Christ’s love,” and during the Sign of Peace, when the congregation left their seats and milled about — chatting, smiling, shaking hands. And it showed up in Pastor Miller’s homily.

The Gospel told the story of a leper who cried out to Jesus, “If you choose, you can make me clean.” Jesus, moved with pity, touched him, and he was made clean. Miller, clad in a white

cassock and green stole, began by seeking our empathy for the leper. Shunned for his disease, forced to wear a warning bell and cry “unclean!” he “longed to be embraced, to be included in the lives of those he loved.” Miller reminded us that the leper had been cast out by a priest who was following the religious tradition begun in Leviticus, and that Jesus, in touching the leper, “has a deeper desire to heal the suffering soul than he does to obey religious tradition.”

Miller never took a step, and his gestures remained controlled but his whole persona grew increasingly animated. “The very word religion means ‘to reconnect with,’ and yet, time and again, our churches, in the name of holiness and cleanliness, do the exact opposite of reconnecting: we disconnect.... This past week, Bono was invited to the National Prayer Breakfast.” The U2 frontman gave “a sermon that few pastors would dare preach: ‘I have avoided religious people most of my life. Maybe it had something to do with having a father who was Protestant and a mother who was Catholic.... I

remember that my mother would bring us to chapel on Sundays, and my father used to wait outside. One of the things that I picked up from my father and my mother was the sense that religion often gets in the way of God.”

Members of the congregation rang bells to symbolize their own unclean aspects, but even so, said Miller, “Have you heard? We are the body of Christ, people who love the unlovable, embrace the unclean ones.” Communion and the feeding of the homeless, he said, were “the same meal...Jesus coming to feed the broken and the hungry.”

After singing a refrain (“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”) throughout Miller’s praying of the Communion Liturgy, and after praying the Our Father, the congregation approached the altar to receive communion. The acolyte

stood, his arms wrapped around a large glass bowl holding a round loaf of bread. Miller, standing beside him, tore off chunks and handed them to the communicants, saying, “The Body of Christ, given for you.” Communicants then proceeded to one of two cup-bearers — one holding wine, one grape juice — and either sipped or dipped their bread into the cup: “The Blood of Christ, shed for you.”

What happens when we die?

“It seems to me that Christians spend far too much time worrying about that,” says Miller. “I believe in heaven, and I have lots of visions of what it will be like, but Jesus says, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ We say in our funeral liturgy that when we get to heaven, Lazarus will welcome us who was once a beggar. I’m called to live my life faithfully now, in this world, and I catch glimpses of heaven, because Christ was present in this world, and I catch them in the poor and the vulnerable and the broken.”

— Matthew Lickona

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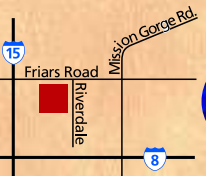
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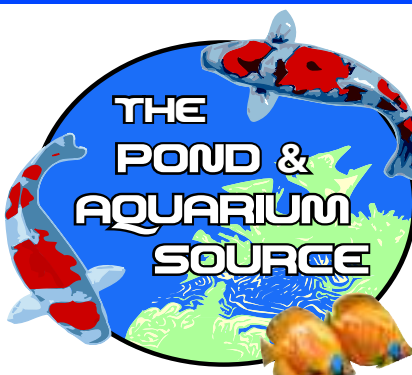
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Yes, I have an Uncle Buck, and yes, he's into "the ham," as he calls it. He's been messing about with amateur radio for about a year now and is forever peppering my husband Patrick with the stories he hears and accounts of the people he talks to over the airwaves. Patrick is more of an e-mail sort of person, but Uncle Buck has gotten him curious.

Skip Cline, Vice-Chairman of the burgeoning San Diego Amateur Radio Club ([www.sandarc.net](http://www.sandarc.net)), explained the basics to me. "With short-wave or long-wave radio, you just listen. But with ham radio — which is just another name for amateur radio — you can listen and talk." How you talk and who you talk to "has to do with where your interest lies. I myself like to work with Emergency Services, which helps the community. Or if I'm on the freeway and there is an accident, I get up on two of the frequencies that I monitor and notify everyone on that particular frequency to find another route. Some people are teachers who help kids to get on the radio. HFers — that stands for 'high frequency' — can get out there and talk to people around the world." Some hams bounce their signal off the moon and see who picks it up when it returns to earth.

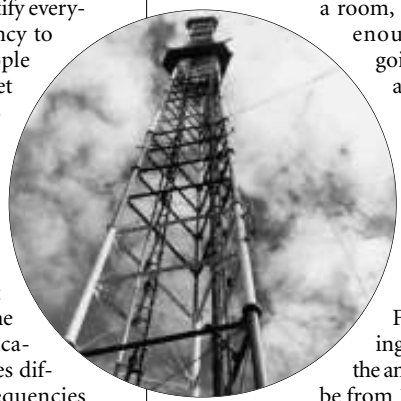
Hams are amateurs, but they still need to be licensed by the FCC. "There are three classifications of license — each involves different responsibilities and frequencies that you're allowed to go on. Technician is the entry level, then General, then Extra." HFers need a general license, which requires that users be able to produce at least five words per minute in Morse code. Cline offers the necessary classes through Sandarc. (Check website for test schedule around the county.) "I hold classes for three Saturdays, and on the third one, we give a test. The classes don't cost anything, but you need to buy an instruction book and pay \$5 to take the test. The classes aren't mandatory — you can get a book yourself and take the test. But my track record is pretty good."

Besides teaching terminology, Cline lets students know the dos and don'ts of ham radio. "You can't conduct business — you can't call and order a pizza, you can't make a profit, you can't disburse public information. What you can do is get on there and chitchat." Once you pass the test, it takes about three days to get your license and call sign. "It's like the license plate on your car. Mine is KD6RFQ. Every district has its own number; the 6 stands for the state of California."

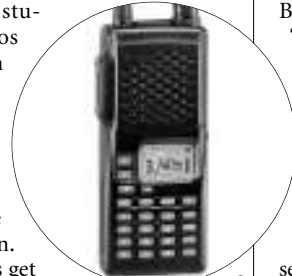
Then there's the matter of getting a radio. "I tell my students to talk to other hams, look at their radios, go to club meetings [dates available on website], and then get their license. I discourage them from spending \$300 to \$400 on a radio and antennas and all that stuff right away, because they might want to give it up in six months." But once a person



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*Some hams bounce their signal off the moon and see who picks it up when it returns to earth.*

is all in, Cline suggests a visit to "the candy store" — Ham Radio Outlet on Kearny Villa Road (858-560-4900). "You can start out with a nice two-meter radio for \$199 on up. Amateur radio is broken down into frequencies; you can operate only within a specific band. The newer radios are fixed so that you can't go out of band; you can listen to everything, but you can talk only on the ham frequencies. The ham band starts at 144 or 145. The most popular radios out there are tri-band radios; they let you have three different frequencies: a two-meter, a 440, and a six-meter. There are also dual-banders. You can get a tri-bander for around \$230 — but then you need to get an antenna."

Antennas are what give your radio its reach. "If you get a \$.99 antenna, you're going to get \$.99 worth of operation. The antenna doesn't physically sit on your radio. It sits on your roof or on a mast alongside your house. If you're in a place where you can't use a regular antenna, you can put one up in a room, as long as it's high enough where it's not going to interfere with anything. I just put up an antenna that cost me \$189, and I can talk anywhere in San Diego County. It should last me 30 years. But if you want to talk to people in San Francisco, you're looking at \$250 to \$300 for the antenna. Antennas can be from 15 to 35 feet off the ground, or 35 to 75 feet for high-frequency." Range can also be extended through repeaters — sending your signal to a radio tower on a mountain, for instance, then having that tower repeat your signal to points outside your normal range.

Like Cline, Tuck Miller, the Section Emergency Coordinator for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, got into ham work because of its public service aspect. "We work with agencies such as the California Department of Forestry and the Red Cross," he explains. If a fire takes out cell phone towers and power and telephone lines, the radio becomes the only effective form of long-range communication. But he also uses it for purely social reasons. "A lot of us have different frequencies we hang out on. If you're good enough friends, you know where they're at, and you call out their call sign. Anybody who's got a radio, or even a scanner, can hear you, but only one person can be talking at a time. When the air clears, the next person can talk."

The ham world, says Miller, is largely self-policing. Miller is an Official Observer, "which is an auxiliary of the American Radio Relay League. If someone commits a violation — such as using foul language or talking out of band, I'll send them a note saying, 'Please don't do this.' If they continue, I'll report them to the FCC, and they could be fined or have their license revoked."

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## THE GREEN FLASH

by Josh Board

**t**wo weeks before the Super Bowl, the conference championship games were played to determine what teams would make it to the big dance. Paul, a guy I know from my fantasy football league, thought he'd be smart and throw his Super Bowl party during these games.

Paul's party gave me a chance to give him crap about his lousy drafting, which was easy to do since I came in second place. And I didn't even make it to the draft. I was stuck in traffic for two hours and drafting over my cell phone. The only thing I did wrong was draft QBs Aaron Brooks and Kerry Collins. Both of them got benched at the same time during the season, and when I picked up Drew Brees, he wasn't having his best games.

Paul had second pick and blew it by taking Priest Holmes. I followed him with Shaun Alexander, who became the league MVP. Everyone told Paul he should've gotten Holmes's backup, Larry Johnson. He didn't and watched Johnson go in the 12th round. We call Paul "Steinbrenner" because he trades players all the time. It adds a lot of money to our pot.

To shut me up, he asked for \$5 for one of the many



pools they had going. I hate those squares, where you randomly pick numbers. They're based on luck. I opted for the pool in which you pick the teams that would have more passing yards, rushing yards, field goals, TDs, etc. I came in second on that, and two guys tied for first. As a tie-breaker, they had to pick the total score of the two championship games combined. One guy picked 118. The other picked 80. The com-

**"Do you remember the band Dickie Do and the Don'ts?"**

bined score was 99 points, and both were off by 19. Another tie.

I met a guitarist at the party, and we talked about music. An older guy heard us and asked, "Do you remember



the band Dickie Do and the Don'ts?" It made us laugh, but I remembered having an old teacher named Mr. Hudak who used to always talk about them. He started singing their hit from the '50s, while slapping

his leg like a drum.

I made the mistake of telling this Led Zeppelin fan that although I liked them, their guitarist Jimmy Page was sloppy in concert. The guy left the party and went home. Not

because he was mad, but to bring me a live DVD. I thought that was crazy, but he told me he lived nearby.

He told me a great story about being on the inside sleeve of a KISS album. He had his hands in the air trying to catch a pick. I told him that a friend of mine once won a contest, and his name appeared on the sleeve of a Jethro Tull album — one of the many people singer Ian Anderson thanked.

I found out this guy was a process server, and he shared a few good stories. He said he's served people on golf courses.

He said it's a misconception that the people have to sign for the papers. People often refuse to sign, and he drops the papers at their feet and walks away. He mentioned a person working for him whom he sent on a job in Poway. The guy had been refusing to open his door for him, so he sent an attractive lady. The guy did open the door for her. And put a gun to her head.

At most playoff games, the subject of the Chargers comes up. Everyone here seemed to have a theory. One said the coach should be fired. Another said the team wasn't focused. Someone else thought they should switch quarterbacks.

Another topic that came up was the Super Bowl parties people were going to. One person told me his friend has a 19-inch LCD screen above the toilet.

Someone else said they read in *Sports Illustrated* that \$50 million dollars would be spent on food for Super Bowl weekend, and eight million pounds of guacamole and 14,500 tons of chips would be consumed. When somebody doubted this, he pulled out the article.

One tall guy with a cowboy hat came in late during the second game. He was with a

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woman who said, "You're the party crasher? I thought you were a black guy." I tried talking football with them, but they didn't seem interested in the game.

I went upstairs, where there's a view of SeaWorld from the upper deck. A few women were smoking. As one walked around barefoot, I told her she'd get splinters. She said, "Yeah, I thought about that. That's why I'm walking really slow." Her husband is overseas in the military, but he would be coming back in a few weeks, just in time for the big game.

She told me a story about being backstage for a Monster Magnet concert. She has a relative in the band and said, "When we got a tour of their bus, each bunk had a different woman in it, waiting for the guys."

Paul's wife was telling me about the construction they were going to do on their Bay Park home. I couldn't believe it was going to cost them \$300,000. I remember when that amount of money could buy you a huge house.

When I went down to get some Chinese food (it

was all catered), I ran into the guitarist again. We started talking about Steely Dan, and the old guy who brought up Dickie Do told us he thought that band sucked. We all argued, and he talked about a Steely Dan performance at Humphrey's. Neither of us remembered them playing there last year, and we were convinced he was thinking of the local tribute band Steely Damned.

When the sun was setting, many went upstairs to look for the green flash. I continued to talk music downstairs — convinced

there is no green flash, and I don't want to fry my retinas trying to witness this thing. I overheard someone say it was a myth, and another person suggested it was an optical illusion caused by staring into the reddening sun for so long. One guy sounded convincing when he went into detail about the prismatic effect of the atmosphere and explained it's the same reason the sun gets big and red as it's setting.

Paul came down later claiming it was the most dramatic green flash he'd


ever seen. He said, "It was crystal clear over the ocean. It was long and pronounced and beautiful. It lasted about two seconds."

I'm hoping the green I see at the Super Bowl parties is from winning money. With the Steelers being favored over the Seahawks, I'll take Seattle and the points. ■

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by Barbarella

## Despicable Diners

*A person who is nice to you but rude to the waiter is not a nice person.*

— Dave Barry

**After placing an order more complicated and specific than NASA's instructions for operating the Shuttle Laser Altimeter—oh, he barked at our waitress for botching the crouton mission.**

**D**avid sat across from me at one end of the long table. Or, more accurately, he sat across from me at one end of several small tables pushed together to accommodate the 13 people in our party. The six people on his side were in chairs, as was a seventh, who sat at the head of the table between David and me. The rest of us sat hip to hip on a long cushioned bench.

My right hip touched *hers*—the benefactor of this meal, the owner of the gallery in New York's Chelsea district, the gallery at which art created by the man two seats to David's left had been shown and celebrated for two hours preceding our seven-block walk to the hip new restaurant in which we now sat.

The gallery owner had taken charge, had led her dinner guests to choose their menu selections quickly, had raised her petite arm forcefully into the air to attract the attention of the nearest busboy, to whom she dispatched a command to promptly send a waiter to take our order. She was demanding but not offensive, imperious but not disagreeable. When ten minutes had passed and the wine had not arrived, she called out to the waiter as he happened by, "Now. We want it *now*." Her voice was low and calm, but effective. She had a job to do, to please her guests, and she would not, *could* not, disappoint.

Throughout the first course I kept to myself, obsessing over whether or not my Diet Coke would arrive before I finished my crispy

calamari with spicy marinara. When I had my soda in hand, I directed my attention through the glass wall to my left, at the courtyard, in which leafless trees were adorned with small lights that sparkled like diamonds.

To the gallery owner's right, one pair of hips away from mine, sat one of the artists she represents, but not the artist of the evening, whose work had just been shown and celebrated. I had not noticed this man sitting so close by until his voice carried above the rest, the tone of his comments prickling my nerves like needles poking at my back. His words were thicker and more forceful—nails being driven into my spine with a hammer.

"*Great!* First you practically *crush* my phone, and now you spill wine all over me! Just great." The waiter had apparently tipped a glass of red wine as he attempted to remove a used dish, causing the glass's contents to empty onto the artist's entrée. The artist dabbed at his lap with a white napkin that came away clean. He did not accept our offers to clear one side of the bench in order to allow him passage to the restroom.

The waiter whisked away the entrée, hurrying to the kitchen to request its replacement. He quickly returned with a glass of soda water and another napkin. It was only now, with a look of confusion that melted into one of keen understanding, that the waiter seemed to notice the original white napkin was unsoiled, and the artist's pants were black.

"It's hard to see in this light," the waiter

said. "You might want to step into the restroom to get at the stain." His voice faltered on the last word.

"Forget it! Take this water back. The damage is done," said the artist.

"Sir, I am very sorry." The waiter scooped up the glass of soda water. "I will take care of your pants; we can have them cleaned and pressed for you." The artist snickered at this. "I would like to offer your table a complimentary bottle of wine."

"Yeah, great, ha! Just don't put it *on* me," snapped the artist.

I spent the next course staring intently at my mozzarella and tomato salad, concentrating with all my might to control the overwhelming impulse to reach over the gallery owner and slap the artist with the back of my right hand. David's face had stiffened as he chewed, his taste buds obviously distracted by the distasteful display.

I've never been a waitress. Nor have I ever worked in the retail industry or held any other kind of service-related position. Perhaps this is why I feel awkward, bad even, when someone waits on me. As if asking for a refill on my soda is a great imposition, a faux pas I dare not commit in the company of friends. "I can get it myself, if you'll just point the way," I sometimes want to say. But nothing makes me more uncomfortable, offends me on so many levels, than when a person with whom I am dining is rude to the wait-staff.

It is especially disconcerting when the

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offending person is otherwise pleasant. I had one friend whose company I enjoyed until we dined out for the first time. I watched this man berate, insult, and patronize another human being over nothing more than a salad. After placing an order more complicated and specific than NASA's instructions for operating the Shuttle Laser Altimeter-01, he barked at our waitress for botching the crouton mission.

Every chance I got I was catching her eye and smiling apologetically. Squirming in my seat, I attempted damage control on both ends — pacifying my friend and overcompensating for his rudeness with pained smiles and an extra-large tip for the waitress. I arrived home exhausted.

When he next asked me to join him for dinner, at the same restaurant no less, my chest clenched in apprehension. If I made up some excuse, he would probably just ask me again. Bracing myself for the difficult task of being honest in the face of less-than complimentary truth, I took a deep breath, let the air out slowly, and said, "Mark, I'm sorry. It's just... Okay, here it is. I can't eat out with you again. The way you talk to waiters and waitresses makes me very uncomfortable."

"Oh," he said. "Oh. I see." After an awkward

moment of silence, he said, "So I'll see you tomorrow at the barbecue, then." I said yes and ended the call, deliberately omitting a civil, "Enjoy your dinner."

When resolving sibling rivalries, my mother's favorite tactic was to ask, "How would you feel if you were in your sister's shoes?" If I complained about a classmate, she would pose the same question. Until every interaction we had was infused with hypersensitivity, a perceptive awareness of how the other person may have felt. The small voice in my head, sewn into my mind

with the diligence of Mom's persistent needle, is always asking, "How would I feel if someone said to me what I just said?" or, the harder to control, "How would I feel if someone said to me what this guy just said to that girl?"

Throughout the third course, the artist spoke with David, and I occasionally looked up from my banana wonton to offer an obligatory, blank smile. I had not exchanged two words with this man who had openly behaved like an ungracious dick. I did not need to. I knew all I needed to know. No amount of niceties from

him could ever erase from my mind the moment in which I had placed myself in that waiter's shoes and felt humiliated, indignant, and

angry. Three unnecessary, painful, unproductive feelings, all because of a glass of wine, an accident, and an asshole. ■

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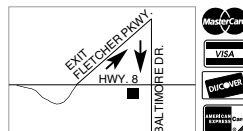
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RIDING THE BIG APPLE'S LITTLE WAVES



Contrary to popular belief, there is surf to be had off New York City. Just as one can purchase a bagel (or passable facsimile) in San Diego, one can ride a wave off Queens. It's not the six-foot, sun-kissed, dolphin-dappled roller found on the West Coast, just as the California bagel is not a boiled, hand-stirred circle of dough imbibed with centuries of Talmudic mumblings as are those on the Upper West Side. But it is a wave. A short, choppy ride with a fat lip to get over — one the upper echelon of surfers can carve to pieces with fantastic results — but the thrill is there. Tenement-style high-rises flitting past in the distance, gentle stillness giving way to a rushing floor of white foam, the New York surfer coasts (or bel-lies) in to a shore littered with jellyfish and a gaggle of waterlogged friends cheering their heads off because, by God, that was a good one.

The East has a different pulse — different weather, different vegetation, different nightlife, different people — and this extends to surfing. Surfing does not find the New Yorker; the New Yorker must find surfing, as it is not as prevalent as it is out in, say, Venice, California. New York beach culture, at least for those in the outlying boroughs, consists of umbrellas, tanning oil, boom boxes, and a day-trip pass for the LIRR. Few log serious shoreside hours, and even fewer make it into the water past their ankles. No, the New Yorker is a beach observer rather than participant. New York surfers are rare — though less rare than two years ago — and a strange sight to the unfamiliar, zipped up tight in their sealskin wetsuits, rubbing wax across the surface of a tanker-sized stick. It takes a special love — insanity? obsession? — to hoist a nine-foot board over your shoulder and stumble onto the A train for the long ride, to load up the car and head for Atlantic Avenue, to brave the winter freeze for nor'easter beauties, and these diehards — all ages, races, and

"The **lifeguards** know," Adam "Two-Dog" Sand tells me, "**you do not whistle Two-Dog out of the water.**"

genders — have risen to the challenge with one thing in common: They are stoked. To the core.

"Rockaway people are a different breed," Billy Moore tells me. The sky is gray as he slides the SUV into the dead-end cul-de-sac on 132nd Street, dune rising to meet the clouds. "When I was in Cancún, this older couple was at a restaurant me and my friends had walked into, and we wouldn't know them from a hole in the wall, but they were, like, 'Hey, you guys from Rockaway?' We were, like, 'yeah,' and they were, like, 'I could tell just by looking at you.'"

Houses slide by, lawns tidy, some dotted with





children's toys or outdoor furniture. Moore, at the wheel, is blocked from view by the tip of his wood-veneer longboard, the nose of which pokes between the driver's and passenger's seats. "Are you sure you can surf here?" I ask him. He nods his head. "They rarely ever give you trouble," he replies, meaning the lifeguards, bleach-haired boys and girls who sit high aloft in their chairs, eyes shielded by wrap-around shades. Their word — most of the time — is law. But Moore seems undeterred. This beach, he explains, is usually empty, "because there's no parking." He pulls the SUV against the sidewalk and parks, hopping out to get the boards.

Moore has been surfing here since age seven, an early beginning he attributes to the abundance of surfers who lived on his block. Accessibility made it easy; his house was so close to the beach that he could lean out his parents' bedroom window to get a view of the shoreline. "At six in the morning I'd be tippy-toeing in," he recalls, laughing, "and I'd wake my parents up to look out and see if there's waves." Then he'd be off and running to tell his buddies, one in particular whose room was, to a teenaged boy, conveniently accessible by a 20-foot fence. "I used to climb the fence, and I'd yell into his window, 'There's waves,'" Moore says, boyhood enchantment all over his face, "but then he'd get up and he'd start yelling it and then the whole house would be up, and everybody'd be running out of his house to go surfing." From six in the morning until seven at night, Moore and his friends, dubbed the Surf Rats by a pair of lifeguards, would take to the waves until their stomachs called them out of the water for dinner. "We'd go in the water at six in the morning, and we

wouldn't come out until six or seven at night," says Moore, "[and] if we did, it was just to sit on the beach and eat a sandwich or something and go right back in. The [lifeguards] could never get us out of the water. Even when it was crowded and they wanted us to move over we just...wouldn't move. But they were really cool about it."

Surfing stuck with him. In his younger days, Moore braved the New York winter and, clad in a thick coating of neoprene, took to the water mid-January. With everyone but the true-blues gone, leaving only a handful of brave souls, the beach would be his for the taking. Thirty-degree water did not deter him. "You know when you bite into an ice cream and your head just freezes?" he asks rhetorically. "That was normal. You would try and pick and choose your waves so your head never went under. When you get hit with a cold wave, your adrenaline's going so you don't feel it, but when you go under, completely submerge your body, when you wipe out, that's when it was cold."

Since his surf-rat days, Moore has expanded his surfing horizons and tackled waves on other coasts, including a trip to Costa Rica that was nearly his last. Surfing with a bunch of friends, Moore, then in his 20s, dropped in on a rough wave that dragged him under and, as he puts it, "caught him in the soup." Despite the excitement of exotic locales, Rockaway remains his home base. "The surfing community in Rockaway...everybody's really cool," he says, nodding his head in silent affirmation. "Everybody says hi to you; everybody says, 'Hey, what's going on, how are the waves?' If you're driving down the block with a board and somebody's coming past you the other way, you

may get a honk or something like 'Is it up or down?' I wouldn't say that everybody's tight, but everybody at least gives you the 'Hi.'" And perhaps that's part of why he's stayed and is here to initiate the younger generation into the water, which is, after all, the day's mission.

The back door to the SUV opens, and Keira Frawley, Moore's nine-year-old niece, hops out. Clad in a pink floral bathing suit and a blue shirt bearing the words "Girls Rock," Frawley is freckle-faced and seemingly unafraid; today is her first day on the waves. With her mother Barbara, little sister Emma, and me, the stranger with the notebook, as her cheering section, she and Moore are to paddle out in tandem and see what they can catch.

Our crew hits the sand, clears the dune, and stops to gaze at the ocean view in front of us. The water is the color of slate, waves rolling in dark and strong. Mrs. Frawley's confidence is beginning to waver, but her daughter is ready to go. She follows her uncle into the churning water, heads bent together, information those of us on land cannot hear passing between them. Mrs. Frawley readies the camcorder.

As they approach the good surf, Frawley goes belly-down on the gigantic longboard. It dwarfs her, as Frawley is not yet five feet; the board easily passes nine feet. With Moore at her side, she clears the crest of an incoming break in a spray of water.

"That's too far!" Mrs. Frawley shouts from the shore. "Billy! Bill-eee! That's too far!"

Her words are eaten in the wind, which is blowing back to shore. There is no way her brother can hear her. But they seem fine out in their spot, Frawley atop the board like a papoose, Moore

beside her, coaching.

But Mrs. Frawley looks as if she may be worse for wear. She grips the camera with one hand and my shoulder with the other, tensing as Moore pushes her daughter up and over a breaking wave, nose of the board rising to an almost vertical position. Frawley slips, plunging under, but resurfaces and scrambles back up on the board in moments. Still, to a mother, this is torture.

"Oh, Rosa," Mrs. Frawley groans, camera tilted at half-mast, "I can't watch this. I'm going to have a heart attack." She turns back to the water. "Bill-ee!" she tries again. Nothing.

But when the wave comes, both Moore and Frawley are ready. Instructing his charge with words inaudible,

Moore instills in his niece one final piece of advice before shoving the board full-force forward. The timing is perfect. The wave launches the board — and Frawley — toward the shore, and the youngster takes it in on her stomach, skidding along effortlessly. The ride, by my standards, is a long one, taking her right up to the sand, after which she stands and looks proud, if not a touch surprised.

"How was it?" I have to ask, after her cheering section — a few neighbors, on a beachside walk, have joined our group — gives her appropriate applause.

And Frawley, the picture of nonchalance, gives an airy response. "Cool," she replies, walking toward the board and her uncle, who has come in to offer his



congratulations.

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"The lifeguards know," Adam "Two-Dog" Sand tells me, "you do not

whistle Two-Dog out of the water."

Sitting at his dining table, Sand toys with a Marlboro. He does not look like a smoker. He is

small but muscular, well tanned and bright-eyed. A tattoo of a puff-cheeked Zeus blowing a jet of air into a riotous sea adorns his left arm, and a bear claw charm — a testament to his interest in Native American art — hangs from his neck. He lights the Marlboro and tells me that, just months ago, his doctors were astounded to find that he is, indeed, a pack-a-day smoker. His doctors were also, in fact, astounded to find that he was alive.

Sand arrived in Rockaway in 1999, settling into his modest property just across the main drag from the water, and quickly and seamlessly entered local life — despite the odds, as he paints a picture of a very different Rockaway of yore. "I've been

coming out here since I had my first motorcycle when I was a kid," he says, "and back then it didn't matter what color you were or anything. If you weren't from the neighborhood, they didn't want you out here. Even socializing amongst ANYBODY. Bars or anything. This was a tough, TOUGH Irish neighborhood, and they didn't want ANY outsiders." But Sand, who is personable and outgoing, managed it and then some. Known by friends as "Two-Dog," an identifying moniker taken from his constant companions, two big, ruddy lab/rottweiler mixes, Sand was somewhat of a surfing late-comer and subsequent wave-riding prodigy. An avid fisherman all his life, he knew the ins and outs of the New York

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tides before he even set foot on a surfboard. An active guy both mentally and physically, Sand was popular and well known, as he is today on the beach. King of his crew in inner Queens, he grew restless with his home and set his sights on escape. This need drew him to Rockaway, which, in turn, drew him to surfing.

Six years ago, at age

32, Sand took his first wave and, he reports, did swimmingly. A veteran of the Queens College swim team, he was already well versed in the basics. "Some of the guys that taught me I was able to surpass," he says, without a trace of bravado. "Not to toot my own horn, but I am a fish in the water. This is what I'm meant to do." He found himself hooked

and, along with a team of buddies, tackled the winter storms with zeal. Covered from head to toe in neoprene, the friends made it past the crushing shore break to the lineup, leaving brave but less adept souls to be "denied" by the oncoming waves and forced to watch from the ice-covered sand. "There are days when they get to be 25 feet out here," Sand says. "You can see it carves out sections of the beach to where there's, like, a 7-foot cliff drop-off." But the size and power — not to mention the cold — of the water did not deter him. "I have been pounded by 15 footers, 18 footers," he tells me nonchalantly, "pummeled, face first, right through the water into the sand below. You have to know to take your breath and then take your lumps."

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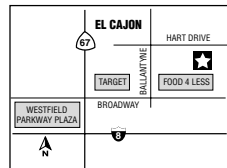
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But the energetic "Two-Dog" has not ridden his board, a single-fin Phoenix custom, in months. While riding his Harley with friends in early May, he hit one of the crater-sized potholes

New York is known for and took a major header, one that left him with skull fractures, spinal damage, and profound memory loss. "I don't know how deep the pot-hole was, but it was very deep," he describes, pulling what he can from his dim recollections, "and the bike just stopped — I was doing maybe 25 miles an hour, 20 miles an hour, not going fast and, due to the fact that I was wearing the helmet doesn't matter, my head struck the handlebars and the bike just stopped where it was and I was launched, apparently, 40 feet or so, landing on my skull. And my tailbone...The bike, apparently, had righted itself up almost as if a ghost rider was on it, and it ran into a pole or a no-parking sign, I don't remember 'cause it's a black hole in my memory." The impact was so bad EMS actually lost him for a few min-

utes, Sand's heart in flat-line, leaving him legally dead. Before reviving, he had what he describes as an experience "upstairs," recalling a heavenly scene in which he was told, simply, that it wasn't his time. "I ended up in a coma, in the hospital," he says soberly, "and I somehow made it through." He pauses. "I tell people, I'm not upset. I'll be back in the lineup before you know it."

In the aftermath of the accident, Sand has had to put a lot of his life on hold. With a strict regimen of physical therapy, he is allowed minimal time to swim and no time to surf. His ultimate goal, a Mavericks or Jaws tow-in session, will have to wait, as well as his plan to paddleboard to New Jersey for charity. "It's about a 13-nautical-mile paddle," he says. "I will have a big paddleboard, maybe 16 or 17 feet, made, and I have a

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friend who will be able to clear it with the Coast Guard — or not, he knows no matter what I'm doing this — 'cause it does cut across the shipping lanes. He owns several boats that will form a U shape around the people that will be with me that want to do this for whatever good cause we deem. We're going to figure this out. And it was my idea; I asked him, he's a local guy from here, lived here his whole life, I said, 'Has anybody ever done that?' He says, 'No, I've never even thought about it.' I said, 'Well, you know I'm going to do [it].' He goes, 'I know you're going to do it, I know you're capable.' He's a well-to-do guy, he's all behind me. I said, 'You start making your calls.'"

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Katrina Del Mar's beach encampment is not hard to find. A cluster of short-haired, well-tanned girls loll on a beach blanket while a bikini-clad duo wrestle with lawn chairs. Tattoos peek out from under shoulder straps and waistbands. Books ranging from *Geek Love* to how-to books on chakra healing sit spine-up beside their tanning owners. And two surfboards, one yellow with age, the other bright white and new, lie side by side in the sand.

They notice me at the same time I notice them. Sarah Greenwood, lead singer and guitarist for New York punk band GSX and Del Mar's girlfriend, waves her hand aloft. "Rosah-h-h-h-h!" she calls, fist raised in the universal symbol for "rock on."

Del Mar is crouched in the sand, sanding epoxy ding-all from the bottom of her baby, the yellowed, ancient but venerable Ron Jon. She gives a wave and "Hello" and continues sanding as I "oooooh" over the board.

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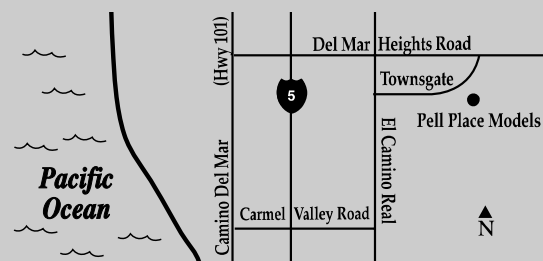
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Del Mar, a longtime New York photographer and filmmaker, turned her sights — and her camera — on surfing two years ago. “I was hanging out [on the beach] with a couple photographer/surfers, and they suggested I film them surfing,” she explains, and the idea for *Surf Gang* came to her. Her 2000 feature, *Gang Girls 2000*, was, in part, the inspiration. “It was kind of an experiment to try to make a film,” she explains. “[I] shot it all on super 8; it’s about the antics of the four major girl gangs of New York City. It’s fiction, though I showed it in Europe and the people were, like, ‘So, these gangs, you were friends with them?’” She grins.

*Surf Gang* has a similar premise, following a ragtag bunch of board-riding street toughs — all girls — who find themselves in trouble when they beat up the wrong guy. Forced to flee their home break to evade the law, they take off in search of surf and shelter and find themselves on the ritzy shores of East Hampton, where they must do battle with a rival troupe of rich-bitch riders. The film will feature a heavily punk rock soundtrack, including original songs by Greenwood’s GSX. The movie promises to be a wild ride. Think *Endless Summer* meets a much cooler *Xena: Warrior Princess*. Watch out, because Gidget’s pierced her nose and dyed her hair purple.

Somewhere during the filming of the movie, Del Mar picked up the sport herself.

“I was hanging out with this guy Dennis [Murphy] in East Hampton, and he said...I don’t know. I was watching him surf, and he said, ‘Wanna try?’ and I said ‘Yeah,’ and he let me use his board and I just paddled right out, and as soon as I came out of the

water, he said, ‘Oh, you’re a lifer.’ I thought he was joking.” But one diehard knows another. A year later, Del Mar has set up her own beachside digs along with fellow female surf buddies and is a regular in the Rock-

away lineup.

While Del Mar sands her board, the rest of us hit the water. In the group is Adrian, the owner of the recording studio where Greenwood recently finished cutting her album, rid-

ing an eight-foot fun board, and pal Janine, an avid surfer Del Mar met while working on *Surf Gang*, who’s got a blue tri-fin longboard tucked under her arm. We push past the whitewash, dodge a few small but

powerful waves, and make it to the lineup. Sitting on our boards, we float and wait, watching as Del Mar paddles up on the Ron Jon, grinning.

It’s a long wait, during which there are

many false starts and mini wipeouts. Adrian, who has surfed in Costa Rica and other exotic locales, moves toward the jetty to get a better ride. We spot him standing aloft, coasting down a few decent peaks. Back

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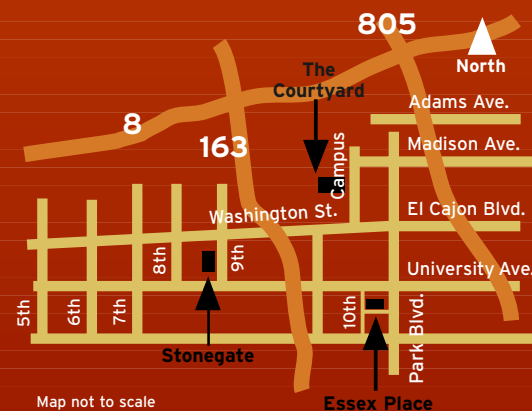
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at our spot, we paddle for waves that peter out or carry us only a few feet before rolling sneakily away. "Mushballs!" Janine shouts at them, but soon she catches a nice ride in and comes back triumphant. "I

caught that one!" she says. "And I nailed the turn too! I am so stoked!" Later, as I slide in on my body board, I turn to see her beside me, crouched low with a look of intense concentration on her face,

skimming in like a pro. Del Mar takes the next one, returning with a positive report. Greenwood, standing at the shoreline with some of the other landlubbers, witnessed the ride and gave her long-distance

approval. "I'm so glad she got to see me catch one," Del Mar beams, sitting back on the Ron Jon, glowing from sun and success. Greenwood and the gang wave. When the surf goes flat, we head in to throw

ourselves on the sand in exhaustion. After a break for smooching (Del Mar) and sunblock (Janine), the two hit the water again. The tide has shifted, providing a decent few sets, and Del Mar is all over them. On

the first big wave she catches, she is up on her feet, taking a good ride before the wave drops out. Undeterred, she grabs another one, hopping up yet again. She has, without a doubt, landed the waves of the day.

As the sun sets over the water, we finally call it quits, taking our last rides in. Del Mar and Janine carry their dripping boards over to the embankment where Greenwood holds court from her chair. We laze about for a while in the waning light before walking the three blocks to Del Mar's apartment under a spectacular sky.

The beach pad is a cozy little spot, walls painted a soft, comforting blue. Simply furnished with a single table, futon couch, and several sleeping pallets, it exudes an atmosphere of relaxation. A hand-made shell mobile clunks in a sweetly tuneless way, keeping odd time with the slow strains of guitar emanating from the DVD player, the soundtrack to a super 8 surf movie titled, ironically, *Surf Movie*, which Del Mar has put on for us to watch while she rinses off. By the television are a few swatches of painted canvas depicting beach and beachside scenes in muted tones of green, brown, blue, and gray; by the door is a gallery of surf and hang-out photos pasted up in rows.

The sun sets out the window, and we pile into the car for dinner at an Italian clam bar, a real treat. After a last bite of shrimp and linguini, Del Mar turns to Greenwood. "You're going to have to drive home, honey. I'm zombified." "Food coma," I suggest, then amend. "Food and surf coma." Del Mar nods; we are, so to speak, on the same wavelength. ■

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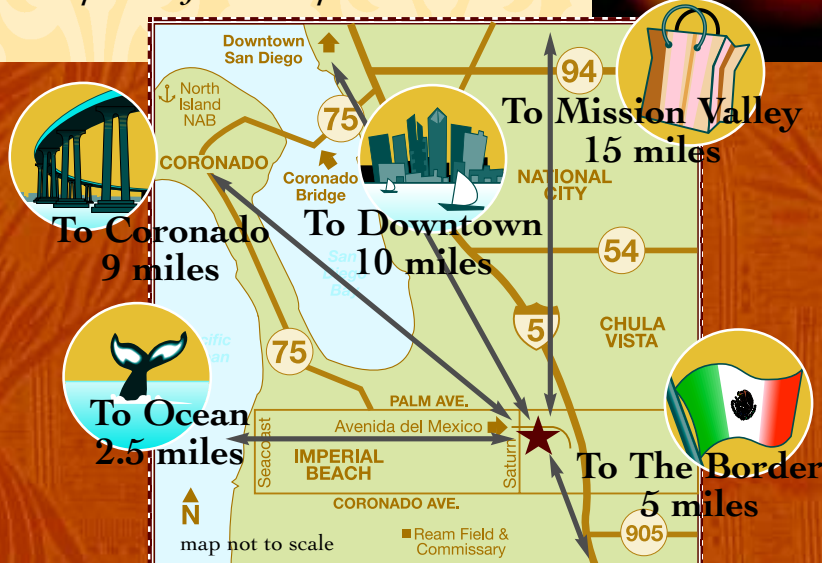
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**N**on-drinker: Brianna Sheets, female, 17, Mt. Carmel High School  
*What are your reasons for not drinking?* "Honestly, I don't really have time to go out and party. Being involved with school, tennis, and community service, my plate is pretty full as is. My parents are very against drinking. I guess that added to my decision...."

*Do your friends drink?* "Yes, some of my friends drink, but I don't judge them for it. The night after prom, I went to a party where people were drinking. I was so tired from taking the SATs that day and prom... I just don't think it is cool to drink for the hell of it, so I just left."

*Describe any encounters you've had with drunk people.* "The only real encounters I have had with drunken people are when I get phone calls from [friends] while they are drunk."

*Do you go to parties or social places where people drink?* "My closest friends don't drink and so, therefore, our Friday nights don't consist of finding the coolest party to go to."

*What are your thoughts about drinking?* "I don't think it is a problem if it is done rationally and not in excess."

*Did you learn about the effects of drinking in school?* "I learned about the effects in ninth-grade health class, but that never really affected me. I was brought up in an alcohol-free house, so from an early age I was taught to not drink."

*Have you ever been tempted to drink?* "I never really have been tempted to drink. The biggest turn-off that I have to drinking is that lame people in high school do it to make themselves feel good and think they are cool. One of my biggest pet peeves is people who do things just to look cool. I do not want to be associated with people like that!"



Brianna Sheets

**D**rinker: Jessilee (pseudonym), female, 17, Mt. Carmel High School

*Do your friends drink?* "Yes, but we aren't drunks that sit on the side of the street with brown paper bags. We know our limits. Peer pressure is involved for some people, but not me."

*At what age did you start drinking?* "I started drinking at, I think, 12. I started on my own."

*Describe any incidents you have had while drunk.* "I went to a Halloween party, and my friend decided we should leave when I knocked over two people while dancing. This was a funny experience. Another time I blacked out and said really dumb things while under the influence. I woke up with a wicked hangover and threw up every 30 minutes."

*What is your favorite drink?* "Cosmos."

*Where do you usually drink?* "I usually drink at college parties."

*How often do you drink?* "Not that often, any more — usually when I'm stressed."

*Do your parents know that you drink?* "No, they do not."

*What are your thoughts about drinking?* "When I was about 13, I thought it was really cool and what-not, but it's not as fabulous as people make it out to be. But if you're old enough to serve your country, then you are definitely old enough to be served a drink."

*What's the most alcohol you've consumed in one night?* "I had half a bottle of vodka, straight up."

*Do you have family members who drink regularly?* "No."

*Did you learn about the effects of drinking in school?* "Yes. It has affected me somewhat."

*How do you get alcohol?* "I get alcohol through my friends."

**D**rinker: Haiduy Giang, male, 20, Miramar College

*Do your friends drink?* "Yes, my friends drink sometimes.... Peer pressure sometimes has an effect on me, but I usually drink when my friends drink."

*At what age did you start drinking?* "I started drinking at the age of 17. My friend asked me if I wanted to go to a friend's apartment to chill and drink."

*Describe any incidents you have had while drunk.* "I've had a couple hangovers in the past. When I first started drinking, I did not know my own limit, so I just drank until I was drunk and threw up."

*What kind of alcohol is your favorite?* "I don't have a favorite. I don't like alcohol. I just drink it for the buzz. If I was to have a favorite, I would probably pick Smirnoff Ice because it tastes good."

*Where do you usually drink?* "I usually drink at parties and mainly friends' houses."

*How often do you drink?* "I only drink when I get asked. Sometimes I want to drink, so I ask people if they want to drink with me. I drink whenever."

*Do your parents know that you drink?* "No, they do not."

*What are your thoughts about drinking?* "It feels good when you're buzzed."

*What's the most alcohol you've consumed in one night?* "I would not know, but enough to give me a hangover."

*Do you have family members who drink regularly?* "No.... My dad drinks, like, once a week."

*Did you learn about the effects of drinking in school?* "No, I did not learn. I just knew that drinking was bad; it didn't affect me at all."

*How do you get alcohol?* "I get alcohol through my friends."

**N**on-drinker: Dean Lagaspi, 16, male, Mt. Carmel High School

*What are your reasons for not drinking?* "I don't drink simply because I can have fun in so many other ways. I'm also aware of the consequences that drinking can lead to. I decided to always stay sober after seeing the character impairment it caused in my family and friends."

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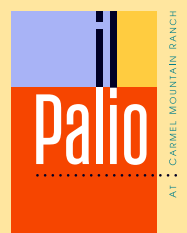
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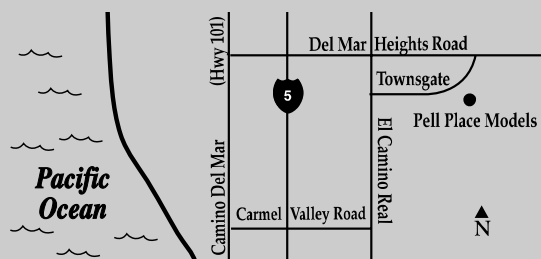
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# THE LATE SHOW

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Had eaten dinner right here — she tickled the pink tablecloth — every night since she buried him. “Didn’t cremate him. Didn’t scatter ashes out over the ocean. God, no!”

I THOUGHT OF HER.  
HAND ON THE WHISKEY  
TUMBLER, EMERALDS  
UNDER LOW LAMPLIGHT.  
SHE WORKED CROSS-  
WORD PUZZLES: “THREE  
DOWN. FOUR ACROSS.  
LATE INTO THE NIGHT.”

A white line of froth rolled toward shore. Sun fell down.

“I buried him.”

“How long ago?”

“Ten years.”

Didn’t deny she drank. For “the company” whiskey gave her. “Whiskey.” She said it with lewd relish. Didn’t play bridge. The grandchildren bored her. Never went to church. Didn’t believe in God. “Never believed.” Hoped I wouldn’t waste time “believing.” What time I had left.

“Don’t,” she warned.

“I was beautiful.” She lifted the ringed fingers to sunken cheeks. “Was,” she said. “Was beautiful. You don’t know yet about ‘was.’”

She laughed. “Now, I’ve a face that invites the rapist who hates his mother.” She sought the corner of her mouth with a napkin’s corner. Missed.

Polite protest — mine — was registered. She fluttered it aside, shook the rosy napkin at me. “No, no compliments. Even I can’t any longer be flattered.”

Everything said after that — “Eating is tedious.” “My oldest friend will visit this spring. We graduated together from Stanford.” — was coda. Her goodbye kiss fell down over me in a halo of gin. I hugged her. Remembered wishbones set in windowsills to dry. She was so stooped my nose skimmed the pale thin hair, skunky with tobacco smoke.

Just past midnight, then, I slid into a cab painted candy purple. *Salve vida* (Life Saver), in white, gothic script, floated over dents on the driver’s door.



"Is not a nice street," said the driver after I gave my downtown San Diego destination.

"Is not a nice life."

I didn't say it.

From the radio clipped to the dashboard, a dispatcher's voice jittered through static. "Can you,"

I asked, "turn down that radio?"

He couldn't. He talked — mourned — above squawks, how at three o'clock that afternoon he started buying lottery scratch-off tickets, one an hour, "trying to raise 20 dollar." Dedicated each buy

to St. Jude.

He sought out my eyes in the rear-view mirror. "And here you come up on the radio. You never know your luck ahead of time."

We pulled onto the freeway. You never. You never know your luck. I thought of her. Hand on

the whiskey tumbler, emeralds under low lamplight. She worked crossword puzzles: "Three Down. Four Across. Late into the night." Twenty minutes after setting out, the driver crunched his cab against the curb in front of my hotel. He took my dollars,

smoothed them across his palm, and grinned gold teeth. "What you say when a dog goes over a cliff?"

"I don't know." I answered out of the darkness.

"Dog-gone. You say 'Dog-gone.'"

The six-story hotel

looked across Broadway onto a low-lying honky-tonk block. At night sailors got drunk there; they dared one another to get tattoos or visit the topless bar (GIRLS!GIRLS!GIRLS!), or eat Vietnamese food, or to say hi to one of the young whores, mostly black, who dressed, still, like before she married Sean Penn, Madonna dressed.

"Beautiful night," said the doorman, from the pool of neon.

"And quiet," I answered, watching the taxi's taillights dwindle to quarter-karat at the horizon of the wide main street.

"Until they come along," the doorman nodded toward three sailors stumbling toward us. One paused. He spread his bulky legs, grimaced. He grunted as weightlifters do. Lifted his genitals from left to right across the crotch seam of his white pants.

He — the ball handler — locked his eyes on mine. His face was crooked. His nose sat at two o'clock. So near I put up one hand to ward him off. But he stepped closer. Heat off his body brushed my dress. Scraped, scratched. "Come on with us, baby. Even *old women* can be fun!"

He waggled a neon-lit hand, bid me toward him, grinned.

Quickly at my side, the doorman pushed open the heavy glass door and handed me in, then turned back, shouting, to the sailors.

I punched the elevator's up button and waited. Out of breath, the doorman approached. "I'm so sorry, ma'am, about — out there."

"Nothing, nothing," I said. We looked down at his brown shoes, scuffed and homely on the carpet flowers. The flowers were anemones.

Once inside my room, I did what people do in movies. I rushed to the dressing-table mirror. Glass gave back frazzled reddish hair streaked with grey, lipstick eaten off, freckles dark under the harsh light, moles on the neck darker. Where sun never came, at corners of eyes, white lines.

I pulled off over my head the not unfashionable black-and-white checked dress. I leaned over to pick up papers spilled out in a white fan from my

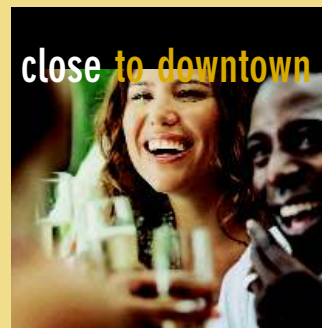
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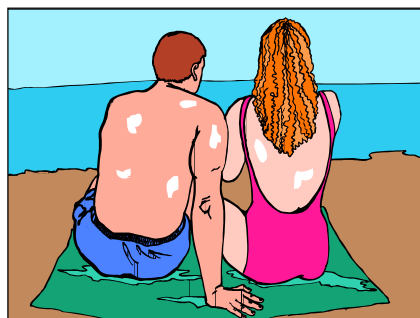


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briefcase. Flesh fell forward.

Hanging up the dress, teasing off panty hose, tossing the ghosts of thighs and calves into the trash with yesterday's newspapers. I asked myself, "For how long have I been this old?"

Clerks had called me "ma'am" for several years, and in sympathy, minutes earlier, the doorman had bowed his head, said, "Ma'am." She'd said, as I sipped coffee, "You don't have a lot of time to waste."

The previous spring, when I wore a flower-sprigged Laura Ashley dress, didn't my hostess, older than I, pluck at the capped sleeves where they join, in gathers, to the shoulder seams? Didn't she say, "There's always the temptation, you know, to try to pass off mutton as lamb."

There had been the afternoon, a year before, in Paris, when menstrual cramps doubled me over, and I begged off tramping across the graveled paths of the Luxembourg. "I'll grab a taxi back to my hotel," I said to the young American, an acquaintance, who had proposed the walk. His hand on my arm, he said. "Haven't you gone through the menopause yet?"

In movies, I would have

stayed awake all night. Perhaps ordered a bottle up from the bar, called friends. Maybe read the Bible. Maybe sobbed, fallen to sleep.

I thought about people of whom I thought, "They're old." Thought about my mother's ears ringing when she plays Scarlatti, how my father's hands ached when he picked berries on fall mornings, about my friend Ed, 60, who at night, sleepless, paces his living room. How Ed goes back to bed, and his wife sleepily asks him to scratch her back. He believes it is his fault she never enjoyed sex. Ed gets up again, walks into the bathroom, puts down the toilet seat, sits, with the faucet running, and weeps. "I don't," he said, "even jerk off anymore."

As to getting old, Ed is my idea of the "worst-case scenario." Short of cancer of the spine.

I thought of myself at 18, trying to get to sleep on a New Mexico adobe's hard-packed dirt floor, afraid of tarantulas, fearful that the boy who held me had made me pregnant. My leg throbbed where I'd burned it on the tailpipe of the old Indian bike that gleamed in moonlight at the adobe's door. I had foreseen myself all those years ago on some distant night just such as this, in precisely such a place as this, alone in a room in which books and papers littered the table and I verged on the posthumous.

I sat on the edge of the bed. I ran a finger down the inch-long scar the hot tailpipe left on my leg. "So, here I am. Dog-gone." ■

— Judith Moore



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I lie on a flat table in a narrow room. It's the size of a doctor's examination room. Normally, in a room like this, I would have some ache, pain, or wound. My feet might be ignobly thrust into stirrups. Instead, my hand tightly grasps a spongy squeegee.

I think about Cindy's marriage. Without warning, Cindy's husband announced the dissolution of their marriage. He said they both knew their relationship had decayed to a hopeless state. Cindy agreed. She hated to admit sur-

ing of clergy and relatives. But her original intention of a simple wedding has been sidetracked by the pressure of two high-society-minded cousins. Thus, Janet has chosen the Roman Catholic Church, the gown of Belgian lace, the train of bridesmaids. She has prepared for the wedding for a year now. On Sundays, she scrapes and replasters the walls of her house. On Saturday nights, she daydreams as the priest drones doctrine and Catholic gynecologists teach her how to procreate. Every Saturday morning, she under-

tered toward my car. I quickly leaned sideways to lock the doors near where he stood. "Don't compliment yourself, lady," he shouted.

Before I chose this table and spongy squeegee in Fashion Valley, I called every electrolysis place in the *Yellow Pages* to compare rates. They range from 18 dollars to 7 dollars for ten minutes of slow torture. The most expensive ones stress the word "medical." They are located in medical centers with fancy addresses. I decided that medical was a gimmick that costs and ruled out

# DON'T COMPLIMENT YOURSELF, LADY

prise, since in a modest way, she was a know-it-all. Listlessly, Cindy told people that the death of their marriage was decided mutually.

In the first year of their divorce, Cindy's former husband kept in touch. He telephoned on her birthday, on his birthday, on Halloween, on Christmas. On what should have been their tenth wedding anniversary, he stunned her with another announcement. He was getting married again. Spiritlessly, Cindy congratulated him. She said the news didn't surprise her.

Cindy wasn't invited to the wedding, but she decided to attend anyway. Toward the end of the ceremony, she numbly entered the church and sat down in the last pew. Newlyweds and guests recoiled in shock as they filed out of the church.

Moments later, Cindy waited in a phone booth for a ride home. A friend arrived to find Cindy hysterical and hairy. She had worn a gorilla suit to the wedding.

Beauty is more than skin deep, I chuckle to myself as I lie on the table holding the rubbery squeegee. I wonder how many volts of electricity shoot through me with each zap. I try to remember baffling old formulas. The amount of voltage is equal to the amount of current times resistance. Or is it vice versa? I ask myself if I am the resistance in this circuit, and then I smirk. No, I haven't resisted the brainwashing that beauty is skin deep. The ads state simply: Everyone wants to be attractive.

The twinge of pain that shoots skin deep brings tears to my eyes. The rhythmic, on-again, off-again buzz of the Electro Blend and constant jets of cool air suggest the dread tools of the dentist. My body is rigid and damp. Still, I can't ignore the humor in it. I accept the slow torture as eagerly as I would a new fur coat.

In the consultation before I mounted this table, the technician easily convinced me that postponement of the treatments was senseless. "If it bothered you enough to come in, you probably want to get started on it today," she said.

I will clutch the spongy squeegee that completes the electric circuit first weekly, then bimonthly, then monthly for a year. For one who shuns commitments, I take this one in stride like a soldier without foresight. It's patriotic. It's the American way. Like credit. Like consumerism. Like vanity.

I think about Janet's upcoming marriage. After a five-year live-in relationship, Janet has decided to consummate the bond with the official bless-

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The electrologist, a fair-complected SDSU moonlighter, interrupts my thoughts. "You used to live in Maine, huh? Is it real cold there?"

Yeah, so cold that I grew a winter coat, I answer to myself. I'm worried that the hot needle will slip if I move my lips.

Finally, I relent. "Yeah, sometimes my apartment got so cold that I sat around in an old racoon coat."

"I don't know what I'd do if I had your problem," the electrologist muses. "I don't think it would bother me." Repositioning her long blond braid, she reconsiders. "Well, I guess I'd remove it if my boyfriend wanted me to."

I escape to a world before boyfriends — to a story from impressionable youth. In her early teens, a friend had volunteered at a nursing home whose architecture was Victorian idiosyncratic. Locked in a high, dark turret lived a hairy creature born of the perverted coitus of woman and beast. Taboo, I think. Electrolysis is a tasteless topic of conversation. At the height of happy hour in Mission Valley, maybe a handful of people will mention it. Electrolysis is like abortion. Nearly everyone's had one, but no one boasts about it. Beauty is natural in San Diego. Bearded ladies are in freak shows. Bathing suits are fig leaves designed to reveal everything but unnatural body hair.

I laugh when I recall a friend's first visit to San Diego. She lives in Maine, where rural poverty and fatty corpuscles are rampant and somehow related. After we had goggled for a while at boardwalk action in Pacific Beach, she nudged me and asked incredulously, "Doesn't anyone here have thighs?"

Beauty is skin deep. Beauty is more than skin deep. The constant jabs of electricity have confused me. But the needle is the magical prod that spells hair-free carefreeness.

Grasping the spongy squeegee, I remember stopping my car late one night at a light on Broadway. As I rubbed my chin and considered ransacking my purse for tweezers, a wino saun-

tered toward my car. I quickly leaned sideways to lock the doors near where he stood. "Don't compliment yourself, lady," he shouted.

I opted for department-store electrolysis. I reasoned that if an unfortunate accident occurred, a well-established department store makes a dependable defendant in a lawsuit. Also, one-stop shopping has always lured me. If the treatment depressed me, I could ride the escalator to another department to find solace in a pair of 40-dollar designer jeans.

So, here I am. Flat on my back. Squeegee in hand. Bearing the voltage. I'm glad Susan can't see me now. On a New England vacation this

*Cindy numbly entered  
the church and sat down  
in the last pew.*

summer, I was berated by Susan. "You don't shave your legs, do you?" she said disgustedly. It didn't matter to her how many feminist treatises I've read, how many years I've subscribed to *Ms. magazine*, how many times I've scurried to *Our Bodies, Ourselves* for the gospel according to the Women's Health Collective. But Susan doesn't know what life is like where shorts are worn year-round.

It's over. My first treatment and first ten dollars are spent. I prop myself up and stand on weak legs. Walking to the escalator, I feel germs healthily fester where the hot needle has pierced. Soon they will surface and erupt like a gurgling hot spring.

I head for the cosmetics department. With head bowed, I request an \$8.50 bar of soap. "Mild or heavy duty?" the salesperson asks.

"I don't know." I could feel her eyes searching my face. "You can't tell from looking," I blurt. "I just had a treatment."

"Oh, I've had that done, too," she says omnisciently.

I raise my head and stare at her face. It is waxen. She reminds me of the Pilgrim candles we light each Thanksgiving. First, the white pilgrim bonnet burns away. Then the smooth, lustrous face slowly disappears. ■

— Sandra Haimila

# This Jar

*“You may write with a pencil, but once you come to draw with it, what a diverse end those marks serve. But the fortuitous element is still there — the element of meeting something you didn’t expect, something that isn’t yourself.”* — CHARLES TOMLINSON

An autumn morning, we freshmen sat upright in wooden chairs. Professor Butterworth in neat italic wrote on the blackboard the first six lines of Wallace Stevens’s 12-line poem.

I placed a jar in Tennessee,  
And round it was, upon a hill.  
It made the slovenly wilder-  
ness  
Surround that hill.  
The wilderness rose up to it,  
And sprawled around, no  
longer wild....

Professor Butterworth asked us to explicate — make clear the meaning — Stevens packs into these lines. This was Honors English I. We were brighter or more verbally apt than average. But coarse.

I’d tramped wilderness. I’d seen slip out from forest into tall grasses the rusty patch of red fox. I’d heard exorbitantly noisy Steller’s jays, my eye followed their scolding until among leaves, feathers flashed blue (no color in nature do I like as well as blue). I’d looked higher yet, gotten goosebumps when sun sloshed clouds a florid pomegranate. I’d seen a mountain peak pierce the full moon. Even ravished by, up to the neck in nature, my eyes could still crave, get hungry for something a hand made, for a round jar, for art.

So that fall morning, I leaned over my desk and improvised an explication, picked out “meaning,” as at my grandmother’s behest, I’d picked out oily minuscule nutmeats from the black walnuts she blended into cookie batter. This jar, I figured, was art — *Art*.

Coarse, young (I was 16 that year), *Art* in the context of Stevens’s poem meant to me *visual art*, painting. I adored paintings. I had grown up in Manhattan, had from third grade on kept a Museum of Modern Art — MOMA — membership that allowed me to walk to West 53rd and, without paying an entrance fee,

sail in and sail out of the museum at will. I acquired the membership through my school, which prided itself on progressive attitudes toward education (we called teachers by first names, and those of us who hated math never got around to geometry).

That I didn’t have to pay liberated me from a sense of duty to get my money’s worth by shuffling cow-eyed from wall to wall. Always, first I dared myself to approach the stairs leading to the second floor and look up at Pavel Tchelitchew’s *Cache-*

*Cache* (in English, *Hide-and-Seek*). I would challenge my eyes to bear up under Tchelitchew’s terrifying pink and orange and red intrauterine vision of decapitated infants’ heads, toothless baby mouths agape, floating among a web of blood vessels. Thoroughly frightened (this painting and an equally scarifying weekly radio show *The Creaking Door* overran my nightmares), I would seek out Braque’s long-necked *Woman with a Mandolin* and Picasso’s high-busted *Les Femmes d’Alger*.

Edward Hopper’s peculiarly unrealistic “realist” *House by the Railroad* was a regular stop. Hopper painted onto a lurid before-the-storm, blue-

green background a two-story Victorian house with mansard roof. The house dominates a rise above railroad tracks. Deep shadow shrouds the side of the house that faces the viewer. I could not then, cannot now, remain long in his paintings’ presence without feeling I don’t have left a friend in the world, that everything I treasure any minute will be snatched from me.

Last, I visited Matisse’s *Red Studio*. This huge (71 1/4 x 86 1/4 inches) canvas had been painted red and over the red, on the studio walls of his picture, Matisse hung Lilliputian versions of his own paintings. Matisse’s intense ebullient colors, doll-house-size miniatures (ripe plump figures ready to leap off canvas) woo the eye. Then and now, this vast “studio” could hold me joyful and wordless in its blissful red.

*Cache-Cache*, *House by the Railroad*, the Matisse, Braque’s chrome-green-lit Crucifixions, Modigliani’s angular women: I



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looked at them and they looked back at — and *into* — me. If no one bumped me, no one spoke audibly, if this rapt mutual study were not broken, the painting absorbed me, took me up into itself. I felt, when this happened, blot- ted up, for instance, by Matisse's paradisiacal red studio.

I also valued MOMA membership because it per- mitted my going to the museum café to order lentil soup, of which I was fond and which, inevitably, I drib- bled down my dress front. As well, when in early ado- lescence, I became curious about what adults did in bed, the card allowed me down in MOMA's basement to see French and Italian movies in which actresses with unshaven armpits soul-kissed men in leather jackets.

The purely representa- tional left me apathetic. At

the Metropolitan Museum all those gilded cherubs, dark broody landscapes, those por- traits of queens and burghers in powdered hair and ruffs people wore in movies seemed quaint. Nothing happened to my eyes when I stood before anything painted much ear- lier than during the last decade of the 19th and the first of the 20th Centuries, when Cézanne (1839-1906) moved back to the south of France, to Aix, the scene of his child- hood, and again and again, on canvas after canvas, painted from his studio window the Mont Sainte-Victoire that loomed from across the val- ley. (This series of paintings, together with still lifes and portraits painted largely from memory, have about them a discontinuous, unfinished, soulful presence. Shown across Europe in the time immedi- ately before and after Cézanne's death, these last paintings sired

virtually all advanced art of the early 20th Century.)

I heard adults scoff at “modern art.” “I don't know what people *see* in it,” they'd say. I was then, am now, puz- zled by the rancor — almost rage — against the nonrep- resentational. As a teenager, I dismissed adults' dismissal of the new with the thought that these grown-ups (who also hated Elvis and despised Jerry Lee) merely preferred elevator music for canvas, eye Muzak. Now I think it is perhaps rather like the frus- tration any of us feels when the ophthalmologist puts drops in our eyes: we can't see straight. I suspect that many viewers of painting, presented with Cézanne's apples, find that the word *apple* appears happily and even tartly in the mouth, but that when these same view- ers arrive before Jackson Pollock's skeins of oil, enamel,

and aluminum paint seem- ingly spit and tossed onto ten feet of canvas, no word comes. In that space of time when silence reigns in the mind, people can become afraid.

Paintings *are* silent. What I liked, as a youngster, and like now, about painting, is what I have always liked about music: it doesn't come in words, it tells no story. In Ten- nessee Williams's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Brick says, about his need for alcohol: “This click that I get in my head that makes me peaceful. I got to drink till I get it.... It's just a mechanical thing, some- thing like a...switch clicking off in my head, turning the hot light off and the cool night on and all of a sudden there's — peace!” I like about looking at painting, hearing music, that the click goes off in my head. Words get turned off.

I've always been suspi- cious of talk about visual art. I early took to heart painter Frank Stella's “What you see is what you see.” I've liked, too, John Updike's “Pollock painting is the subject of Pollock's paintings. Abstract Expressionism has the effect of glamorizing the painter, of making him, rather than the sitter or the landscape or the Virgin, the star.”

More recently, I copied out from George Steiner's *Real Presences* into my note- book a paragraph with which I felt instant agreement: “In painting and sculpture, as in literature, the focused light of both interpretation (the hermeneutic) and valuation (the critical-normative) lies in the work itself. The best readings of art are art.”

I knew — know — nothing about painting, dwelt in edenic ignorance of tech- nique and theory. As a young-

ster, I felt self-conscious at so much emotion before paintings. Was I taking on airs, did I feel all this ardor for art, or did I believe my heart should thump-thump faster and therefore was I manufacturing emotion, was it all a case of the emperor's new clothes?

All these years I've won- dered, “*What do other peo- ple see, what do they feel, what happens to them, when they look at painting?*” With that question, I turned to two recent anthologies in which writers reflect on painting — *Poets on Painters* and *Writ- ers on Artists* — and to poet John Ashbery's *Reported Sight- ings*, *Art Chronicles*, 1957- 1987; and novelist John Updike's *Just Looking*, *Essays on Art*.

*Writers on Artists* editor Daniel Halpern first thought to gather essays by writers on artists when he accom-

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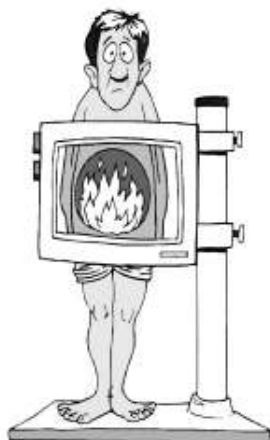


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panied poet Elizabeth Bishop through the Unicorn Tapestry exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum. "Through Ms. Bishop's words and relentless eye, I have continued to see the unicorn and its territory in a way that has remained brightly alive..."

J.D. McClatchy, *Poets on Painters'* editor, suggests that "for most poets paintings are primal, as 'real' as the bread and wine on the table, as urgent as a dying parent or concealed lover in the next

room."

*Poets on Painters'* poets are 20th Century English and American. The collection opens with W.B. Yeats's 1913 essay "Art and Ideas," in which, at the Tate Gallery, Yeats, 48 then, admires anew, and touchingly, the pre-Raphaelite painters — Millais, W.H. Hunt, Rossetti — popular during his youth.

"Am I growing old," I thought, "like the woman in Balzac, the rich bourgeois'

ambitious wife, who could not keep, when old age came upon her, from repeating the jokes of the concierge's lodge where she had been born and bred: or is it because of some change in the weather that I find beauty everywhere, even in Burne-Jones's *King Cophetua*, one of his later pictures, and find it without shame?"

As if to prove McClatchy's proposal that for most poets paintings are "primal," "real," William Carlos Williams, the Rutherford, New Jersey pediatrician and poet, writes about Matisse's *Blue Nude*:

The dust and noise of Paris had fallen from her with the dress and underwear and shoes and stockings which she had just put aside to lie bathing in the sun in the sunlight.... No man in my country has seen a woman naked and painted her as if he knew anything except that she was naked. No woman in my country is naked except at night.

Both collections contain essays on Hopper by Mark Strand.

### RESEARCH STUDIES

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American realist Hopper (1882-1967) painted solitary figures in desolate diners, offices, hotel rooms. His reportorial and minimally anecdotal depictions, his uninflected passionless settings are the very definition, in paint, of low affect. Many Strand poems might be similarly described. The lines below from Strand's "Story of our Lives" might be reflecting upon Hopper's painting.

We are reading the story of our lives  
which takes place in a room  
The room looks out on a street.  
There is no one there,  
no sound of anything.

In "Crossing the Tracks to Hopper's World" (*Poets on Painters*), Strand writes about *The House by the Railroad*:

The house glares at us from what seems like an enormous distance. It appears so withdrawn, in fact, that it stands as an emblem of

refusal.... And Hopper's famous statement of his aims — "What I wanted to do was paint sunlight on the side of a house" — seems misleading in its simplicity, for the sunlight in his paintings illuminates the secretive without penetrating it. Thus we feel separated from something essential and, as a consequence, our lives seem frivolous.

Strand writes in "Hopper: The Loneliness Factor" (*Writers on Artists*):

It is often remarked that many of Edward Hopper's paintings engender feelings of loneliness. It is also assumed that such feelings are in response to narrative elements in the paintings, but in fact they are in response to certain repeated structural motifs. We often feel left behind, even abandoned, while something else in the painting, usually a road or tracks, con-

tinues. We feel caught in a wake that offers no possibility of catching up to whatever has departed. Likewise, if we have the impulse to linger, allowing ourselves to be taken into the painting's reduced ambience, we are resisted by a force within the painting that closes us out. It is this being left behind or left out that gives rise to our experience of alienation.

Writers collected in *Writers on Artists* are 20th Century, English, American, and European: Aldous Huxley on El Greco, Jean Genet on Rembrandt, Kenneth Rexroth on Turner, Joyce Carol Oates on Winslow Homer, William S. Wilson and Rainer Maria Rilke and D.H. Lawrence on Cézanne, Norman Mailer on Picasso, Camus on Balthus, Randall Jarrell hectoring the abstract expressionists.

I want especially to recommend Jean Genet's essay on Rembrandt. Genet spent much of his early life in prison. His first novel, *Our Lady of the Flowers*, was written in a prison cell. A paragraph from that novel shows the disposition Genet brought to looking at Rembrandt:

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like a black soil mined by moles.

Here, from "Something Which Seemed to Resemble Decay," Genet comments on an exhibition of Rembrandt's paintings:

Under...the fur-edged coats, under the painter's extravagant robe, the bodies are performing their functions: they digest, they are warm, they are heavy, they smell, they shit. However delicate her face and serious her expression, *The Jewish Bride* has an ass. You can tell. She can raise her skirts at any moment. She can sit down, she has what it takes.

On Cézanne, Lawrence is predictably, delightfully, perversely, and annoyingly Lawrence. He complains that Cézanne could not paint peo-

ple "intuitively and instinctively," that faced with the human form, Cézanne's "mental concepts shoved in front," offering the painter no more than "mere representations of what the mind accepts, not what the intuitions gather." Given women to paint, Lawrence insists that Cézanne failed. "Woman he was not allowed to know by intuition: his mental self, his ego, that bloodless fiend, forbade him."

Lawrence, however, admired apples Cézanne placed on the tablecloth in his *Still Life: Apples and a Pot of Primroses*.

The actual fact is that in Cézanne modern French art made its first tiny step back to real substance, to objective substance, if we may call it so. Van Gogh's earth was still subjective earth, himself projected into the earth. But Cézanne's apples are

a real attempt to let the apple exist in its own separate entity, without trans-fusing it with personal emotion. Cézanne's great effort was, as it were, to shove the apple away from him and let it live of itself. It seems a small thing to do: yet it is the first real sign that man has made for several thousands of years that he is willing to admit that matter *actually* exists....

Our instincts and intuitions are dead, we live wound round with the winding-sheet of abstraction. And the touch of anything solid hurts us....

So that Cézanne's apple hurts. It made people shout with pain.

In 1907, the year after Cézanne's death, a memorial retrospective showing of his work was hung in Paris at the Salon d'Automne. Rilke, 32, was writing what would become *The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge*. Day after day, Rilke stood before Cézanne's paintings and wrote about Cézanne to his wife Clara.

[H]ow great and incorruptible this objectivity of his gaze was, is confirmed in an almost touching manner by the circumstance that, without analyzing or in the remotest degree regarding his expression from a superior standpoint, he made a replica of himself with so much humble objectiveness, with the credulity and extrinsic interest and attention of a dog which sees itself in the mir-

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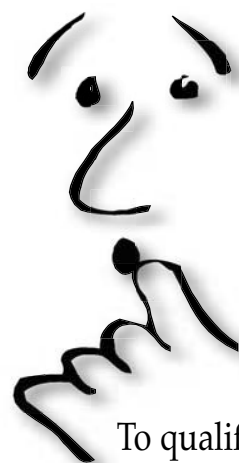
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ror and thinks: there is another dog.

Those essays I've quoted confer on the reader a privileged moment in which he sees paintings — as did Daniel Halpern with Elizabeth Bishop — through the writer's eye. The essays, as I thought they would, answered, in part, my question — “*What do other people see and feel, what happens to them, when they look at paintings?*” What I had not expected is the pleasure with Yeats or William Carlos Williams or Lawrence or Genet, or, here, with Rilke, of hearing the voice of the essay speak in tones familiar from poems and novels.

Reading Ashbery's *Reported Sightings, Art Chronicles, 1957–1987* (edited by David Bergman) and the two collections of various writers, I became increasingly fascinated with affinities (such as that expressed by Mark Strand for Hopper) between certain writers and painters. Ashbery has been notably attracted by gorgeously lit paintings like those by Bonnard, Edouard Vuillard, and

his American friends Jane Freilicher (whose *Painter's Table* adorns Ashbery's book jacket) and Fairfield Porter (1907–1975), a close friend of Ashbery's for the last 20 years of his life.

Following Ashbery on his rounds through museums and galleries, a reader sees the art about which he writes and also the ideas that art inspires. Thoughtful, stylish, witty, and gossipy, many Ashbery pieces — like those on an Ashbery favorite, French impressionist Pierre Bonnard (1867–1947) — read as if they might be postcards to old friends; on these postcards Ashbery has set down his latest rejoinder to an argument regarding this or that art world movement.

Porter, born to wealthy parents, graduated (like Ashbery) from Harvard, married, fathered five children, lived in Maine in summer and Southampton, Long Island, the rest of the year. Porter rejected the abstract expressionism that dominated the world of New York painters in which he lived. Porter painted (in his phrase)

“things as they are”: Maine's rocky harbors and Southampton's opulent lawns, portraits of his children and friends, sunlit domestic interiors, still lifes.

One of four pieces on Porter in the Ashbery collection is Ashbery's review of a 1983 Porter retrospective, “Fairfield Porter: Realist Painter in an Age of Abstraction,” assembled by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Ashbery writes that “Porter is one of those innovators whose originality can come perilously close to seeming old-fashioned.” Ashbery suggests, however, that the paintings are not old-fashioned and that Porter is “only the latest of a series of brilliant know-nothings who at intervals have embodied the American genius from Emerson and Thoreau to Whitman and Dickinson down to Wallace Stevens and Marianne Moore.”

Porter's paintings, Ashbery continues (in an exhibition catalogue for the Boston retrospective), “are intellectual in the classic American tradition of the writers mentioned above because they

have no ideas in them, that is, no ideas that can be separated from the rest. They are idea, or, consciousness, or light, or whatever.”

John Updike (another Harvard graduate) also attended Boston's Porter retrospective. His review, “Violence at the Windows,” appears in Updike's *Just Looking: Essays on Art*. (The title comes from Updike's comment, “Sunlight explodes with terrific violence at the windows of Porter's hushed interiors.”)

Gazing at his friend Porter's painting, Ashbery ruminates on “idea” while Updike simply bestows upon his reader the voluptuous description and novelistic detail with which his fiction flourishes.

Porter painted what he saw, and what he saw were the big, bright rooms brimming with possessions, not the claustrophobic furnishings of the old rich but the disheveled plenty of their vaguely bohemian offspring, who seem to live in summer houses all year long. Nice people, nice

places, pleasantly redolent of affection and sensitivity and, that great underwriter of both, money.

Writing “The Apple's Fresh Weight,” Updike basks beneath Lucas Cranach's two oils on panel, “Adam” and “Eve”:

Cranach's Eve is also somewhat snakelike — a snake with a seductively luminous skin. What an erotic apparition she is! Her soft apple-sized breasts are pulled upward into the same tilt as her slitted eyes. Her orange hair explodes behind her in corkscrews of energy. Adam's hair, too, is curly; his fingers explore it in this initial moment of male puzzlement. Eve's hand, in contrast, clings to the same limb where her mentor, the serpent, entwines in ominous echo of her own flexible radiance. She has shaved thoroughly, a fact ill-concealed by the leaves that a branchlet extends with a deference we might fancy ironical. No bathing-suit tan has ever striped this

woman's skin; the hardened and airbrushed nakedness flaunted in countless twentieth-century centerfolds cannot recover her immaculate, sumptuous pallor... Eve's face wears an Oriental calm brought from beyond the rim of Christendom. Adam's legs could come from a crucifix; yet his abdomen is unscarred and presents, like Eve's, a tender frontal challenge. Flesh is delicious. We gaze here upon the primal scene — the parents of us all when young, desirous, their hands curved above the apple's fresh weight. Lost Eden still hangs above their heads; the stony earth of the future lies at their feet. Between, the naked present shines.

William S. Wilson, in the course of his essay on Cézanne (*Writers on Artists*), notes: “Looking at paintings is a truancy, or liberation, from animal biological need... The freedom to look — freedom of movement for the eyes — is the opposite of the necessity to look at everything that is part of the hunting-gathering necessity.”

“The naked present shines.”

Standing before *The Red Studio*, I would not have thought to say, as Updike does (albeit about the story of the Fall as depicted by Cranach), “The naked present shines.” Explaining Stevens's poem for Professor Butterworth, trying (at 16) to understand why even in the most exquisite natural settings, I might still crave something a hand made, I would not have written, about that jar in Tennessee, that one of its attributes, as *Art*, is that because of that jar's presence in “slovenly wilderness,” “the naked present shines.” I wish I had. ■

— Judith Moore

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When a guy who trained boxers for the Marines moved in across the street from my family, I asked him to train me. It was an educational few months, until he sparred with me and popped me in the nose. My desire to participate in the sweet science ended then, at the age of 12.

I would still go over and hit his heavy

bag, try my best at the speed bag, and shadow box in front of his long mirror. My scrawny body looked more as if it was from a concentration camp than a training camp.

I would watch fighters go toe-to-toe on TV. I would wonder why a fighter was jabbing, and then, all of a sudden, a right cross would knock his opponent out. I heard someone once say, “It's like watching ballroom dancing with hurt.” An apt description.

When asked about the danger of the sport, Mike Tyson was often quoted as saying, “We're in the hurt business. Things happen.”

The first heavyweight ring fatality was Jack Broughton, who died fighting George Stevenson in 1741. His death led to Broughton's Rules two years later. The first fatality in America was Thomas McCoy against Christopher Lilly in 1842. If you can imagine this, it was in the 77th round!

Sweden boycotted boxing because of the dangers and kept it out of the Olympics they hosted in 1912. This was around the time wearing gloves became the norm (before that it was bare knuckle). In 1915, the mouthpiece was first worn in a fight. And money was starting to come in for the big fights. Jack Dempsey vs. Georges Carpenter in 1921 had the first million-dollar gate. Boxing is the oldest professional sport in America.

The last time a heavyweight fighter died in the ring was 1933, Ernie Schaff vs. Primo Carnera. The consensus is that a heavyweight hits so hard, you get knocked out. You don't die from continuous shots to the head that you see in lightweight classes.

Former heavyweight George Foreman has said in many interviews that he wishes they used headgear to make it safer. (Ali has said nobody punched

### **“It's like watching ballroom dancing, with hurt.”**

harder than Foreman, and Foreman's punches took their toll on him, even though he beat Foreman in one of the sport's greatest upsets.)

When Foreman was in San Diego in early September to promote his new cleaning products called Knock Out, I talked to him.

“Your wife wouldn't let you fight when you turned 50, is that right?” He corrected me. “No. Not until I was 55. She said ‘no more.’ She refused to watch me getting hit and never watched my fights.” When fans approached Foreman for autographs, he would say, “I won't sign any photos where another person is being punched.”

I asked Foreman what he thinks could make boxing a safer sport. “They're doing all they can. You can't change things now, or it affects the integrity of the sport. Probably the only thing that can be done has to do with the canvas. When a boxer hits the canvas, he's already hurt. We need referees that know what they're doing, so they can stop the fights earlier. If it doesn't reach the point where a man is being knocked out, it will be a lot safer.”

In a January 14, 1983, edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, it states that three of every four boxers who have had more than 20 professional bouts show some brain deterioration. But sometimes numbers can be deceiving. The American Medical Association Council on Medical Affairs states that boxing deaths occur at the rate of 0.13 per 1,000 participants per year. And on Ringside.com's website, a report on youth



Local heavyweight Mike Gergen (left)

deaths for age groups 0 to 19, from 1989 to 1998, 14 sports were profiled. Boxing fell in the lower half. Deaths occurred most frequently in much more popular sports: baseball, football, basketball, and soccer.

Baseball was top of the list, nearly seven times as dangerous as boxing.

Recently, Dale Earnhardt died racing a car. Over the past decade there have been close to 20 deaths at major racing events. Yet

nobody ever talks about banning it the way they do boxing. And sometimes spectators are killed from flying parts during a crash. Spectators at fights don't get hurt when the occasional mouthpiece flies out.

Before this football season, one of the 49ers collapsed and died. In September, Terry Long, a 45-year-old former Steelers guard, died from brain inflammation caused by repeated blows to his head

during his NFL career.

The Brain Injury Association of America said that of the 300,000 sports-related concussions each year, football has the most. It's a rate of once every 3.5 games.

I think what gets peo-

ple talking about a boxing ban is the fact that you have two guys trying to beat each other to a pulp. It doesn't matter to the adversaries that boxing can be like a chess match. If the injuries weren't serious, nobody would care.

Sugar Ray Leonard suffered a detached retina and continued to fight. When I asked him five years ago why he continued to fight in that condition, he said, "It's hard to walk away from a sport you love. Of course, I protected my eye." He talked about how the fighter's corner should do more to protect their fighter, because often the fighters are the last to know they have no chance of winning, but are likely to suffer an injury.

I met San Diego's Archie Moore at a fundraiser a year before he died. He never suffered serious injuries, and he had one of the longest careers in boxing history. When I tried to shake his hand he said, "I can only make a fist. I can't open my hand completely. So, if you make a fist, I will punch your fist. I just can't shake hands."

Ex-boxers are less able to sustain natural aging or diseases of the brain and may be more likely to suffer diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's (such as Ali). The British Medical Association had a report on boxing in 1984 that stated: "Boxers' brains are smaller, surface grey matter is thinner, fluid-containing ventricles enlarged because of the decrease in white matter."

The BMA wanted a ban on the sport in 1987, and whenever a debate pops up, they are there. Michael Watson wrote on their website: "Whereas much of the rest of a boxer's body is protected by bone, fat, skin and, well, developed muscle, the brain is encased only by skin-covered skull and attached to its interior by fine filaments of blood vessels and nerves. A punch to the head—which has been likened to the effect of being hit by a 12-pound padded wooden mallet at 20 mph—the head rotates sharply and then returns to its normal position at a much slower speed. In addition, the different densities of the brain also move at different rates, and the overall result is to create a swirling effect inside the brain."

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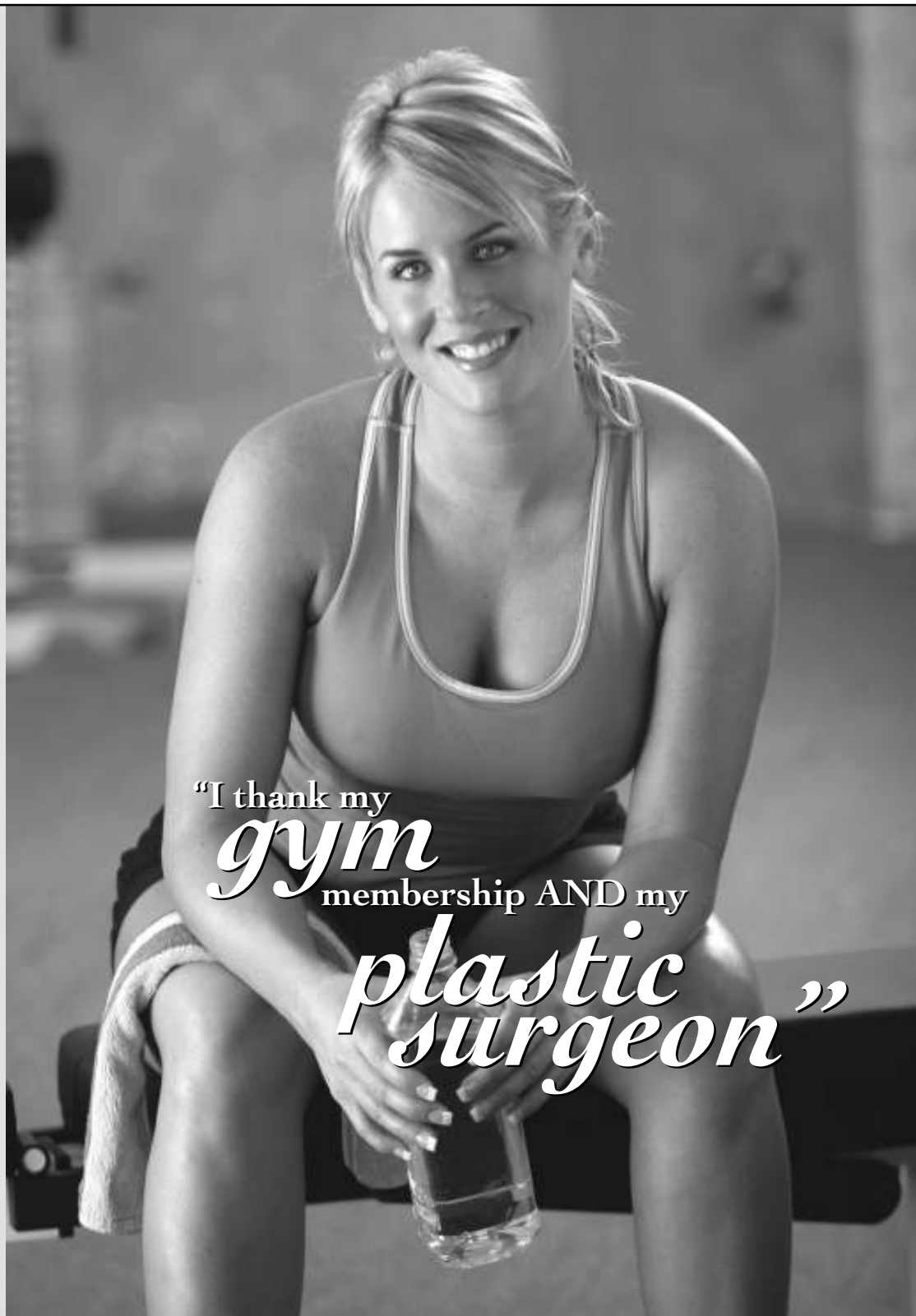
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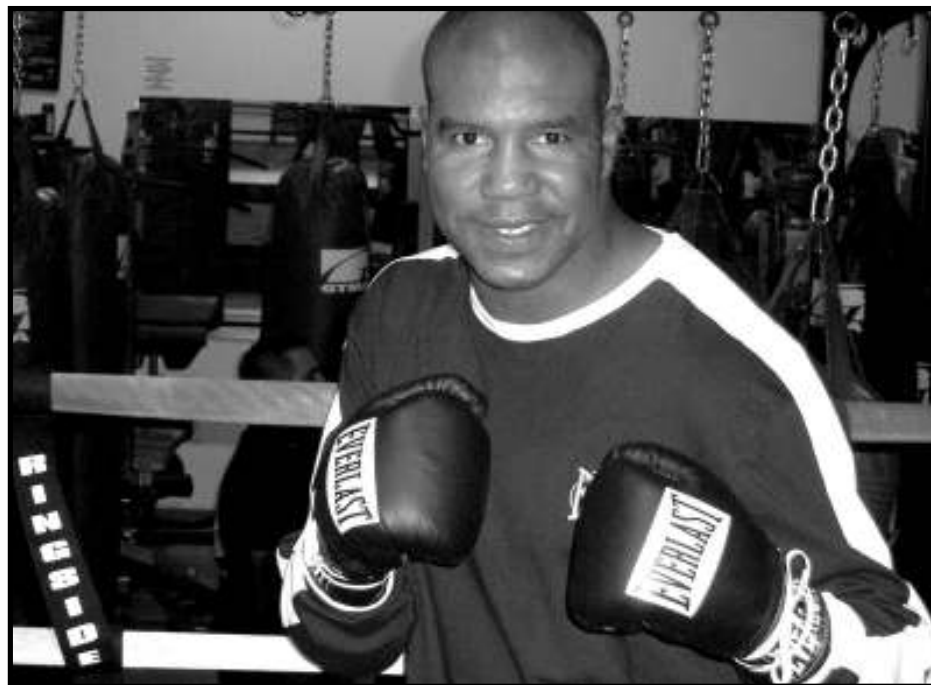


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match are often obvious: grogginess, weakening of limbs, inability to focus, and being knocked unconscious. And there's nothing sadder for a fan than watching what slowly happens to one of the greats. Evander Holyfield is an example of a boxer I've heard in interviews, and his speech seems to be a lot slower than it once was. (Holyfield was known for fighting heavyweights who were bigger than he was, often coming away with upsets.)

On April 16, 2005, New York State's athletic commission barred Holyfield from fighting because of "poor performance and diminished skills" in recent fights.

Gerry Cooney, who won the Golden Gloves in New York at the age of 16, never suffered serious injury. He said in an interview once that he



Paul Vaden

can't recall certain things, like the big left hook that resulted in a first-round knockout of San Diego's Ken Norton in 1981.

Cooney now runs an organization called F.I.S.T. (Fighters' Initiative for Support and Training), which helps boxers become well-

adjusted members of society. On the F.I.S.T. website he writes, "Guys will take that 'one last fight' for the paycheck — even though they

can't take the shots anymore." He tried to help one former champ, Greg Page, who was attempting a comeback. In 2001, he took some shots to the head from Dale Crowe and slipped into a coma for a week. He awoke with permanent brain injury and now requires permanent care.

Mark McDonough, who's a neuropsychologist at Scripps Hospital in Encinitas, took a boxing class with Cooney. He consults with the rehabilitation unit and studies head injuries and has treated two dozen boxers.

I asked McDonough, "What exactly is happening when a boxer is knocked out? Is it just the brain hitting the skull? And can you tell me about the cumulative effects?"

McDonough: "To say 'just' misidentifies the significance of the effects.

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Doctors are more impartial about the dangers of the sport than fighters. Smokin' Joe Frazier, who fought three incredible fights with Ali (the most famous being the "Thrilla in Manila"), was in town at Harrah's Rincon Casino outside of Escondido. I asked him about the dangers of the sport. "It's a great sport, and there's nothing wrong with it. I've had a hundred fights, and I'm doing just fine."

He didn't look like he was doing fine when he came into the ring to talk between the various bouts. He stumbled until he grabbed the ropes to keep his balance. He did a little rhyme about beating Ali, and he joked about needing a horse, and seemed to still have it together mentally. But when you speak to him, it seems to take a few seconds before he processes what you say.

His son Marvis, who lost to Larry Holmes and, in an early Tyson bout, took an uppercut that almost decapitated him, heard me asking his dad questions about the dangers. Marvis said, "Who says boxing is dangerous?" I replied, "Some doctors." He smiled and said, "No. It's not dangerous. People just like to bring up controversy."

One of the boxers on that night's card at Harrah's last August was Charles "Blazin" Blake, a former Marine who lives in Escondido. I asked this super-middleweight if his family worried when he started boxing, and if they still worry. He paused, then, with a smile on his face, said, "Yes. And yes. I tell them there's a pre-fight physical, and postfight, with doctors. There are medical personnel ringside." When Blake told me he sings, I ask how his voice will be affected if he breaks his nose. He said, "I have a broken

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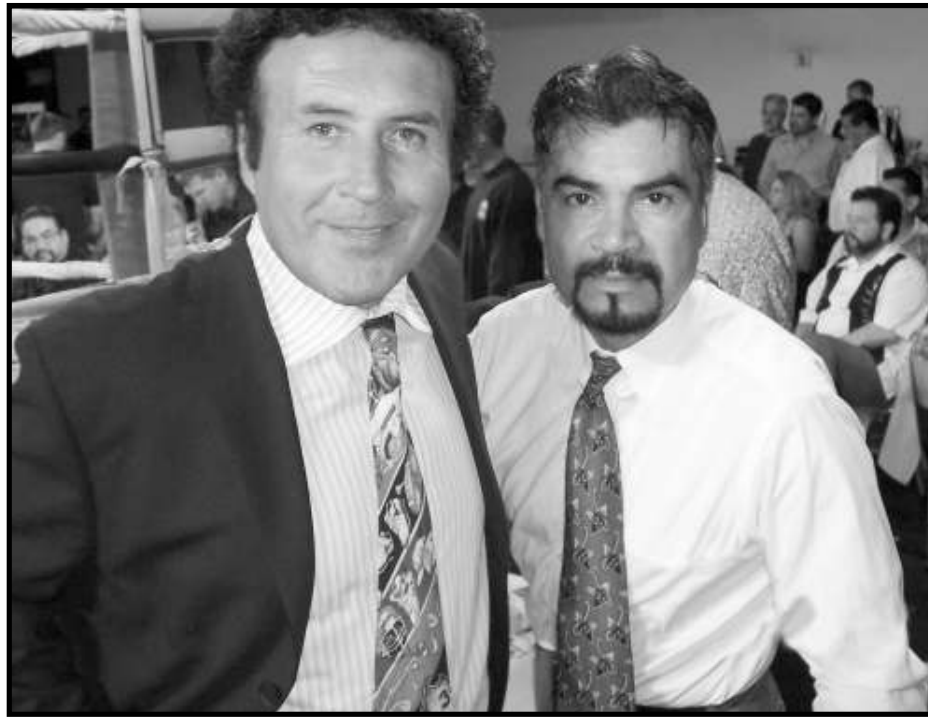
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nose now. I'm only breathing out of one nostril."

In the main bout of the evening, a middleweight champ named Archak "the Shark" Termeliksetian fought Reggie Davis. It was stopped before the third round, because a doctor examining Davis in the corner said the fighter had a fracture.

Boxing can even be dangerous in the movies. Russell Crowe separated a rib while filming last year's *Cinderella Man*. And Hilary Swank suffered injuries when she filmed *Million Dollar Baby* the previous year.

In a November 2004 issue of *Maxim*, Sylvester Stallone talked about the boxing scenes he did in the Rocky series. Former San Diego State football player/turned actor Carl Weathers broke Stallone's nose and ribs while filming *Rocky II*. Stallone said, "The



Benny Ricardo (right)

worst was Dolph Lundgren. I said, 'OK, Dolph, I want you to come out and attempt to annihilate me.' And he

did. I had a hard time yelling 'cut' with my mouthpiece clutched somewhere in the middle of my throat. They took me to see a doctor. The next thing I know, I'm in intensive care for 11 days, with nuns walking around the bed. One of the blows caused my heart to swell and

practically stop beating."

Women's boxing had been gaining popularity before the film *Million Dollar Baby*. On June 8, the World Boxing Council ranked female boxers for the first time. The World Boxing Association has followed suit.

Months after *Million Dollar Baby* won several Oscars, a woman died in the ring for the first time — Becky Zerlentes, a 34-year-old teacher. She was knocked out in the third round of a Golden Gloves bout and never regained consciousness.

There are over 2,200 women registered to fight since USA Boxing (amateur boxing's sanctioning body) lifted a 1993 ban on female fights.

The first fighter who I remember dying in the ring was Korean lightweight champ Duk Koo Kim. He was knocked out by Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in the 14th round in a 1982 fight. He had staggered to his feet in front of the Caesar's Palace crowd, but collapsed soon after. He died four days later.

Paul Vaden is a retired boxer living in Eastlake. He went to Patrick Henry High and has the best amateur record in history, with 327 wins and 10 losses (and is the only true San Diego native to hold a title). As a pro he

had three losses (one to Terry Norris, a Campo resident who made the Hall of Fame this year).

Vaden was recently on a VH1 reality show training rapper Vanilla Ice. We talked a little about that, and then I asked him about a painful incident he was involved in.

On November 20, 1999, he was fighting at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City against Stephan Johnson for the vacant USBA Jr. Middleweight Championship. Vaden said, "He was a very game fighter. Unfortunately, too game. He fought a spirited match but took an excessive amount of blows from me. In the 10th round I knocked him out and he would never regain consciousness and would die 15 days later. They later found out that he had similar previous episodes in a boxing match in Canada. I'm confident that had Stephan been ordered to take an MRI, bleeding on the brain would have been detected, and our match never would have occurred. I felt compelled

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to look after his fiancée Bonnie. I talk with her monthly. And I didn't agree to go on Bryant Gumbel's *Early Show* until they allowed her to join me and express her feelings."

When boxing tries to take precautions, it's often against the boxers' wishes. Heavyweight Joe Mesi on June 6 was told by the Nevada State Athletic Commission that they refused to lift a medical suspension that has kept him out of the ring for more than a year. The five-person commission voted unanimously after a hearing, which included three doctors testifying that Mesi could safely return to the ring since suffering two subdural hematomas (bleeding on the brain). I contacted him at his home in Buffalo. He said, "I'm 50/50 about my chances of being active again. I'm being optimistic. The Nevada State Court is looking at the case. I was the number one ranked in the world, and I owe HBO another fight. I want to get back in the ring."

He told me he had a broken blood vessel in his

brain from a fight in 2004. He said, "Because of Ali, a law was passed that if that happens, you can never fight again. It's a precautionary measure. It's been a year and a half, and it's a common injury."

I asked what he thinks can be done to make boxing safer. "A lot can be done. I've been an advocate for a few things. After every fight, doctors can examine you to see what type of damage there is. It helps, of course, to have ringside doctors. They are more concerned with boxers bleeding, because of HIV and hepatitis."

I was talking with a former coworker of mine named Benny Ricardo (one-time SDSU kicker who played 11 years in the NFL and is now a boxing announcer with "Guilty Boxing"). When I told him about Mesi, he said, "He is banned from fighting in Nevada because of his injuries. He swears his MRI tests show that he's fine. But something to keep in mind is that the MRI does not show anything unless there is some blood in the brain

at the time of the MRI. And if he is banned in Nevada, other states will respect that as well."

Ricardo was doing one fight on ESPN and said the fighter had just gotten married that day in Vegas. He was taking such a beating that Ricardo said, "This might be the first time a man tells his wife he has a headache on their wedding night." Ricardo does stand-up comedy, but he doesn't joke when it comes to the seriousness of the sport. He had dinner with Martin Sanchez the night before he died in the ring. Ricardo said, "He was a super-lightweight from Mexico City. It was his first time in the United States, and he was excited."

Sanchez sat on his stool after the fight and was examined by a doctor. Ricardo continues, "He left the ring waving, and the crowd cheered. Some people said he didn't look good. I went around the corner and he was already on a gurney. He died the next morning."

I asked Dr. McDonough if he thinks boxing should be

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banned. "Having been a long-time boxing fan, I resist the idea of banning the sport. I do, however, recognize the inherent dangers in the sport and believe that the licensing bodies within the sport have taken steps to begin to minimize those dangers, though they nonetheless need to continue. Rounds have been reduced for fights. Referees stop fights much earlier than they did 20 or 30 years ago. There are numerous head injuries in other sports as well, including but not limited to football, soccer, trampolines, hockey, skiing, and numerous others. The fights that occur in hockey, for example, can be much more destructive than a typical ring fight. Individuals have always, to some extent, gravitated toward the gladiator sports. I think boxing organizations currently struggle between providing this visceral thrill for those that follow the sport and fearing that they may, if taken too far, be the equivalent of giving gladiators plastic swords. Boxing is also art as a sport, because it works on

timing, strategy, speed, power, and factors that makes all sports interesting and challenging, allowing the individuals who can combine these skills in the best measures to rise to the top."

I asked Vaden about what can be done to improve safety measures. "I know that it's expensive, but I wish they had mandatory MRIs for boxers every five years. Personally, I feel that boxers subject themselves to further punishment by becoming too active. I respect and understand that some boxers rely on the money to make ends meet, but the human body wasn't meant to be hit on repeatedly. Don't forget that you're not only absorbing punishment in the fight, but also in sparring sessions during training camp."

Fans tend to boo when the boxers aren't brawling and blood and sweat aren't flying. I asked Vaden about that. "My game was about quickness, great stamina, and I was a strategist. I was pretty disciplined about staying the course. If the crowd

wasn't enthralled by what was being presented, too damn bad! I wasn't about to shed blood or be an easy target just to supply blood-thirsty fans with a barbaric demonstration. Will that same fan care about that slugger's well being when he's acquired pugilistic dementia [punch drunk] and can't put two sentences together?"

I got an e-mail from Vaden the day after we spoke that read, "Another thing that could make boxing safer is it should be mandated that every state have an athletic commission. I remember during my career that some states were without a commission, which obviously gave a vehicle to boxers that shouldn't be licensed to fight."

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Ramos, who has come to San Diego to talk to kids at Father Joe's, talked with me on the phone about the sport.

He competed for 23 years, and when I asked about the dangers of getting into a ring, he said, "If you are well-prepared and in great shape, it is no problem. Soccer has more head injuries. I don't think safety is as much of a problem. Some do leave the ring with a little bit of damage. We hate the word 'punch drunk'. It's insulting. In 1972 I had an MRI. My brain is healthy. I had some frontal lobe damage, in the right temporal, from the shots I took. That's the part of the brain that deals with a lot of emotions."

Ramos talked more about the meager amount boxers make. He said, "We are independent contractors. And 33-1/3 percent of the purse goes to the manager. A guy fights for \$500. It's \$1,100 in California. The commission gets 10 percent. You give 2 percent to your cut man; Uncle Sam gets

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When heavyweight Riddick Bowe made a comeback recently, it was against Billy Zumbun at Pechanga Resort & Casino. Zumbun fought Bradley Rone in 2003. After the first round, Rone collapsed and stopped breathing. He had a record of 7-42 and probably shouldn't have been fighting. His handlers wouldn't permit him to answer questions from reporters about this incident.

I found out that Rone had lost 25 fights in a row, and the boxing commission in Nevada would not approve him to fight. He had the last fight of his life, on only days'

notice, and came into the ring out of shape and with high blood pressure. He said his mother had died and he needed the fight so he could pay for the funeral.

In the first round, Rone was so wobbly that Zumbun asked him if he was okay. He wasn't. He collapsed and was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital. A few days later, there was a double funeral in Ohio, for him and his mother.

When I went to watch some fights at 4th & B last June, I saw one guy get pummeled in the first round. The second he stopped punching back, the ref was in there stopping the fight. The boxer seemed fine, walking around and talking to fans later.

There was another fight in which a guy was knocked down twice. When the referee was holding up fingers, the fighter looked out of it. He said he wanted to continue, but the ref wouldn't let him.

Julio Cesar Chavez came to Sycuan Resort in El Cajon on May 21 with his son. He's

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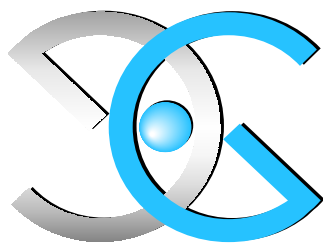
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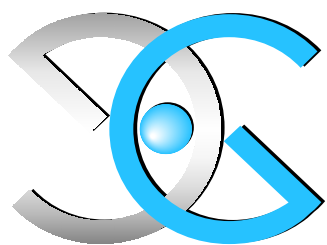
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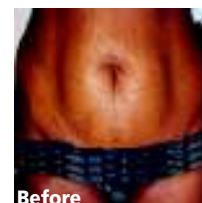
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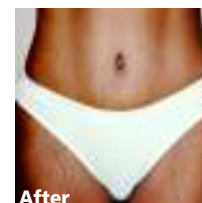
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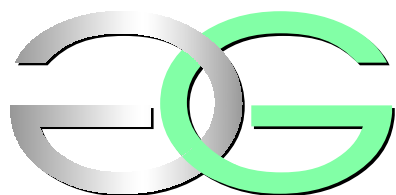
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retiring, but his son is just starting, and they did an exhibition. I asked him if he was worried about his son getting hurt in the ring. "I don't have to worry. He's a good fighter. He'll be fine."

Seven days later, at their fights in Los Angeles, a fly-weight on the undercard got hurt. Ruben Contreras quit during the sixth round. He was taken to the hospital after complaining of a headache. He had a seizure eight minutes later and had to have surgery to relieve pressure from bleeding on his

brain. He survived, but his career was over.

And boxing didn't have a good year in 2005. In the last six months of '05, five boxers died, and two just barely survived. As I worked on this article in late September of '05, former champ Leavander Johnson collapsed on his way to the dressing room after taking a pounding in his IBF lightweight title defense against Jesus Chavez. Forty minutes later, doctors were operating. He never came out of the coma, and his family decided to remove him from life support after the 35-year-old fighter's kidneys failed and his heart wasn't pumping on its own.

Boxing will never die, though. It's one sport where you have to back up what you say. Roberto Duran taunted Sugar Ray Leonard and flustered and beat him. Leonard dominated in the famous "No mas" rematch.

Ali was known for taunting, which goes back to Max Baer (featured prominently in *Cinderella Man*), who often did more talking than fighting. Baer was responsible for two deaths in the

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A death occurred as a result of smack talking. Welterweight champ Emile Griffith was rumored to have been homosexual. In 1962, before a fight with Benny "Kid" Paret, he was called a *maricón* — Spanish slang for "gay." The anger he had at the weigh-in carried over into the fight, where Griffith knocked Paret out with a barrage of head shots. The ref tried stepping in a few times, but the punches were coming so fast, the ref didn't have a chance. Ten days later, Paret (who never gained consciousness) died. A documentary called *Ring of Fire* chronicles this story.

And you can't fault boxing for playing up these elements. Fans love it, the way some go to races for the crashes and to hockey games for the fights. The San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park has an X-ray of Ali's jaw, which Ken Norton broke in their fight at the Sports Arena.

Boxing has an interesting history. John L. Sullivan going from bare-knuckle fights to gloves (decades before movies went from silent to talkies). Jack Johnson being jailed and upsetting fans because no white guy could beat him (and he married white women). Joe Louis upsetting Hitler when he won the second fight against Max Schmelling. Leon Spinks smiling after a bout to show his two missing front teeth. Mike Tyson, the youngest to ever win the heavyweight title at age 20, threw away a promising career (and ended up biting off part of Holyfield's ear).

There's always a hero, always a loser. A sport with brains and brawn, where the best defense can often be having an aggressive offense.

*In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade/And he carries the reminders of every glove that laid him down/Or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame/"I am leaving...I am leaving"/But the fighter still remains. — Paul Simon*

Rocky was nominated for Oscars in 1976. *Cinderella Man* was nominated for Oscars in 2005. Movies will continue to be made about the sport. And fighters will continue to die stepping into the ring. ■

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# Borderline Spanish

The back-yard fence of San Diego County is seven miles long, frowning its way along an otherwise invisible line — the border with Mexico. Shoved up against the back walls of Tijuana, the fence is actually a swaybacked, tumbledown affair of heavy wire mesh, built during the Carter presidency and now rent with people-sized holes. It stops no one who tries to get through. Its holes were cut by people smugglers with steel snips, or even opened by crash-launched cars on Tijuana's frantic International Avenue. Hasty patching has been performed in some places by U.S. authorities using rusty metal grates from long-ago prefab airstrips in the South Pacific, circa World War II.

Though tiny when compared to the entire 1952-mile length of the U.S.-Mexico border, this chain-link wall at San Diego marks off the border's single most trafficked crossroads for illegal immigration. More undocumented immigrants pass through Tijuana than through any other point on the U.S. periphery. Upwards of 1000 Mexican citizens and others (Peruvians, Paraguayans, Poles, even a few mainland Chinese) mass each day along the Tijuana River bluffs at the fence.

The crowds have given birth to a subculture, connected to Tijuana's underworld and living off the cramped pocketbooks of the migrants. Vendors at the fence sell everything from beer to wool jackets for chilly California nights. Derelicts, drug addicts, and assorted others are also attracted because of a vacuum of law. No matter which side the police may come from when you stand at the fence, they can be dodged by simply stepping across to another country.

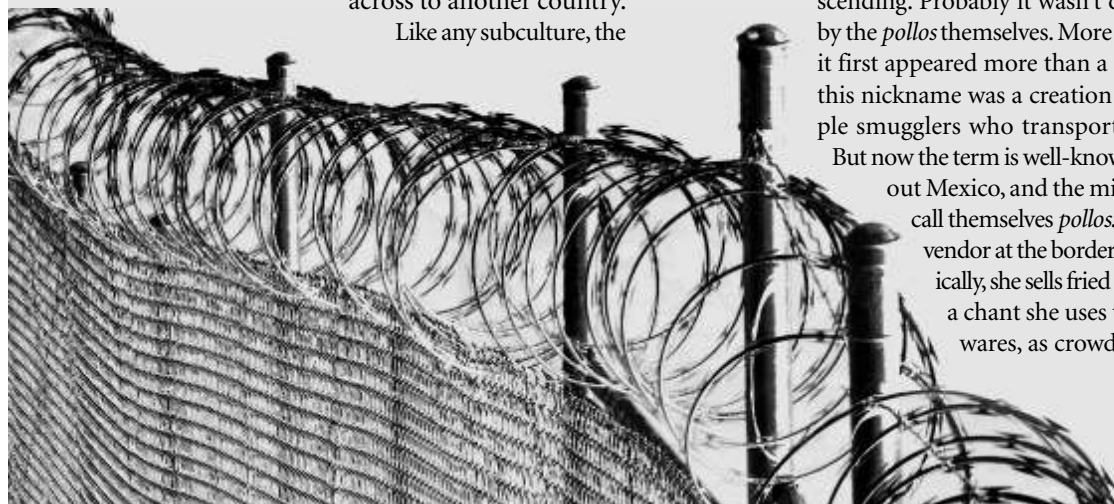
Like any subculture, the

fence world has a language of its own, a slang that draws some of its elements from border Spanish or Mexican street Spanish in general. But some of the terms are specific to the fence itself. So here is a sort of pocket dictionary to San Diego's back fence, revealing the language of a sometimes hidden world.

**Pollo:** A *pollo* is an undocumented immigrant who is preparing to cross the border or is crossing the border. The term literally means "chicken." It's a bit condescending. Probably it wasn't dreamed up by the *pollos* themselves. More likely, when it first appeared more than a decade ago, this nickname was a creation of the people smugglers who transport the *pollos*. But now the term is well-known throughout Mexico, and the migrants even call themselves *pollos*. One female vendor at the border fence (ironically, she sells fried chicken) has a chant she uses to hawk her wares, as crowds of "chick-

ens" flock by, waiting to cross into San Diego. She calls out cheerily in Spanish, "Hey, little chickens, what can we serve you?"

**Pollero:** A people smuggler. He (rarely she) guides, drives, chaperones, or otherwise transports undocumented immigrants into the United States for a fee. Loosely, a *pollero* is a "herder of the chickens." This term, too, may have come from the people smugglers themselves, in self-mocking counterpoint to the swaggering, macho image of Mexico's *galleros*, who are handlers of fighting roosters. The more lofty term that the smugglers use for themselves is *guia*, "guide."





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**Bajapollo:** A more sinister term. This is a border bandit, universally loathed along the fence, who preys on both undocumented immigrants and their smuggler guides. Literally, a *bajapollo* is a "chopper-down of the chickens." Also called a *bajador*. The bandits range from glue-sniffing kids off the streets of Tijuana to gang members from the U.S. side. Many of the *bajapollos* come from deep in the interior of Mexico — sociopaths who

were drawn north to Tijuana's relative prosperity along with the throngs of upstanding people who seek only to get across the border and find work.

The bandits, like everyone at the border, have their own rationales. One *bajapollo* was implored by his mistress (according to her) to stop his predatory and dangerous labors — to which pleading he replied: "*Mira, mujer, la vida no es regalada.*" That is, "Look, woman, nobody's

going to give me a living." The bandit was harrumphing that he was just an ordinary working stiff. However, he did have the resources to support two cars and two families. He was eventually killed in a shootout.

**Coyote:** This nickname for people smugglers is used more outside the smuggling culture than within it. Actually, a coyote is any kind of middleman or deliverer of opportunity for a fee. The *pollero* is a specialist — one of many kinds of coyotes who exist both in Mexico and south into Central America.

**Migra:** The U.S. Border Patrol or its agents. The *migras* of the *migra* sometimes fly in *el mosco* ("the fly," meaning a Border Patrol

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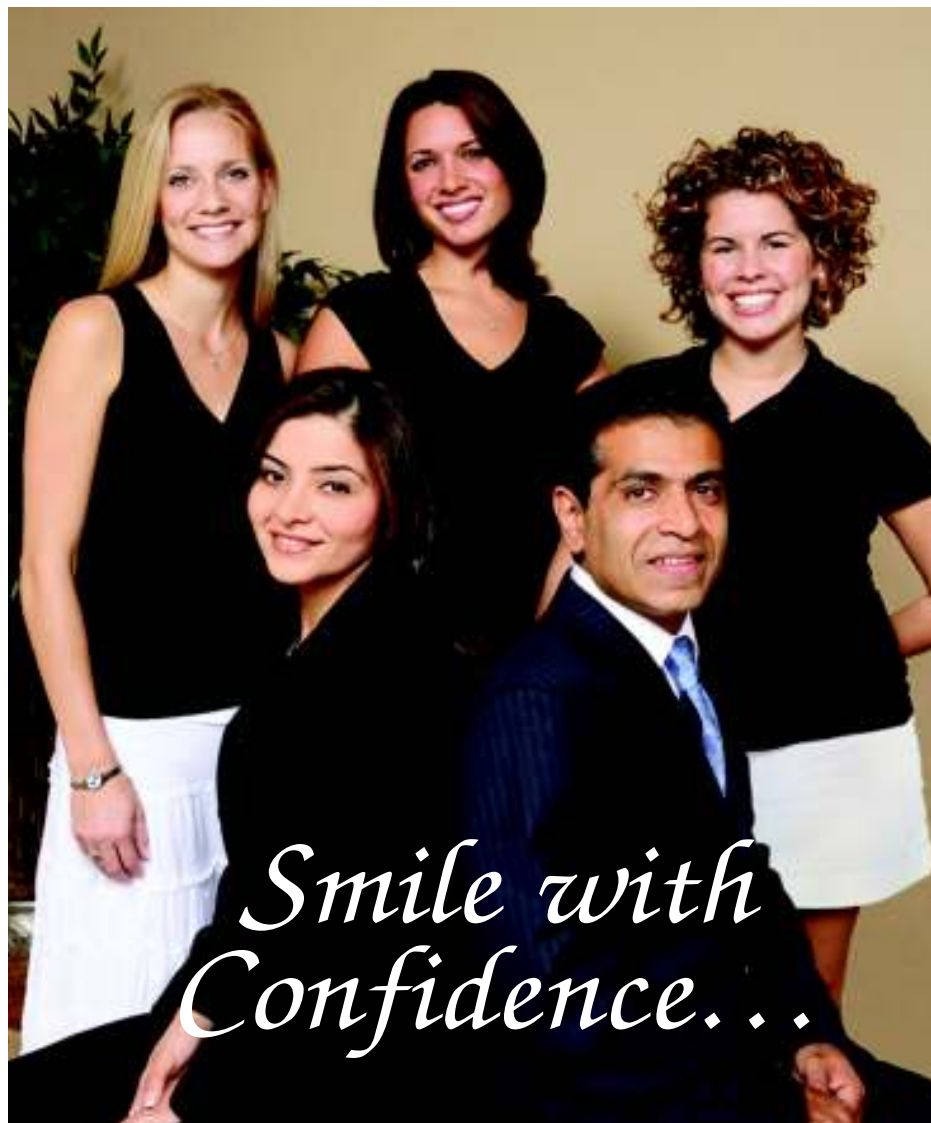
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**El Swat:** The anti-ban-dit patrol of the San Diego Police Department — generally welcomed by the *pollos* and *polleros* because *El Swat* swats the *bajapollos*. It rarely or never arrests migrants or people-smugglers on immigration charges. Generally, El Swat has its hands full with more grisly crimes. The word is borrowed; the patrol is not part of the SDPD's Special Weapons and Tactics team.

**Cholos:** Street punks or gang members who live along the border in Mexico or in the United States. Sometimes *cholos* are also border bandits. The *cholos* used to be called *pachucos* or low-riders. Sometimes the *polleros* throw rocks at the *cholos*, and the *cholos* attack the *polleros*, or both sides throw rocks at the border patrol. Some people say the term *cholo* came from a nickname for Soledad Prison.

**Pocho:** This is a person

from Mexico who lives near the border — a Mexican who has become to some extent (in certain Mexican eyes) “denatured.” The word is not really very nice, though it’s often used, frequently by people saying it about themselves. Literally it means “rotted,” “discolored,” or “corrupt.” The Tijuana newspaper *El Mexicano* lamented last Memorial Day about a rowdy, festive, and allegedly destructive influx of Mexican-Americans on holiday. A headline, denouncing purported drunks from the United States, used the word *Pochos*.

**Gabacho:** This is the border word for gringo. Strangely, it may derive from French (as does the word *mariachi*); it seems to come from the Pyrenees Mountains of Spain, referring to someone who speaks *gavat* — who speaks Spanish badly. But how did this word get to Tijuana,

when most of Mexico simply says “gringo”? Good question.

**Jalador:** An apprentice people smuggler. Literally, a “puller,” who stands on ridgetops watching for the border patrol. The border patrol agents call this kind of assistant a spotter. Other assistants in the Otay Mesa area, where the fence ends and the mesaland is smooth and open and smuggling is done in cars, are called “fence crews.” They open holes in the fence and smooth runways for easy crossing or throw rocks at border patrolmen as distractions. Fence crews can get pretty nasty, even though they’re sometimes quite young. One border patrolman has a steel plate in his skull from a thrown rock and has said he considers himself lucky at that.

**El Bordo:** This term refers

not to the entire length of the U.S.–Mexico border, nor even to the seven-mile Tijuana fence, but only to a small stretch along that fence, a place where the border is formed by the concrete flood-control embankments of the Tijuana River, just west of the San Ysidro Port of Entry. In English, border regulars know *el bordo* as “the levee.” It was the main spot for illegal crossings until late last year, when the border patrol put up big stadium lights there. The action has now moved farther west, where the fence climbs dusty bluffs along Tijuana’s International Avenue, where it faces Dairy Mart Road on the U.S. side. The centers of the action are called the Gravel Pit (*el ranchito*) and the High Point (no equivalent Spanish name to speak of). A few years ago, the action was even farther east than *el bordo*, centered at “the soccer field” in the slum called

Colonia Libertad. But other crossing spots became easier, and the bandits in Colonia Libertad became too dangerous for most immigrants to confront.

**La Chota:** The Mexican police. Crowds at the border fence try to gather on the U.S. side, since there is less fear of the U.S. Border Patrol than of shakedowns and bribe-taking by *la chota*. The most active people-smugglers pay regular *impuestos* (“taxes”) to the Mexican police to be left alone.

**Los Retenes:** The roadblocks that hamper immigrants on their highway journeys northward from southern and central Mexico. These roadblocks are run either by *federales* (the Mexican Federal Judicial Police), who customarily wear tight jeans and needle-toed boots, or by their unofficial assistants, the *aspirinas* (just like it sounds), who make a living off the power of the *federales*. The roadblocks are supposed to be for stopping drug shipments carried by travelers and to help the *federales* pocket some of the \$50 million a year that the U.S. sends Mexico as a “cooperating nation” in the drug war. But who’s going to bring marijuana bales in a suitcase? The roadblocks are famous for shaking nickels and dimes from frightened northbound immigrants on buses.

**Macana:** Police authorities on both sides of the border fence have roughed up the people at the fence on occasion. One of the major instruments for doing such roughing up is known in Spanish as *la macana*, “the

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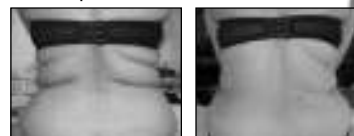
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hoe.” Much farther south, in Mexico’s sister nation of Nicaragua, where crowd control has been something more of, shall we say, a mainstream issue, this same instrument has a more poetic name. It’s an *amansabolo* — a “drunk tamer.” But in Tijuana it’s just a hoe. In English we know this cultivator of bumps and bruises as a billy club, a nightstick. A tap by a *macana* also has its special name at the border fence. If you get billy-clubbed, you’ve received a *macanazo*.

**El Condorito:** Sometimes the bird symbolism of the fence culture (*pollo*, *pollero*, *bajapollo*) can get a little spooky. At the border fence there are many birds of prey — as in the case of the single most notorious agent of the U.S. Border Patrol, known along the fence as *El Condorito*, the Little Condor. Though real condors are majestic eaters of dead flesh in the mountains of South America, *El Condorito* preys on the live “chickens” and their associates. He

roughs them up or abuses them verbally. The nickname for this officer comes from a well-known Mexican comic book, in which *El Condorito* is a Donald Duck-type character who has adventures and gets into scrapes. The hated border patrol agent is said to resemble the funny-looking hero-bird in the comic book, with hunched shoulders, a big beak-like nose, and a shock of hair on a balding forehead — resembling the condor’s topknot. *El Condorito* isn’t typical of the entire border patrol, as fence-folk don’t hesitate to point out; they view him more as a renegade who acts on his own, a self-appointed vigilante.

Those most familiar with *El Condorito* say that he speaks fluent Spanish and seems to be Mexican-American — though his verbal abuse centers on the undesirability of Mexicans and Mexico. “¡Es pocho!” exclaimed one border-fence vendor whom *El Condorito* has allegedly abused. “¡Es pocho, cabrón! ¡Es de acá!”

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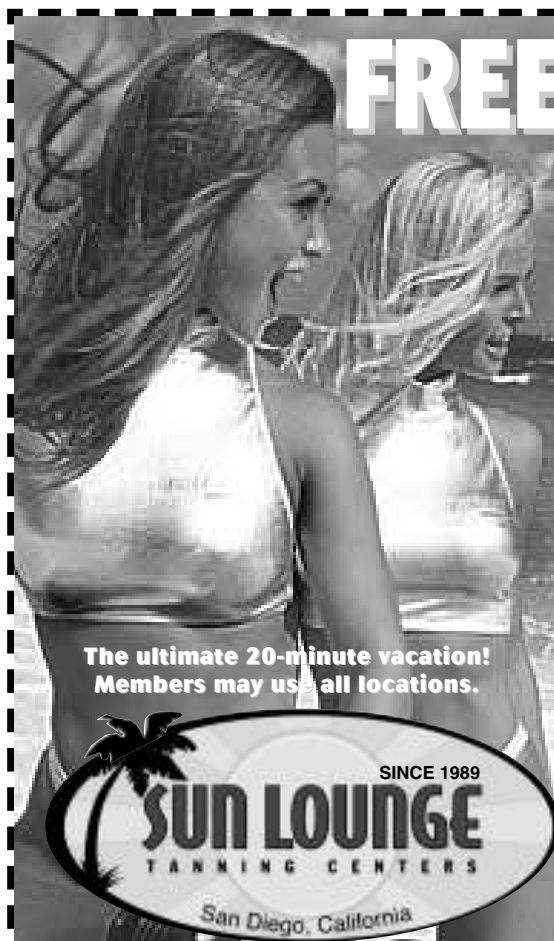


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their molecular components hit brain cells. The results are self-imposed cerebral palsy. The addicts keep coming, though. They gather at the fence, sometimes drifting north with other immigrants, because the fence accepts everyone.

**Bridge Trolls:** The border patrol gives this nickname to street punks at *el bordo* who guard a shaky series of boards on stones across the sewage trickle of the Tijuana River. The river is so polluted that it eats away the undercarriages of vehicles that regularly splash through it. Some people smugglers carry plastic garbage bags so they can wrap their legs if they have to cross the deep parts. Residents of San Ysidro condos just over the U.S. side of the border complain about immigrants using garden hoses and stripping naked on lawns in a rush to shed the river's perfume. But the Bridge Trolls at *el bordo* have found a silver lining. Their bridge of boards is situated where a few naive immigrants are bound to wander through,

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# Another Man's Purse

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**I** read the news. I know our foreign trade deficit and levels of credit card debt are at historic highs. People tend to talk about these things as if they were something new, some sort of habit we're sliding into, and that's just wrong," says Daniel Vickers, chair of the history department at UCSD. On Thursday, February 16, Vickers will present a lecture at Cal State San Marcos entitled, "Lord of Another Man's Purse: America's Long History of Indebtedness."

"I think the reason that we tend to look upon [borrowing money] favorably is because over the course of the past 400

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years, since the colonies were founded, the American economy has performed well enough and land values have continued to rise fast enough that people have, in general, found that borrowing money works. [The same] is not true in economies that don't grow fast because people's incomes don't rise and they get themselves in trouble."

According to financial columnist Liz Pulliam Weston, politicians and the media portray an inaccurate picture of how bad the debt in this country really is. Collecting her figures from the Federal Reserve's 2001 Survey of Consumer Finances, Weston writes, "In reality, most Americans owe nothing to credit card companies...23.8 percent of American households have no credit cards at all.... Another 31.2 percent of the households the Fed surveyed paid off their most recent credit card bills in full. So together, the households that owed nothing on credit cards equaled 55 percent of the total."

"The notion of being a free person is tied up in American culture with credit," says Vickers. As England began to emerge from the late Middle Ages, serfs (agricultural workers bound to the landowners for whom they labored) bought and sold in the market in order to support themselves, which freed them from serfdom.

"Inevitably, in order to get involved in the market, you've got to borrow. One's own credit became critical to becoming independent and, basically, a free person. It is from this crowd of people that American colonists are descended."

Despite the Western tradition of borrowing, Vickers believes Americans' comfort with credit could pose problems in the future. "The rate of growth over time has simply been a function of population — as it gets more crowded, land values rise. But the rate of growth is beginning to slow. America, and really in some ways the whole West, has been living a number of centuries where, for reasons that may not last forever, we have been extraordinarily favored. Through most of human history, the most efficient economies in the world have been those of East and South Asia; they have been the most sophisticated technologically, efficient agriculturally, and extensive commercially. For years, Europeans could only buy things from the East with silver because the Chinese looked at things made in the West and laughed."

Though credit cards are a relatively modern invention, personal debt, says Vickers, "is not really anything new." After studying the fishing industry of colonial Massachusetts, Vickers found a number of fishermen who kept tabs with local mer-

chants from whom they bought their gear. "People were in debt for ten years of income. If I were in debt to Home Depot for 800,000 or a million dollars, I'd be nervous," he says. "It's nothing to find people in debt for half a year or a year's worth of income. Though if I had 50 to 100,000 dollars in credit card debt, I would also be nervous."

In a young America, "People knew their merchants and the merchants knew them. I don't know Mr. Visa or Mr. MasterCard," says Vickers. Merchants rarely charged interest. "The price that they exacted was a degree of loyalty that could be [likened to] a demand for exclusivity. The deal was that the fisherman only sold his fish to the merchant that outfitted him. Not legally, but if you took your fish elsewhere, the merchant might say, 'Okay, pay up,' and you wouldn't be able to." In such a situation, the merchant might sue for his money. "The other side of the coin is if the merchant gets the reputation of being a tightwad who is quick to sue, fishermen will go to someone else. [Merchants] had to

be willing to see their clients through the bad years. Both sides are in a sense giving up a degree of freedom — the fisherman only sells to the merchant, and the merchant says, 'I can't just cut you off when I want to.' If I stop paying mortgage payments, a year from now I won't have a house. That sort of credit didn't exist in colonial times."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

**“Undocumented Fragments,”** exhibit of graphic art by José Hugo Sánchez opens with reception on Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Galeria H&H (Avenida Estéban Cantú 2651, Colonia Dávila). 011-52-664-900-6133. Free. Continues through Sunday, March 19. (TIJUANA)

**“Flying Hours,”** Eraclio Zepeda discusses his new book on Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in

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**Bob Marley Day Festival** on Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Roster of artists includes Gregory Isaacs, Cultura Profectica, Elijah Emanuel, others. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-422-7607. (TIJUANA)

**Miguel Mateos in Concert,** Friday, February 17, 9 p.m., at Club Tangaloo (at Avenida Monterrey and Boulevard Agua Caliente). \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

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OUTDOORS

**Tree Heights** can be easily measured this week if the sun shines at midday. On or near Saturday, February 18, at or very near 12 noon, the sun as seen from San Diego County stands at an altitude of 45 degrees above the horizon. Under those conditions, the length of a shadow cast by a vertical tree trunk on a horizontal surface equals the height of the tree trunk. Even if you lack a measuring tape, you can still use your own feet to pace the distance heel-to-toe: the

length of an average adult male's shoe sole, for example, is very close to one foot.

**Manzanita Shrubs** are starting to bloom this month in the foothill areas of the Cleveland National Forest. The various manzanitas, characterized by smooth, reddish bark and tough, leathery leaves, bear myriad tiny white to pinkish-white, urn-shaped blossoms. Large (decades-old) manzanitas can be seen around Julian and in parts of the Cuyamaca Mountains. Along the coast a similar but less attractive manzanita thrives — mission manzanita.

**The Planet Venus** reaches “greatest brilliancy” this week during its current morning apparition, blazing like crazy like a white beacon in the southeastern sky at the crack of dawn (around 5:45 a.m.). Venus will remain easily visible for the next 45 minutes or so each

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**Normally Elusive Species** — such as common goldeneye, surf scoter, Brant goose, red-breasted merganser — sought during South Bay Audubon Society outing, Saturday, February 18, 8 a.m. Participants hike out onto a dike into South Bay.

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April 22	Rosarito-Ensenada 50 Miles fun bicycle	Rosarito-Ensenada Bicycle Ride	<a href="http://www.rosaritoensenada.com">www.rosaritoensenada.com</a>
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## LOCAL EVENTS

walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, February 18, 19, 22, 9:30–11 a.m. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**A Guided Nature Walk** begins at 9:30 a.m. on February 18, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

**Tree Time**, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

**Walk Through Wyatt Earp's Old Neighborhood** when Patty Fares leads Urban Safari exploration through Gaslamp Quarter, Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Heights and Flights of Fancy**, take a moderate-plus three-hour walk over hilly terrain in Fairbanks Ranch with Walkabout adventurers, Saturday, February 18. Join group at corner of San Dieguito Road and Rancho Diegueño Road (by traffic signal outside Del Rayo

Village Center). Bring money for lunch. Bring water. 619-231-7463. (FAIRBANKS RANCH)

**Anthropomorphic and Geometric Figures** rendered in variety of colors seen during outing to Indian Hill pictographs hosted by Paul Johnson and Anza-Borrego Institute, Sunday, February 19, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Trip requires four-wheel-drive vehicles, off-trail four-mile hike. Wear boots, long pants. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**"California-Friendly Plants and How to Select Them"** is subject for talk by landscape designer Greg Rubin when Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-436-7986 x211. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

**Hike Up on Mount Carmel** and identify plants, shrubs growing there, during hike led by Will Bowen for Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, February 19, 3–4:30 p.m. Wear hiking boots, bring water. Meet at Carmel Mountain trailhead, at Fairport and Shorepointe Streets. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO HILLS)

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## OUT & ABOUT

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first and third Sunday of each month, including February 19. Group gathers at 10 a.m. at Hillcrest sign (at Fifth Avenue and University Avenue). Free. 619-261-5617. (HILLCREST)

## DANCE

**Bellydance Showcase** featuring Cassie, Julie, Mira, and Yoninah and live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, February 16, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

**String Theory Performs** music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance, Friday, February 17, 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)

**"Dance Through the Decades — Collage 2006,"** San Diego Civic Dance Company presents annual recitals through February 19, in Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). Tap, jazz, musical theater, ballet pieces.

Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 17; 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 18; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 19. Tickets:

\$7, \$10. Reservations: 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

**Variations on Cross-Step Waltz** featured, Friday, February 17, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Cross-step waltz lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. Beginner friendly. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Emerge 2006,"** showcase of San Diego's emerging modern dance choreographers is Saturday, February 18, 8 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Featured choreographers: Peter Kalivas, Kevin Hermann,

Katie McIver, Tanya Hinkel, Paris Landen, Eric Geiger. \$12 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

**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 19, Judee Pronovost calls. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

**Tribal Fusion Bellydance** by Atash Maya and music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Sunday, February 19, 9 p.m., at Kava Lounge (2812 Kettner Boulevard). Cover: \$5. 619-543-0933. (DOWNTOWN)

**Time to Tango**, Viviana and Isadoro lead Milonga dancing for those already dancing Argentine tango, Sunday, February 19, at Turquoise Cafe-Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). Beginners/intermediates: 2 p.m.; intermediate/advanced: 3:30 p.m. \$15 per class.

Tango technique, movement taught during "Intro to Tango" by Florentino and Isabelle at 5 p.m.; ongoing beginner's fundamentals at 6 p.m. \$10 per class. 858-453-9680. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Foxtrot, Samba, Jitterbug**, salsa, waltz featured during swing and ballroom dance party, Wednesday, February 22, 7:30–10:30 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Av-

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Screenings offered at AMC La Jolla 12 Theatres in La Jolla Village Square, Ultrastar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center, Ultrastar's Poway Creekside Plaza 10, and in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Single tickets: \$12.25; series passes available. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY)

**Director and Producer** Todd Mitchell Felderstein is guest during "Open Screening Night," Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street); filmmaker and CSU San Marcos professor Minda Martin will also be on hand. New San Diego- and Tijuana-area short films, food, music, opportunity to "show your work and network with other local film/video makers." Free. 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

**Cinema Society of Carlsbad** convenes for *The Chorus*, Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Cinema chat at 1:30 p.m. Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

**"Secret Cinema Salon,"** Sunday, February 19, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

**"Favela Rising,"** directed by Jeff Zimbalist and Matt Mochary fol-

## OUT & ABOUT

### JUDGMENT DAYS!

Laura Schlessinger's one-woman show, East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24.

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lows a former drug-trafficker who turns social revolutionary in a Rio de Janeiro slum. See film, in Portuguese with English subtitles, when screened for Sunday Matinee on February 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Amélie"** screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**"Califragulistic 2: A Surf Film of Epic California"** screens Thursday, February 23, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Times, fees: 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

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

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## LECTURES

**New Paintings** by Josh Goldberg go on display with reception on Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue; 858-793-4442). Goldberg presents artist's talk at 5:30 p.m. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Lowdown on Lowriders** promised when Denise Sandoval of CSU Northridge speaks for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum, February 16, 6 p.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

**British Records Available** at Family History Center are discussed by Kathleen Lund when England-Wales Interest Class meets Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-583-8352. (MISSION VALLEY)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

**The Future of Air Transportation** in our region discussed during town hall meeting, Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m., at East County Boulevard Community Center (39919 Highway 94). Free. 619-400-2470. (BOULEVARD)

**Art Historian, Curator**, author Bram Dijkstra presents illustrated lecture on “Art of the WPA from Collections of the San Diego Region,” currently on view at Ocean-side Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Talk begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 16. \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**“Assessing the New Iraqi Constitution”** presented by University of Washington School of Law professor Kristen Stilt, Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m., in Hardy Tower at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6598. (SDSU)

**“Lord of Another Man’s Purse:** America’s Long History of Indebtedness” is topic for eminent economist, historian Daniel Vickers, Thursday, February 16, 4 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

**“On the Discovery** of a New African Ritual Language in Cuba” presented by Armin Schwegler, Thursday, February 16, 2:30 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Schwegler is editor of *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, professor of Spanish and Portuguese at UC Irvine. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

**“Excavating the Moche Giants** at Dos Cabezas, Peru” presented by USD anthropology professor Alana Cordy-Collins for Archaeological Institute of America, Friday, February 17, 7:15 p.m., in room G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). She’ll discuss partially mummified remains of five high-status young adults, including their funerary offerings. Free. 619-232-6203 x119. (KEARNY MESA)

**“The Usual Characters”** — exhibit of paintings and sculpture by Reed Cardwell closes with artist walk-through and discussion for Fridays at Six series, Friday, February 17, 6 p.m., in Simayspace Gallery at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). 619-231-3900. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Preserving Paradise:** The History of Environmental Activism in

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**D**otted with weather-beaten pinyon pines, Villager Peak in the southern Santa Rosa Mountains rises nearly a mile above the lowlands of Anza-Borrego Desert. Serious “peak baggers” from around the state are drawn to its summit which, due to its remoteness from any road and its high elevation, steadfastly resists any easy approach.

Some people take a full two days to backpack the waterless and mostly trail-less, 13-mile-round-trip standard route described here; others like to zip up and down in a single day. As daylight periods increase into the spring season, the latter option is more tenable, but only for those who are in top physical shape and who are willing to hit the trail by dawn’s first light. Others are invited to try just the first part of the trek. Simply climb upward until you are “half-tired” and save the other half of your strength for the trip back down. The higher you go, the more rewarding the view.

By late April, high temperatures on some days will be approaching the triple-digit mark, and the practical season for climbing Villager will be over. Don’t forget to take along a gallon or so of drinking water — even on a cooler February or March day.



Barrel cacti, foot of Santa Rosa Mountains

aging about 1000 feet of elevation per mile. Stay on the highest part of the ridge to remain on route, which is at times traced by a rough, informal trail.

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### SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS

Villager Peak, high in the Santa Rosa Mountains overlooking Borrego Springs, challenges off-trail hikers.

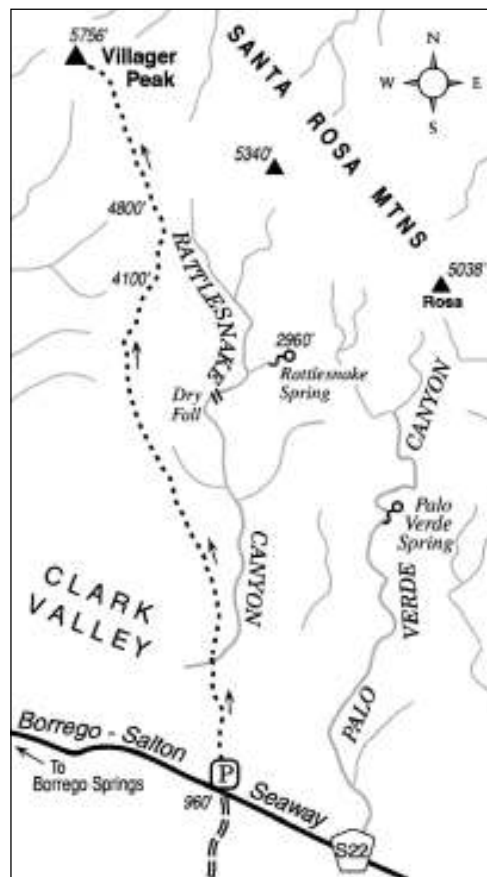
**Distance from downtown San Diego:** 104 miles

**Hiking length:** 13 miles (round trip)

**Hiking difficulty:** Very strenuous

pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers

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the San Diego Region” explored during slide-illustrated lecture by SDSU emeritus geography professor Phil Pryde when Sierra Club gathers, Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo’s Otto Center (left of zoo’s main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Sharing Genealogy Online: A New Breed** of Genealogy Soft-

ware” described by Gary Hoffman when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets, Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m.–noon, in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

**“Career Strategy 101”** presented by Cathy Yardley for San Diego Romance Writers, Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Do you need an agent? Which genre should you write for?

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(12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Care, irrigation, “no-hassle watering.” \$8. Plant sale follows lecture. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**Donizetti’s Lucia di Lammermoor** discussed in a multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. (tickets distributed at 9:15), in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

**“Wood ‘n Clay:** Pine Needles on a Ceramic Base” — class led by Carol Lang, Sunday, February 19, noon–5 p.m., at Oceanside Mu-

seum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Fee: \$60, plus \$10 materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**How’s Your “Hook”?** Learn to write first sentences or paragraphs that grab readers’ attention when Yvonne Nelson Perry presents workshop for San Diego Writers/Editors Guild, Monday, February 20, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 619-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

**“Classic Climbs of the World”** presented by Rainier Mountaineering, Inc., Monday, February 20, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“Intro to Bioengineering”** offered by landscape architect Dick Rol for California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, February 21. Learn of use of living plant material for structural purposes such as stream bank stabilization. Free meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Music of American Cinema”** examined in lecture series by Bruno Leone at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), Tuesdays, February 21–March 7, 7:30 p.m. Each lecture explores different era, from silent film scores to present-day films. \$45 for series or \$17 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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**“Myths and Facts About Hypnosis”** examined by Walter Holtschi, Tuesday, February 21, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-729-2434. (CARLSBAD)

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**“The Endangered Species Act: Broken or Busted?”** Botanist Fred Roberts provides his perspective on Federal Endangered Species Act for Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

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Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Understanding Mexican Politics"** is topic on Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

**Garden and Landscape Design in Mission Hills** examined when Kenn Cross — who specializes in

linking interior and exterior spaces through color — speaks for Mission Hills Garden Club, Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). Social: 6 p.m. \$10. 619-295-2702. (MISSION HILLS)

**"What's in Your Fridge?"** Chef Gavin Kaysen of El Bizcocho shines light on items hidden in back of your refrigerator and how to use them on appetizers and first courses, Wednesday, February 22, 6 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$25. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Cruising the Mediterranean"** presented by San Diego Stereo Camera Club, Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., in Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent and east of Spanish Village). 619-296-2255. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Under the Volcano: The Buried World** beneath Vesuvius" explored by art historian Nigel McGilchrist for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, February 23. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Evolution** and Divine Providence: Are They Really Compatible?" John F. Haight, distinguished research professor in department of theology at Georgetown University, addresses the question on Thursday, February 23, 8 p.m., in York Hall

room 2722 at UCSD. Among Haight's recent books: *God After Darwin*. Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

**"Sautéing Made Easy,"** Joey Nerenberg of Infusion Culinary plans seminar, Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m., at Sur la Table (1915 Calle Barcelona). Free. 760-420-0847. (LA COSTA)

**"You're Not from Around Here,"** photographer Mike Smith discusses his career, work, and current exhibition, Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10 general. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Bulging Eyes, Squirming Demons, Flames!** "Flames of Enlightenment" Tibetan art workshops led by artist Andy Weber at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Beginners concentrate

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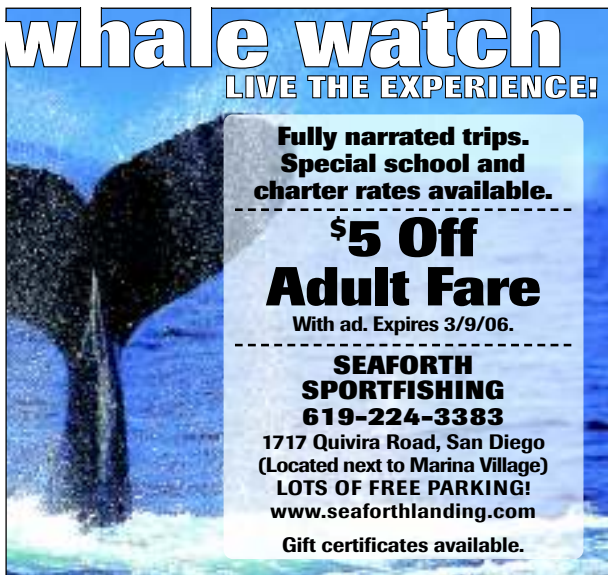
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**Sixties Folk Legend** Tom Rush performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Saturday, February 18 (\$25, \$35); following concert by Mary Gauthier on Friday, February 17 (\$15, \$20).

The Syn, described as precursor band to Yes, was co-founded by Chris Squire and Stephen Nardelli. The Syn has reformed — with Squire, Nardelli, Alan White, Gerard Johnson, Paul Stacey — and plans concerts on Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24. \$25.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Comic Lewis Black** entertains on Thursday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino Spa Resort. Tickets: \$35, \$45, \$55, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Casino is found 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. (PALA)



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**"Bad Date Theater 3"** — one-act comedies about "relationships from hell" presented by Korbett Kompany Productions, Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$15. 619-297-7309. (NORTH PARK)

**Bob Hurd and Anawim** in concert, Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (13028 Lakeshore Drive). Tickets: \$10 per person, \$30 per family, benefiting Father Joe's Villages. 619-729-6205. (LAKESIDE)

**Benefit Production of** Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*, Friday, February 17, 6 p.m., at LGBT Center (3909 Centre Street). \$15 tickets benefit V-Day, Shakti Rising, and LGBT Center. 858-717-5142. (HILLCREST)

**Author** Virginia Foster discusses, signs *Romantic Love: How to Get It, How to Keep It*, Saturday, February 18, 3 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

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**Mountain Singer Ralph Stanley** and the Clinch Mountain Boys plan concerts at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$27 in advance, \$30 at door. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

**Singer Songwriter** Cheryl Wheeler plans concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

**Legendary Blues Artist** Otis Taylor performs for Spring 2006 World Music Series, Saturday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., in Ocean-side Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Taylor accompanies himself on guitar, mandolin, and banjo. \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

**Start Living Your Life Right!** Lorraine Bossé-Smith signs *Fit Over 50*, Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

**Cherish the Ladies** — the band, not the traditional Irish jig — takes stage, Saturday, February 18, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$25–\$40. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Walker Chapel AME Church's Choirs** — the Sanctuary Choir and the Joy and Spirit Youth/Young Adult Choir — plan concert on Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861-B Mission Avenue). Question-and-answer period follows. Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)



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**North County All-Stars** perform classic tunes by Ellington, Basie, Goodman, Doreys, and others, Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m., for Winter Concert series in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Debut Mystery Author** Steve Hockensmith signs, discusses *Holmes on the Range*, Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**An Abridged Version of The Fantasticks** will be performed by Bishop's School singers accompanied by former civic organist Jared Jacobsen, Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Singing for a Cause**, series continues with Brian Benham, Michael Yugo, Janice Watkins, and Heather Baker on Sunday, February 19, 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)

**Classic Reading Series** continues with Kwanami Kyotsugu's *Sotaba Komachi*, Monday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

**U.S. Senator** Barbara Boxer signs, discusses *A Time to Run*, Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Tickets are free, available on space-available basis (prior to event). Details: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"Woman Warrior" Author** Maxine Hong Kingston reads for Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading, part of Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m., in room 140 of Hardy Tower at San Diego State University. Her most recent work is *The Fifth Book of Peace*. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

**"Consuming Citizenship:** Children of Asian Immigrant Entrepreneurs" discussed by author and UCSD professor Lisa Sun-Hee Park, Tuesday, February 21, 4 p.m., in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. Space availability, reservations: 858-534-2490. (LA JOLLA)

**"Reckless: The Outrageous Lives of Nine Kick-Ass Women"** signed, discussed by Gloria Mattoni, Angelika Castaneda, Barbara Warren, Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Personal Reflection on the Person of Jesus** promised when Adrian Plass, author of *Jesus — Safe, Tender, Extreme*, presents his perspectives on Christian life, Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Signing follows. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

**"Medicine Wheel,"** four-part multimedia experience, Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at E Street Cafe (128/130 West E Street). Opens with Tim Red Bird, Native American drumming and singing, live art by Nikyta Palmisani, more. Cover: one coffee drink minimum. 760-230-2043. (ENCINITAS)

**Star Jones Reynolds** signs *Shine: A Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Journey to Finding Love*, Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

**Judgment Days!** Laura Schlessinger presents her "one-woman theatrical event," *Dr. Laura: In My Never-to-Be-Humble Opinion*, on Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Act One mixes humor with true stories, current events; Act Two promises answers to pre-submitted audience questions. Tickets: \$25, \$50, \$70. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

**"Condor: To the Brink and Back —** The Life and Times of One Giant Bird" discussed, signed by author John Nielsen, Thursday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"Dear Miss Breed"** is an account of how San Diego librarian Clara Breed worked to help interned Japanese-Americans during World War II and publicly criticized the injustice of the camps. Author Joanne Oppenheim discusses her book on Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m., at San Diego

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**Local Author** Jincy Willet discusses her adventures in publishing *Winner of the National Book Award and Jenny and the Jaws of Life*, Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

**Bolga Zohdooomah**, high-energy dance and songs from Akayaa Atule's village in northern Ghana featured Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). 760-750-4366. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

**"It's All About the Estrogen,"** Comedy Grill show with Gayla Johnson and "some of her opinionated L.A. girlfriends," Thurs-

day, February 23, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

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**The Victoria Salmon Kings** arrive for ice hockey against San Diego Gulls on Saturday, February 18. Gulls take on Utah Grizzlies on Wednesday, February 22. Games start at 7:05 p.m. at ipayOne Center. Tickets: \$12-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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## FAME IS A FICKLE FOOD (1659)

Fame is a fickle food  
Upon a shifting plate  
Whose table once a  
Guest but not  
The second time is set.

Whose crumbs the crows inspect  
And with ironic caw  
Flap past it to the Farmer's Corn —  
Men eat of it and die.

## THE SOUL UNTO ITSELF (683)

The Soul unto itself  
Is an imperial friend —  
Or the most agonizing Spy —  
An Enemy — could send —

Secure against its own —  
No treason it can fear —  
Itself — its Sovereign — of itself  
The Soul should stand in Awe —

## TO MAKE A PRAIRIE (1755)

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,  
One clover, and a bee.  
And revery.  
The revery alone will do,  
If bees are few.

— Emily Dickinson



Emily Dickinson

East County with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Saturday, February 18. Gather for 25- to 30-mile ride at 9 a.m. beyond tennis courts on east side of Helix High School (7323 University Avenue). Free. 619-286-7511. (LA MESA)

**San Diego Siege!** This professional women's basketball team plays inaugural game against San Jose Spiders, Saturday, February 18, 7 p.m., in Harry West Gymnasium at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students. 619-398-8399. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Belmont Park Heavyweight Championship"** hosted by Southwestern Alliance of Wrestling, Saturday, February 18, 1-4 p.m. Ex-

pect a "PG-rated wrestling event" with Mike Rapada (a.k.a. the Colorado Kid, Hurricane Havana, more). Free. Find Giant Dipper roller coaster at Mission Boulevard and West Mission Bay Drive. 858-488-1549. (MISSION BEACH)

**San Marcos Blast** — counterclockwise! Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 68-miler from Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road) at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 19. Free. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**East County Express Ride**, join Sierra Club bicyclists for ride to lunch at Breadbasket Restaurant in Alpine promising steep grades, brisk pace on Sunday, February 19. Group gathers for 45-mile ride at 8:30 a.m. at Mission Trails Re-

gional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Bring money for food. 858-565-7262. (SAN CARLOS)

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Find the booth adjacent to trolley at SDSU. Requested donation: \$10. Recording reservations: 800-850-4406. Booth relocates to Balboa Park, February 23-March 5. (SDSU, BALBOA PARK)

**"Josephine Baker's Filmic Images"** explored on Friday, February 17, 3-6:30 p.m., in room 101 of UCSD's Social Sciences Building. Clips from Baker's movies will be analyzed, discussed by panel of experts. Main feature: *Princess Tam-Tam* (1935) will be screened completely. Free. 858-822-0265. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Labrador Dog Show**, Friday through Sunday, February 17-19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 619-632-5557. Free admission. (DEL MAR)

**Scottish Philosopher** and historian David Hume's *Of Personal Identity* pondered when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers, Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

**Learn About Sochi Teas** from tea specialist Michael Figgins during tea tasting exploring characteristics and elements of teas, Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

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## Twilight of the Superheroes: Stories



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Deborah Eisenberg is nearly unmatched in her mastery of the short-story form. Now, in her newest collection, she demonstrates once again her virtuosic abilities in precisely distilled, perfectly shaped studies of human connection and disconnection. From a group of friends whose luck in acquiring a luxurious Manhattan sublet turns to disaster as their balcony becomes a front-row seat to the catastrophe of 9/11; to the

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the too painful love of a brother for his schizophrenic sister, whose tragic life embitters him to the very idea of family, Eisenberg evokes "intense, abundant human lives" in which "everything that happens is out there waiting for you to come to it."

### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Kirkus Reviews*: Eisenberg is the closest thing there is to an American Alice Munro. And this is one fine source for Woody Allen to mine for his next New York movie.

From *Publishers Weekly*: The author is at the top of her form delving into the varied but devastating truth that, even after an apocalypse, people still have to lie in the beds they've made, unable to sleep. A terrific addition to the oeuvre of one of

America's finest and most deeply empathetic short story writers.

### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Born in 1945 in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka, Deborah Eisenberg grew up in what she described to one interviewer as an "hermetically sealed" middle-class household. She attended a boarding high school in Vermont and moved to New York in 1966, where she attended the New School for Social Research and in 1969 received her B.A. Ms. Eisenberg is the author of six previous collections of stories. The recipient of a Whiting Writers' Award and a Guggenheim fellowship, she lives in New York City and teaches in the Master of Fine Arts Creative Writing program at the University of Virginia.

The title story of *Twilight of the Superheroes: Stories* first appeared in *Final Edition*, a one-time "little" magazine published by Seven Stories Press and edited by Ms. Eisenberg's long-time companion, film star and dramatist Wallace Shawn. *Final Edition* also contains Mr. Shawn's interview with Noam Chomsky; "The Webern Variations," a poem by Mark Strand; and "Invitation to a Degraded World" by Jonathan Schell.

On the afternoon that we spoke, Ms. Eisenberg was at her desk in Virginia, and I was at home in California. We talked about her childhood and her first years away from home.

"I think I spent a lot of energy during the time I was growing up just trying to keep myself relatively intact. I was not

a happy child. I found it very hard to understand things. I was just trying to get through and that's where my energy went.

"When I went to The New School, we had a choice of studying either humanities or the social sciences. And I didn't know what the social sciences were, but I assumed that the humanities meant reading a book, and I thought, 'Well, I already know how to do that,' so I signed myself up for the social sciences and was completely lost, but it was incredibly fortunate. I got an actual education. It was a miracle that I got one because I wasn't about to let myself. I was very, very, very fortunate."

"Your stories tend to have large casts. They are not the usual short story with two or

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"You have to invent a world each time, and I somehow seem to have to invent a whole way of addressing the world."

**California Open Wildlife Art Festival** featuring more than 200 artists and carvers from U.S., Canada, and Japan competing for awards and exhibiting their work, February 18 and 19, at Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road West). Wildfowl and fish-carving competitions, a junior painting contest, carving and painting demonstrations, antique decoys, art for sale.

Hours: 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Sunday. Donation: \$5 for adults, free for those under 16. 760-945-8442. (BALBOA PARK)

**The San Diego Mycological Society** hosts ninth annual mushroom festival, Sunday, February 19, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Introductory slide show (10:30 a.m.), followed by exhibits (11 a.m.—3 p.m.). Displays of local mushrooms, lec-

tures, slide shows, cooking demonstration, educational exhibits, items for sale. Donation: \$1. 760-753-0273. (BALBOA PARK)

**Stamp-Collecting Show**, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, February 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

**When Is Bike Riding Illegal?** See *Still We Ride*, exploring why 264 Critical Mass bike riders were arrested at the 2004 Republican National Convention, when it's shown Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Film followed by Critical Mass bike ride, 8:30 p.m. Donation: \$3–\$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Reconceptualizing Blackness:** The Black Arts Movement and Beyond" is subject for book discussion series continuing with *Funnyhouse of a Negro* by playwright Adrienne Kennedy. UCSD professor Camille Forbes leads discussion, Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

**Spain** provides focus for Tower After Hours series at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m. \$20 fee includes Spanish food and drink, traditional and contemporary music and dance. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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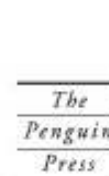
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three characters, at least one of whom, by the story's end, 'sees the light.'"

Ms. Eisenberg agreed that she tended toward a large cast. "There's a story that appeared in a volume a couple of years ago, and it's basically a dinner party with eight people in it. There are a few peripheral characters who come in. I suddenly realized when I got out into the story that I was doing something that I didn't think I was going to be able to do, and I was very aware of dealing with all of those people. But normally, no, they just sort of come in and out easily whenever they do."

"I'm a very, very slow reader. I read the work of my students, but I read much less contemporary writing than I would like to simply because I'm so slow. So I really don't know what's out there and what it is in general that people are doing."

I have been reading David Rabe's new stories, which I think are stunning. The collection is called *A Primitive Heart*. And there's a story in it called 'Holy Man' that is so phenomenal, but I think they're probably not like much else that's being done. I'm such a slow reader and therefore read so much less than I really ought to, I don't think I have much of a model in my head for the way I ought to be doing things."

"I said to someone, about your stories, that each story should be titled 'Danger, Handle with Care.'"

"Excellent. Well, I really do feel that each time I write a story it's as if I've never written one before and I have no idea how to do it. That may be true for absolutely every writer, and maybe everybody that you talk to says the same thing. But it's such a strange experience. Many people write novels and stories, and I have thus far at least have just written stories, but the energy it takes is phenomenal. You have to invent a world each time, and

I somehow seem to have to invent a whole way of addressing the world."

"I know that there are many, many writers who derive a great deal of satisfaction and interest from staying in the same sort of emotional or even physical territory. I seem to be easily distracted and want to turn to different areas of the world, to different areas of my interior and to different concerns, and still each story seems to call for me to be a different person each time."

"A different narrator."

"Yes, yes. A different narrator with a different brain."

"Your characters each seem to have been etched with a tiny pen. They're so precise. The settings, as well, are precise. The reader doesn't get lost, doesn't find herself asking, 'Am I in the living room in Vermont or New York?' Settings of stories are so important."

"They are very important to me."

"I like the complexity of

your settings. You create many corners and nooks from which the reader can watch the action. Have you been in the places about which you write?"

"I make up some, but for most, I have been there. I think the settings are usually right out of the real world, nothing else. Real places might be where I start with a lot of things. Just the look of a place. One of the things that I loved about reading when I was young was the feeling of being transported to a place."

"If you were teaching, how would you explain to your Virginia students why a short story isn't a novel, how the two are different?"

"It's of course impossible to articulate, or at least it is for me, because I really don't have any conceptions about what a story is. But it is a very fine tool as opposed to a novel, I think. A story you can and are almost obliged to layer up. So that it's like tall food. I think of a story as a heaped-up novel in a way,

## "It doesn't bother children not to understand things because they don't understand things."

or like a very, very deep tiny pool with different layers of this and that, and this and that."

"Or a flaky pastry."

"Yes, like a Napoleon."

"With all those flaky layers."

"Yes, so that each moment is informed by the information that you would receive laterally in a novel. There can be a kind of harmonic that you can get sometimes."

"It's like a poem in that way, a little engine of tightly constructed words."

We talked about our fondness for editing and cutting our work. I asked, "What do you cut first?"

"I don't have a system. I

look for anything that isn't necessary because sometimes, if you take something that doesn't need to be said, you can get a lot of reverberation and actually it can show you what you're doing."

"What did you read when you were little that you loved?"

"I had some interesting reading experiences when I was little, or fairly little. I read a lot of *Pogo*; that was one of the things I taught myself to read on. And you know, Lord knows how children understand anything. So they might as well read difficult things as easy things. It doesn't bother children not to understand things

Fest, February 23-26, at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Thursday opens with African-American art exhibit, community-based jazz band (6 p.m.); royal court processional (7:30 p.m.); performance of Shondavette Timms's play *Wrong Place at the Right Time* (9:05 p.m.). \$15.

Friday night includes African marketplace, royal court processional, Daniel Beaty's *Emergence-See!* (8:45 p.m.). \$20.

Saturday boasts educational workshops, African marketplace, Dajahn Blevins's play *Know Who You Are*, speech competition, hop-hop dance and step competition, Taste of San Diego Soul, "Late Night

Live at the Lyceum" (9 p.m.; \$15).

"A day of positive celebration featuring black drama and gospel inspiration" planned on Sunday, with plays, more Tastes of San Diego Soul, finale gospel celebration (6:30 p.m.; \$10).

Thursday/Friday day pass: \$30; Saturday day pass \$40; Sunday day pass: \$20; all-festival pass: \$85. Details: 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Artist Books on a Japanese Theme,"** San Diego Book Arts Invitational Exhibit continues through Monday, February 27, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Featured books "reflect a plurality of contemporary

methods and attitudes toward the art of the book." Admission: \$3 general. 858-484-7755. (BALBOA PARK)

**40th Annual Local Authors' Exhibit** on display 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)

**"Urban Trees 2,"** 30 colorful and imaginative tree sculptures are on exhibit through March along one-mile stretch of pedestrian promenade from Hawthorn Street to Broadway Pier. Free. 619-686-6388. (DOWNTOWN)

**Contemporary Artwork** by Gayle Grant on view through March at La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Exhibition opens with reception, Friday, February 17, 3-5 p.m. 858-273-5458. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Ever Made Adobe?** Learn how simple adobe-making process "can form the basis of complex architecture" and participate in creating bricks during activities on Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Dress for "mud on the menu"! Requested donation: \$10. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

## FOR KIDS

**"That Valentine Show"** delivered by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, February 19, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Make *Three Wishes* with Puppet Express, February 22-26.

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

**Musicals for Children...By Children,** singers, dancers, and actors aged 8-18 perform in Christian Youth Theater productions. *The Chronicles of Narnia* February 17-26 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 3-19. Reservations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (ESCONDIDO)

**Pajama Time!** Music and stories for children by songwriter/performer Donna Larsen and storyteller Suzette Southfox, Friday, February 17, 6:30 p.m., in Bard Hall at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$5-\$10 for adults. 619-987-5505. (HILLCREST)

**"SEAcet Admirers,"** discover how underwater inhabitants seek out their mates during family program, Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Birch Aquar-

ium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Stories, crafts, more. Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Explore Light** when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, February 18, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**Animal Tales Told,** and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun during Animal Tales story time on Sunday, February 19, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$2 per child (four-eight years old). 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

**Curious George** stories at area Borders Books and Music stores this week. Call your local shop for details. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

**What's a Pipa?** Virtuoso Wu Man performs on this ancient lute-like Chinese instrument in concert with UCSD faculty members Steven Schick (percussion) and Mark Dresser (bass) for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, February 19, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

**All Aboard for Fun,** San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts President's Day family day, Sunday, February 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Railroad arts and crafts, model train scavenger hunt. Admission is free for those under 15, \$5 for others. The museum is located downstairs in Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

**"S Is for Shark"** program for kids three and four years old and their chaperones at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, February 19, 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. (LA JOLLA)

**Kids' Day Train,** one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including February 21. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6-12, free for kids five and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

**Learn Japanese Kids' Songs,** hear a story, and have snack during "Mommy and Me" for pre-kindergartners, Wednesday, February 22, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$5. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

**Tots and Tales,** interactive story time for preschoolers, Thursday, February 23, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Requested donation: \$2. 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

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because they don't understand things. I think that if you sequester supposedly difficult books from children, or sequester children from supposedly difficult books, they get very tense about reading in a way that they don't if they just read indiscriminately.

"I love going to Shakespeare in the Park because there are so many children there, and they all get the jokes. I'm frequently far behind. They under-

stand it just as well as adults do somehow.

"I was just telling my class about this, because I had them read a couple of Katherine Mansfield stories. They are the two Mansfield stories that I read over and over and over when I was little because I lived in this very boring suburb, so I loved to read. And there was this book on my parents' shelf. It was an old Knopf edition, I think 1932, and the print was real large and there were these very deco line drawings, and so as far as I knew, this collection of Mansfield stories was a children's book. So I read "Daughters of the Late Colonel" and "Prelude" over and over and over. I had no idea what they were, but I was fascinated by them. That was a big chunk of my reading experiences when I was little."

I said how much I admired the story in this new collection, "Some Other, Better Otto." I added, about the story that it "kept reminding you that you were not the center of the universe."

Ms. Eisenberg agreed. "Yes, good, that's so much what I wanted from it. It's very gratifying to me that you say that because one of my friends complained that it was just about somebody being a horrible person who was completely disagreeable and why would anybody want to read that?"

"I felt that William and Otto, the principal characters, were people who were trying so terribly hard to be better. I found that you quickly put me in their shoes and made me want to be a better person. The story, in its own way, teaches civility."

"Yes, it does. Absolutely."

"The story works in the same way as theater can — it allows you to imagine that there is indeed someone else other than your own greedy pig self alive in the world."

"Exactly. You've put the argument for fiction extremely well. I think there are a lot of moral arguments for fiction but they're all related to that. Fiction is one the most effective

ways to explore areas of mind that are extremely subtle and the areas of human experience that can't be gotten to any other way. So I do think it's kind of a disaster that our culture so undervalues literature."

"And then," I sighed, "if you look at what's on the best seller lists. Much of the 'literature' there is cliché-ridden trash."

Ms. Eisenberg said, "Real fiction is contravalent to cliché. Cliché simply allows you to go to sleep."

"...junk words."

"Yes, and since at this particular moment we have such a catastrophe with the acceptance of 'status quo,' anything that militates against that is useful as well as fascinating."

"I believe," I said, "that we are in the midst of a catastrophe of language. I believe we have begun, easily, to believe lies, and to snooze comfortably beneath cliché."

"Absolutely. Let's start with the 'War on Terror.' This is a country that has a problem, or

## "You don't drop bombs on an abstraction."

an administration, let's put it that way, that has a problem with metaphor. We cannot use a metaphor. A former student of mine told me a joke that his father made that I think is really hilarious, that Bush is going to revive the Civil Air Patrol to deal with Avian flu. It's a great joke because it exposes the bogus use of metaphor. You don't drop bombs on an abstraction.

"And freedom? Oh, my God, what that has come to mean? Pure repression."

"Your stories, unlike many contemporary short stories, offer strong 'morals.' Your stories often are mini-gospels, or 'teaching stores.' And they are speaking to the back bench where Salinger's Fat Lady sits."

"I'm just so angry. I'm so angry. And, of course, my objective is to make very beautiful, strange things that are unique and surprising. But the world that is given to us to deal with now, fictionally as well as actually, is not beautiful.

"I do think that one of the roles that fiction plays in our lives, is to reveal other possibilities."

"We all have secrets?"

"Yes."

"In fiction, you find out that everyone has secrets."

"Well, of course," said Ms. Eisenberg, "it's a paradox that fiction is this thing that has to be made up, because fiction is the place that you go to for truth."

— Judith Moore

## 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.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train 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)

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

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

**Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park,** old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working

ranch of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

**San Diego Archaeological Center,** the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

**San Diego Historical Society Museum,** "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day"

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

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

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

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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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# Calendar

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

## CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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**Rossini's Cinderella** — in which the prince switches identities with his valet to gauge the sisters' reactions to him as a man with lower status and rank — is current production for Lyric Opera San Diego, with singing by Priti Gandhi, bass Gustavo Halley, baritone Chris Thompson, others.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, and Saturday, February 18; with 2 p.m. matinee on Sundays, February 19, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$26–\$40. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

**"Two Hearts in Three-Quarter Time,"** soprano Deborah Cole, tenor Michele Fiammardente, conductor Christopher Blair, and San Diego Symphony play pieces by Suppé, Grieg, Mozart, Lehar, Thursday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). \$15–\$58. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Mozart: Sonatas for Violin and Fortepiano"** presented by Rachel Podger and Gary Cooper on Friday, February 17, for San Diego Early Music Society. Program includes works from different periods of Mozart's life, from his first childhood sonata onward. Music begins at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). \$20. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Baroque Era"** is explored through Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" during Light Bulb series concert by San Diego Symphony, Friday, February 17, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street).

Tickets: \$15–\$58. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**San Diego County Recorder Society** convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, February 17, with guest conductor Ruben Valenzuela leading group (7:30 p.m.). Beginners' and intermediate instruction at 6:30 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 619-334-1993. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

**Pipe Organ Concert** with organist Jason Klein, Friday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

**Donizetti's Bel Canto Masterpiece** *Lucia di Lammermoor* is next production for San Diego Opera. The passionate tragedy set on the Scottish moors includes South African soprano Angela Gilbert, American tenor Richard Leech, Slovakian baritone Dalibor Jenis, German bass Reinhard Hagen, others. Sung in Italian, with English translations projected above the stage. Conducted by Richard Bonyngne, directed by Andrew Sinclair.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, Tuesday, February 21; 8 p.m. on Friday, February 24; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 26. Tickets range from \$27–\$142. Enjoy the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

**What's a Pipa?** Virtuoso Wu Man performs on this ancient lute-like Chinese instrument in concert with UCSD faculty members Steven Schick (percussion) and Mark Dresser (bass) for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, February 19, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

**The European Male a Cappella Quintet** Ensemble Amacord plans concert at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street), Sunday, February 19, 4 p.m. Tickets: \$25 adults (children admitted free at performance time, space permitting). 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

**"Love and Romance,"** Stephanie Sabin (soprano), Janelle De Steffano (mezzo-soprano), Aleksandr Agamirzov (tenor), David Marshman (baritone), Timothy Todd Simmons (piano) present pieces by Offenbach, Bizet, Verdi, Gershwin, others. Concert is Sunday, February 19, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Cocktails at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m. \$17. Suggested reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Angel Romero Conducts MozartFest**, Sunday, Febru-

ary 19, 6 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes Mozart's overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*, "Symphony No. 40," and "Symphony No. 41." Tickets: \$40–\$55. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Trio Lyrique** performs works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Arensky, and Haydn, Sunday, February 19, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donations appreciated. 619-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

**"Music on the Point"** series continues with chamber music and solo works by Debussy, Leighton, Couperin, by Ethan Alan Busted (organ), John Mark Harris (piano), and friends, Monday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394 x13. Donation: \$5. (POINT LOMA)

**The American Chamber Players** take stage for chamber concert series on Monday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$30. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Hyperion String Quartet** performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 20, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**Le Chœur de Clarinettes** from Ecole de Musique, Agréée de Metz, France, perform Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$7. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

**Persian Classical and Folk Music**, along with original compositions, performed by Darvak, Thursday, February 23, 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)

## ART LISTINGS

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## GALLERIES

**New Paintings** by Josh Goldberg and works by Eleanor Miller, John Davis, open with reception on Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Goldberg presents artist's talk at 5:30 p.m. 858-793-4442. Through Sunday, March 26. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Athenaeum School of the Arts Faculty Exhibition 2006** commences with reception on Friday, February 17, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Through Saturday, March 25. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Los Angeles Chicana Artist** Emilia Garcia — who says her work "is centered on the beauty of our culture" — has exhibit opening with reception on Saturday, February 18, 5 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway). 619-232-1699. Through Sunday, March 5. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**"Grrml Power: New Beginnings,"** group art exhibition showcasing work by 24 artists opens with artists' reception, Saturday, February 18, 5 p.m., at Rogerlewisking Gallery (3603 Fourth Avenue). 619-578-2287. Through Friday, March 17. (HILLCREST)

## ART MUSEUMS

**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 Alton, 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**, "In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite" — opening Saturday, February 18, and continuing through Sunday, May 14 — is an "extremely rare exhibition of 2000-year-old Roman frescoes." Exhibit includes 70 objects, including sculpture, stucco reliefs, decorative and utilitarian objects, and 24 frescoes. Roman villas of ancient Stabiae (modern Castellammare di Stabia) are located approximately 4.5 kilometers south of Pompeii; site was well preserved by catastrophic eruption that buried Pompeii and Herculaneum.

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.

"Contemporary Links 4 — James Hyde: Luminous Platforms and Relaxed Seating," opening Saturday, February 18, features site-specific "domestic interventions" in "Tracking and Tracing" installation. Hyde's piece features three reading areas with furniture made from materials linking dialogue on abstract painting with minimalist furniture. Through April.

"The Eye of the Collector, the Wishes of the Donor, the Spirit of the Philanthropist: Modern European Paintings at San Diego Museum of Art," on exhibit through Saturday, April 15, groups modern European works according to their donor in honor of the museum's 80th anniversary.

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

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## MUSIC SCENE

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**Riff Lift?** Before Green Day's "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" was named "Record of the Year" at last Thursday's Grammy Awards,

Day/Warner Bros. Records and Agent 51/Surfdog over the use of the riff. Green Day manager Pat Magnarella didn't return a phone call. Denisa Petricko, who handles licensing for Surfdog, responded, "I'm not allowed to give any information out about that." Surfdog president Dave

on behalf of Agent 51 would have been carried out by Kaplan.

An Agent 51/Green Day connection was reported in "Blurt" five years ago. In January of 2001, Agent 51 signed to Adeline Records, a Bay Area indie label launched by Green Day front man Billy Joe Armstrong. "Billy is a friend of the band," says the source.

To hear samples of both songs, go to [SanDiegoReader.com](http://SanDiegoReader.com). — Ken Leighton

**Put It On** Monday's "Bob Marley Day" show will be the last. San Diego has hosted a multi-band reggae festival every year since 1982 (a year after Marley's death). This year, as posters and flyers were being created for the event, the Marley family said promoters could no longer use Bob's image in any advertising. A photo of a lion and a dreadlocked drummer were substituted before the print job was sent off. Though promoters Makeda Dread and L.A.-based Moss Jacobs were told they could no longer use the "Bob Marley" name to brand the event, the tradition of producing a reggae show each Presidents' Day will continue.

A spokesperson for Jacobs would not speak on the record, but a person close to the production says, "I understand [the Bob Marley estate] are doing their own reggae rock festival this year, and they don't want anybody else to use the name.... All the children of Bob serve as the board of directors. They are the ones who make the call."

A call to New York-based Bob Marley

Music, Inc., was not returned.

Will FM-94/9's Sunday-morning radio show *Brunch with Bob and Friends* have to get a new name?

"We don't call it *Brunch with Bob Marley*," says Garrett Michaels, FM-94/9 program director. "We call it *Brunch with Bob*." He says the station has not heard from the Marley estate. "I think they probably will not have an issue with us because we focus on giving the Bob Marley catalog airplay, which only translates to [CD] sales."

For information on the



WE MISS YOU, MR. M

Monday Sports Arena show and a reggae show tomorrow in downtown Tijuana, go to [bobmarleydaysandiego.com](http://bobmarleydaysandiego.com).

— Ken Leighton

**Bring It on Home** "Our guitarist, Gretchen, moved to Leucadia about two years ago, and three of us are still in San Francisco, so we don't get to practice that often anymore," says Zepparella drummer Clementine, "but we know [Led] Zeppelin's music backwards and forwards, so it's easy for us

to just meet up for shows."

The all-female Zep tribute band formed in late 2004 with a different singer



ZEPPARELLA SHAKE OFF THE CONSTRUCTION HELMETS

(they've been fronted by Anna since August 2005). "Gretchen and I spent about three years in AC/DSHE, and we wanted to do some Zeppelin but they weren't into that stuff, so we quit. AC/DC songs always have to sound a certain way...with Zeppelin, we learn the studio versions first and then we add little parts we find on the concert bootlegs."

Zepparella's worst gig?

"We played in a field in 100-degree heat at a hospital-construction site east of San Francisco for about 30 construction workers. They built this little platform for us in the mud and made us wear construction helmets."

Zepparella's first CD, *Live at 19 Broadway* (ten Zeppelin songs), comes out this month. They appear at the Casbah tonight.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Another Rich Kid Gone** Jason Sears of Rich Kids on LSD died January 31 in a Tijuana clinic that reportedly specializes in alternative methods of drug

detox. The clinic, operated by the U.S.-based Ibogaine Association, occupies a two-story house near the beach.

As part of his treatment, Sears was given the drug Ibogaine, derived from a plant in West Africa and said to ease withdrawal symptoms (according to animal research and a



SEARS AT HIS LAST SHOW, WITH MERCURY LEGION

handful of human case studies). Ibogaine cannot be legally purchased or prescribed in the U.S.

A medical examiner determined that the 38-year-

# blurt

the inside track

it was the only song ever to reach number one on the following *Billboard* charts:

alternative, active rock/hard rock, Top 40/pop, and modern adult contemporary. The song is on the *American Idiot* CD, 4.5 million copies of which have been sold since its 2004 release.

In 2003, Encinitas-based Surfdog Records released an Agent 51 CD titled *The Red and the Black*. The guitar line at the beginning of the song "She's My Heroine" has a resemblance to the riff used in Green Day's "Boulevard." "She's My Heroine" was a regional hit for the now-disbanded Poway pop-punk band.

A source says that a six-figure settlement has been worked out between Green

Kaplan said, "There is no pending settlement," though he did acknowledge that he's



AGENT 51 MAY STILL STRIKE IT BIG

heard talk of the riff's similarity. When asked if there has been any communication between Surfdog and Warner Bros./Green Day over the issue, Kaplan declined to comment.

Former Agent 51 guitarist Eric Davis (now with the band 51 Guns) says, "I don't know what you're talking about." According to the source, any negotiations

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old died from pulmonary thrombosis. No determination has been made that the drug contributed to Sears's death.

Sears fronted the Rich Kids from 1983 through 1989. He rejoined in 1994 and stayed through the making of their most recent studio album, *Riches to Rags* (1995). After the album, Sears occasionally performed with the band. Sears recorded his last album with San Diego's Mercury Legion. Rich Kids on LSD founding drummer Richard Anthony Manzullo (a.k.a. Bomer) died December 12 of last year.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Mood Modifiers** New York City hard rockers the Hold Steady count their October 22, 2005,



SAN DIEGO AND THE HOLD STEADY GET ALONG

appearance at the Casbah as one of their best shows ever...probably because their tour bus accommodated 17

PHOTOGRAPH BY JEREMIAH GRIFFEY

people after the show.

"The last time we played San Diego, Bobby [Drake, the drummer] got drunk and walked into the hotel hot tub with all his clothes on and then slept in them," says guitarist Tad Kubler. "When he took his jeans off in the morning, he hung them up in the bus and a cockroach crawled out of them. I shit you not."

There are a number of reasons why the band keeps coming back to town.

"Our rider on our contract asks for 'mood modifiers,'" vocalist Craig Finn says. "San Diego is one of the few places that fulfilled that request. The rest would be too much to tell."

The Hold Steady play the Casbah for the third time in less than a year on February 19.

— Jeremiah Griffey

**Driven to Beers** When I saw Los Angeles underground rapper Busdriver would make his only San Diego appearance on January 21 at Escondido's Metaphor Café, I decided to go.

I'd never heard of the Metaphor Café, and its website was down, so I decided to call. The guy on the phone told me doors opened at 8 p.m. and that performances started at 9 p.m. There were three other rap groups on the bill, and I wasn't sure if it was an L.A.-style show (where the headliners play early), so I got there at 9:00.

Performances didn't start until after 10 p.m. An amateur DJ spun in the meantime, but I got bored. When the first opener hit



BUSDRIVER APPRECIATES PUNCTUALITY

microphone...but not before he delivered a "freestyle" to an empty room — nearly everyone had cleared out for more beer at the bar or cigarettes on the patio.

Busdriver, who had been checking his watch throughout the night, had to wait while another group played for 20 more minutes. When he did hit the stage, he killed.

— Jeremiah Griffey

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## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: SANTEE DRIVE-IN



OVERHEARD? EMAIL JAS2669@AOL.COM

**One for the Road** After broadcasting for more than 50 years in English, last week the Rosarito-based 690 AM dropped American music for *noticias*, *chismes*, and *deportes* (news, gossip, and sports). Clear Channel sold the station to Spain's Grupo Prisa, which flipped it to Spanish talk February 6.

Ernie Meyers played big-band hits at KCBQ (AM 1170) when the Mighty 690/XEAK became San Diego's first Top 40 station in 1957. He moved to 690 a year later.

"My first year there we taped our DJ shows at the Mission Valley Inn," says Meyers. "Someone had to drive the tapes down to TJ all day long." Meyers says he decided to move to the Mighty 690 because "Top 40 [Elvis, Frankie Avalon] was the coming thing. Plus, 690 had the best transmitter in town, 50,000 watts. It went all the way up to Canada. They made me a pretty good offer."

In 1960, Meyers says Mighty 690 DJs began to drive across the border every day to do their shows. Meyers moved to KOGO in 1961, just before Top 40 was dropped and 690 became XETRA, Southern

California's first all-news station. According to *Aircheck: The Story of Top 40 Radio in San Diego*, the station switched to "beautiful music" in 1968, returned to Top 40 in 1980, and then to oldies in 1984, when Wolfman Jack joined the crew. XTRA Sports arrived in 1990.

For the last year, the station was dubbed the "Fabulous 690, the Lounge" and played music by Dean Martin, Ella Fitzgerald, and Frank Sinatra. The Fabulous 690 DJ staff signed off with a tearful on-air farewell. One of the emotional DJs was Mel Torme's daughter Daisy. The last song played was Frank Sinatra's "One for My Baby, One for the Road."

— Ken Leighton

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— Larry Harmon

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# Diamond Has His Day

*“Neil’s lawyers could have shut us down for an array of reasons by now if he didn’t like us.”*

**B**rother Love — Gary Day’s heavy-metal tribute to Neil Diamond — came about, he says, because of *American Idol* fore-runner *Your Big Break*. “In 2001 a camera crew from Dick Clark Productions came down to San Diego looking for singers who could sound like famous artists, and they auditioned 400 people at the Windsock. I was sick with a fever, but a friend forced me to go. I learned about the audition at the last minute, arrived late, and my friend had to haggle with them to let me try out with ‘Love on the Rocks.’”

Two weeks later producers requested a video of Day singing Diamond songs in a karaoke bar, with no guarantee that it would air. “I did make the TV show, which aired nationally in prime time,” says Gary.

Gary explains that it takes around 20 hours to reduce a Diamond arrangement from a 22-piece band with strings to a standard rock configuration. “I keep the Diamond character pretty close visually and actually become him vocally in both my acts. Brother Love is all heavy-metal arrangements, but I also do a second set as Steel Neil, performed to original arrangement tracks.” He hasn’t met Real Neil yet but says, “He [Dia-

mond] knows who I am. Sony gave us permission to do the first CD...Neil’s lawyers could have shut us down for an array of reasons by now if he didn’t like us.”

## LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

### HOW DO YOU PICK SONGS TO COVER?

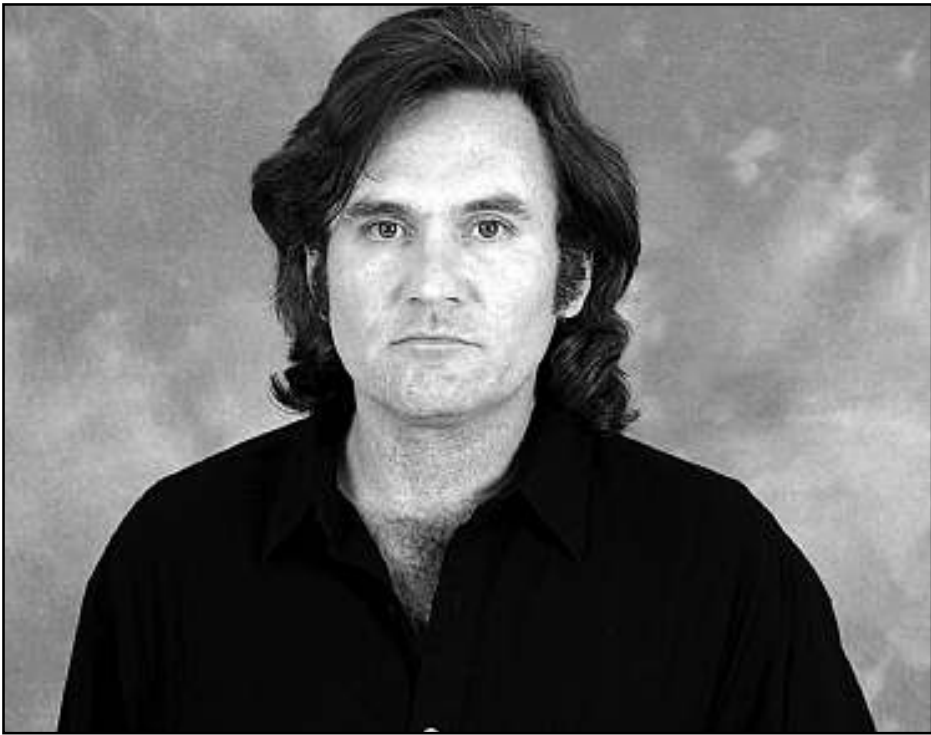
“We put together about 40 hit songs first, and along the way the guys in the band discovered a lot of B-side stuff that I had no idea they would like, being hard-rock musicians.”

### STAGE OUTFITS AND COSTS?

“The sequin shirts cost about \$100 and were made by a guy in L.A. who I believe went out of business. The boots are \$150, and the Vegas-style belts are about \$50. I get the authentic ’70s-era polyester slacks from thrift stores, and my favorite white scarf used to be a coffee table cloth. Add \$125 for the Star of David necklace purchased in TJ, and the 1965 gold diamond ring is a hand-me-down from my dad.”

### WHAT DIAMOND SONGS HAVEN’T YOU COVERED?

“He’s written and recorded so many songs that



DAVID HARTIG PHOTOGRAPHY

Gary Day

there are dozens we haven’t done yet.”

### WORST GIG?

“It was at what is now called the Cow Shed in San Marcos in 2002. I had pneumonia and had to be injected with steroids to barely be able to per-

form. To this day I have never canceled a show.”

### FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

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**Dennis Quaid**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

**Little Richard**: Rincon Casino, Thursday, February 16, Valley Center Road, Escondido. 866-468-3399.

#### FRIDAY

**The Sisters of Mercy**: House of Blues, Friday, February 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Mary Gauthier**: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

#### SATURDAY

**The Robert Cray Band** [941]: House of Blues, Saturday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Tom Rush** [830]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, February 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The David Lindley Band** [561]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

#### MONDAY

**"Bob Marley Day Festival"**: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 20, 3500 San Diego Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-220-8497.

**Social Distortion** [481]: House of Blues, Monday, February 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### TUESDAY

**Nada Surf** [194]: House of Blues, Tuesday, February 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### WEDNESDAY

**X** [219]: House of Blues, Wednesday, February 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

## NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Less pretentious than Bauhaus, more focused than Siouxsie and the Banshees, and more rock 'n' roll than the Cure, the **Sisters of Mercy** were, briefly, the best British goth band of the 1980s. If not the best, certainly the coolest. Rather than slather himself with makeup and douse himself with Aqua Net, singer **Andrew Eldritch** struck a classic figure: skeletally thin, eyes always hidden behind shades, a cigarette always in his hand. He looked like an undead cross between Jim Morrison and Keith Richards.

At a time when most of their peers still subscribed to a punk orthodoxy, the Sisters treated all of rock history as fair game. In con-

cert they often played cover versions of the Stooges, the Rolling Stones, Suicide, even "Louie, Louie," all of them set to the Sisters' trademark industrial drum machine beats and terse guitar and bass arrangements. They had a sense of humor too: A good 20 years before the White Stripes did the same gender-bender, the Sisters covered Dolly Parton's "Jolene," with Eldritch's deep baritone bellowing out, "Girl, I'm begging of you, don't you take away my man!"

After a series of excellent EPs, the band released their best album, *First and Last and Always*, and then suffered a bitter breakup. Eldritch returned a few years later with a new dance-oriented version of the band and had his biggest hit, "This Corrosion." A few years later he returned with another lineup and a more metallic sound. The past 15 years have seen a single here



### SISTERS OF MERCY

and there, a couple of singles compilations, and a few tours. That's about it. On this tour, Eldritch and his latest lineup celebrate 25 years of the Sisters.

**SISTERS OF MERCY, House of Blues, Friday, February 17, 8 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. \$35.**

### EXTENSION 4001

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### FEBRUARY

**Robyn Hitchcock** [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

**The Syn**: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, February 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Derek Trucks Band** [950]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

**The Syn**: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Jamie O'Neal**: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 24, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**"Brazilian Carnaval 2006"**: 'Canes, Friday, February 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Los Lobos** [476]: House of Blues, Friday, February 24, 1055 Fifth

Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Sevendust** [261]: House of Blues, Saturday, February 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Dave Mason**: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, February 25, 15498 Espola Road, Poway. 858-748-0505.

**"San Diego Brazil Carnaval 2006"**: 4th & B, Saturday, February 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Tom Russell**: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Lucinda Williams** [864]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 26, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

#### MARCH

**Eric Taylor**: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, March 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Styx** [523]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**The Asylum Street Spankers** [569]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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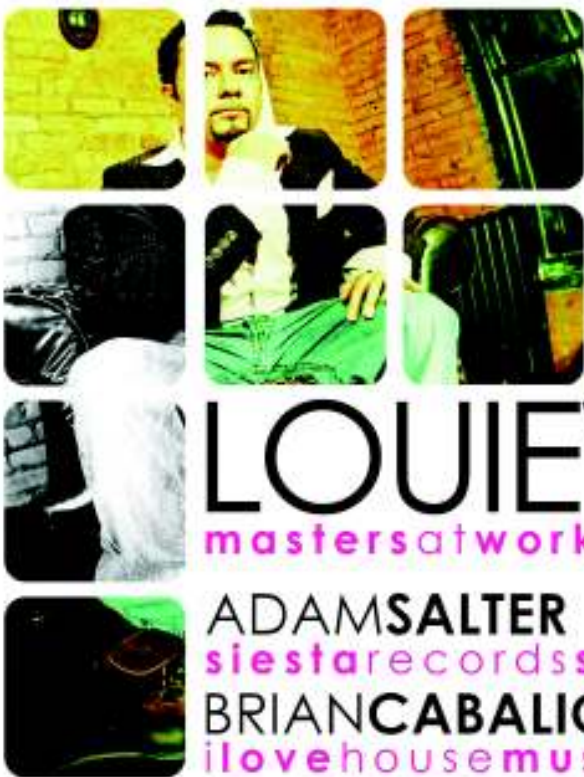
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**Blizzard:** The Jumping Turtle  
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**Cacahuates:** The Jumping Turtle  
**Cape May [164]:** The Casbah  
**Chasing Shadows:** The Jumping Turtle  
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# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Were Bob Marley still alive, it would be virtually impossible for him to attend all of the festivals held throughout the month of February in honor of his birthday, February 6. Rasta culture celebrates his musical legacy in locales as diverse as Ghana, Toronto, the Philippines, Ulster, Belgium. Puget Sound would like to host a Bob Marley Day of its own but can't for the small reggae following there. They settled instead for the inaugural Seattle-Tacoma Reggae Festival held earlier in the month. The show's cofounder is Farhad "Papa Far-I" Tyabji, who told a reporter that while attending college in San Diego he interned at the WorldBeat Center in Balboa Park.

The WBC is San Diego's ground zero for reggae. Makeda Dread founded the cul-

tural center, hosts *Reggae Makossa* on 91X, and has coproduced Bob Marley Day in San Diego for nearly 25 years. It bookends Bob Marley Day in Los Angeles and a much smaller offshoot in Tijuana, where Dread says reggae culture is booming.

This year's Bob Marley Day in San Diego, now called "A Tribute to the Legends," sports a panel of stars like **Gregory Isaacs**, **Barrington Levy**, and **Fred die McGregor**. The **Wailers**, Marley's old backup band, are also on the bill. After Marley's death, they drifted for years like a rudderless ship. Still, they continued to make music from the politicized heart of reggae country. (To gain an intimate feel of the land and the culture, read Lester Bangs's account of Trenchtown, Marley's childhood home, in an essay about his Jamaica trip). Plagued with legal woes, the Wailers seemed doomed for certain when Carlton Barrett was murdered in 1987. But they survived, laboring for years to find a musical identity apart from the over-



THE WAILERS

reaching imprint of Marley's stardom. They may have failed. But the Wailers are as close to raising old spirits as we'll likely get in this lifetime, and for me, that's what Bob Marley Day is all about.

**"BOB MARLEY DAY FESTIVAL," San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 20, 1 p.m. Festival hotline, 619-230-1190; 619-220-8497. \$55.**

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**The Sisters of Mercy:** House of Blues  
**Split Finger:** Blind Melons  
**Spoken Gun [131]:** Blind Melons  
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**Tera Melos:** Ché Cafe  
**Thrice:** Soma  
**Trek Life:** Epicentre  
**Trisula:** Dreamstreet  
**Anna Troy [275]:** Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)  
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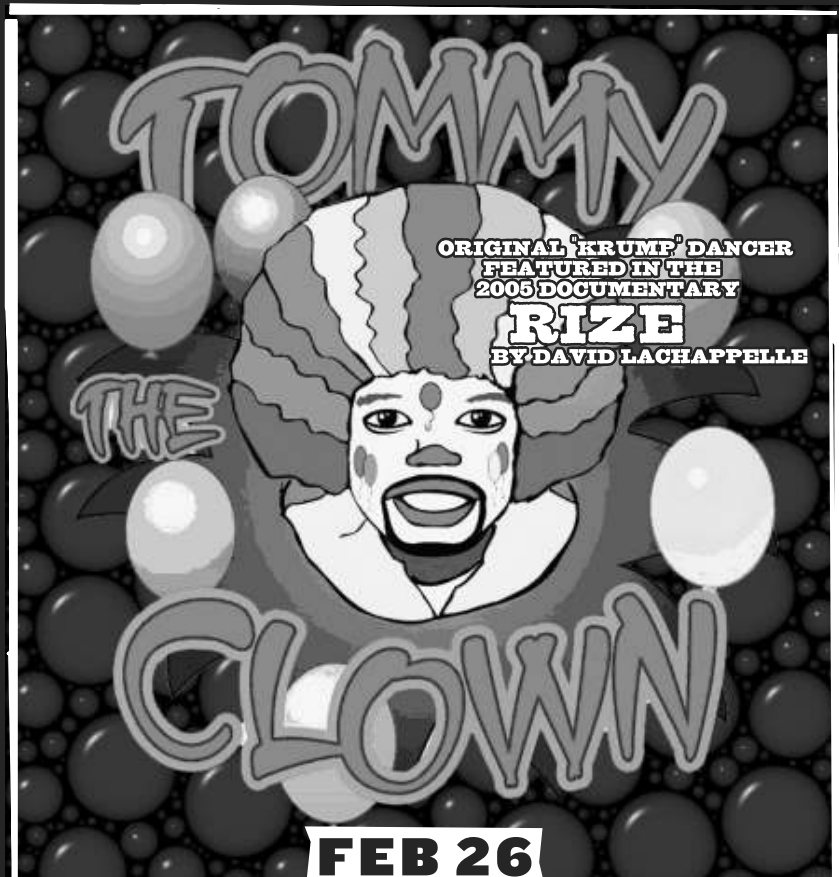
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**Angels in Agony:** Second Friday of the month, synthpop, industrial, and gothic with DJs DarkAngel, NoSleepDamon, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

**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.

**Club Pussy Galore:** Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin glam, Britpop, and indie. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

**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 Wallcrawler, 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.

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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.

**Therapy:** Fridays, industrial, noise, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

**Transport:** First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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## NORTH COUNTY

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

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**Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q,** 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

**Bistro 221,** 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull*, jazz.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues.

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**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*. Friday, *Tommy Ray Moody*, blues. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Sunday, *Cactus Twang*, country. Monday, *the Flounders*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*.

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**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 Jumping Turtle,** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Withers, New Mile Day, Hard Echo, Damcyan,* and *Raven White*. Friday, *the 25th Hour, And the Hero Falls, Glasgow Drive,* and *Needless to Say*. Saturday, *Pound Foolish, Slant, Scar'd Sanity, WFO,* and 1220. Sunday, *Agent Orange, the Dukes of Haggard, Cacahuates,* and *Next Morning*. Tuesday, *DJ Mini Mee*. Wednesday, *Suite 100, Shady Side, Suffer the Heat,* and *Raven White*.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 *EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday, *the Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Streethart*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

**La Playa Cantina & Grill,** 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Randy Fontaine & the Swingers*, jazz/big band. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Heartland*, soft rock.

**Longshot Saloon,** 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576.

Saturday, *Eats Hit Operations*, alternative.

**Mas Fina Cantina,** 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

**McCabe's Beach Club,** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

**Neimans Bar and Grill,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Moods*, 10 p.m., *DJ Evan*, '80s hits. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Material Witness*, 10 p.m., *DJ Evan*. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

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such as ray-gun noises or UFO sounds. My favorite song is one of the few with vocals. The lyrics in "English Cigarettes" speak of friendships forged during partying a decade ago. The song laments a group of rebellious youth that trade in dreams for mortgages and a hope that some day they'll reunite for a night of "smoking English cigarettes and driving donuts in the parking lot."

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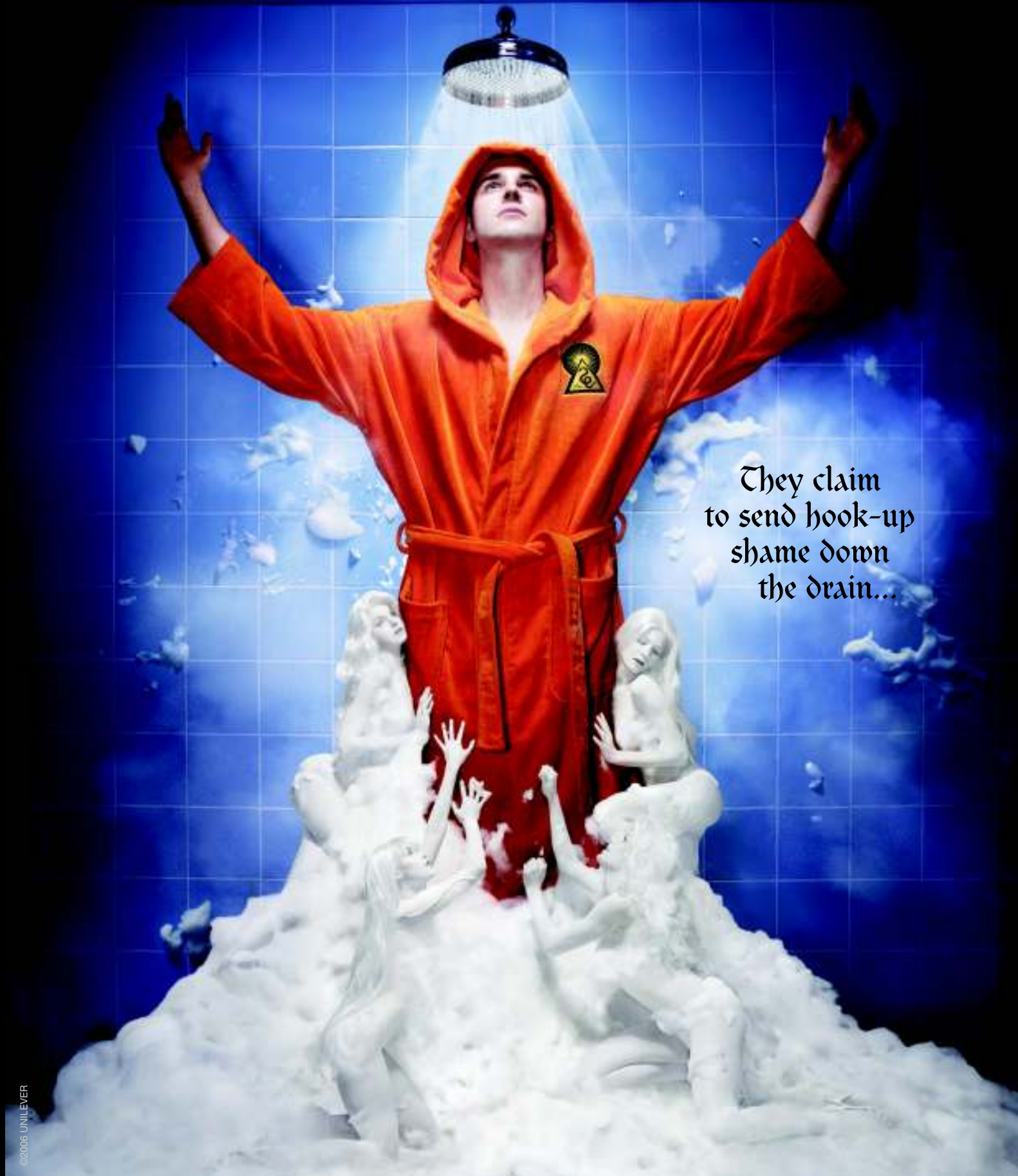
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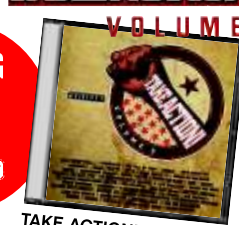
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# Think Twice

"I'm a poet/I know it/Hope I don't blow it"

**B**obby's gettin' Broadway-ized. Michael Arlen, who plays Coyote in *The Times They Are a-Changin'*, has a great voice. But when he sings the title song, he dons a doofus face, then skrinkles his eyebrows to show concern, then flashes crazy, affected smiles — even though Bob Dylan's song's both straightforward and serious. It's about change, and those now first will later be last (and will "sink like a stone"). The lyrics mean business. They don't need mugging or indicated acting to bolster the point.

When Jenn Coella, who plays Cleo, sings "Don't Think Twice," a guy dressed as a cutsie dog waddles onstage, wags his tail, and wants to get snuggly with her. But "Don't Think" is one of Dylan's breakthrough songs — among the first to yoke personal aggression with lyrical grace. What's that dog doing there?

The performers in Twyla Tharp's world premiere take on Bob Dylan's music act as if they need to *sell* his songs. "Like a Rolling Stone," one of the anthems of a generation, apparently can't stand alone. So Tharp rolls charcoal gray beachballs across the stage: "How does it feel" — bounce, bounce — "to be on your own..." — trundle, trundle — "with no direction home..." Like a rolling beachball.

The music, one may argue, might be new to the generations prior and after Dylan's. Probably true. But what's with the distractions? Why can't it speak for itself? Tharp's selections, chosen from 1000 Dylan songs, will make for some of the finest, funniest, most poignant lyrics Broadway will ever

hear. The last thing they need is commercial, Great White Way hype.

Like "Blowin' in the Wind," done as if Peter, Paul, and Mary had overamped on carbs. Or, when Mr. Tambourine Man dances beneath that diamond sky "with one hand waving free," the singer predictably waves his hand. Duhh! And what's that gratuitous, silhouetted skeleton doing behind the scrim?

Dylan's songs are remarkable, among other things, for their spontaneity. Most of the bands working behind him had no clue where he was headed (one of the few exceptions: for the *Hard Rain* album — a personal fay-vray — the Rolling Thunder band's been rehearsed, but Dylan savages his music like a terrorist). *The Times They Are a-Changin'* is the exact opposite. Every song's preplanned, played front, and often upstaged by intrusive business.

The story reads like a sketch for a bad Sam Shepard imitation. A traveling circus is mired by the roadside. The leader, Captain Arab (who has a bum leg like Melville's Ahab), takes out his frustrations on young Cleo, the animal trainer, on whom Arab's son, Coyote, has his eye. The narrative's about change and a father/son clash and concludes with a goofy "76 Trombones" transformation — everyone gets new, bright red costumes. Trouble is: the story's spine is too flimsy and abstract to motivate the music. The 90-minute piece has no dialogue. So the characters smile, or make faces at each other, or exit mad, then — aided by an outstanding backup band — explode into "Subterranean Homesick Blues" or "Desolation Row." Like the story, the char-

acters are too generic, and way too one-note, to generate the songs.

The circus/carnival idea could work. Dylan's always had a bit of the huckster in him. He loves to deconstruct prophetic assertions with self-deprecating humor ("I'm a poet /I know it /Hope I don't blow it"). Surreal tales of his past, in interviews, and also his autobiographical *Chronicles, Vol. I*, smack of flimflam. (The best biography of Dylan, by Bob Spitz, spends most of its time debunking legends about its subject.) So the circus could work. But in the opening-night performance, much of it jarred with, or felt external to, the music.

There are two titans at the Old Globe theater (three, actually, if you count Santo Loquasto, the brilliant scenic and costume designer). Twyla Tharp, who's the same age as Dylan, is one of dance's most versatile, fearless choreographers. She has probably explored more genres in her art than Dylan has in his. (She's the queen of postmodern hybrids and double-codings, in fact.) She's also written one of the finest books I've ever read about the creative process. Twyla Tharp, *the Creative Habit* does the near-impossible: she demystifies her subject yet still makes it the most fun you can have with your clothes on.

*Times* has two internal movements: with a couple of exceptions,



Jenn Coella, Michael Arden in *The Times They Are a-Changin'*

**The Times They Are a-Changin'**, conceived by Twyla Tharp, based on the music of Bob Dylan

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the songs appear in chronological order from Dylan's career, beginning with the early stuff, and ending (if you don't count the over-the-top "I Believe in You"/"Forever Young" climax) with the fairly recent, doom-haunted "It's Not Dark Yet (But It's Gettin' There)." And the staging evolves from a reliance on props, including a giant pink inflatable woman, to spare physicality.

And Tharp adds some wonderful touches. For "Highway 61 Revisited," she shows us God.

He's 10 to 12 feet tall, with long, blondish-gray hair and a stern, bearded mien. Six flashlights scan a pitch-black stage for "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" (which Thom Sesma's Captain Arab belts to full effect). When allowed to cut loose, Tharp's dancers become acrobats, bounding on trampolines, or falling down repeatedly, à la Buster Keaton or Merce Cunningham. And her staging of "Please, Mrs. Henry," from *The Basement Tapes*, is a drunken hoot: the cast sits downstage; one strums a washboard; another twangs a single string; everyone rolls as if adrift in a raft at sea. Though here too the performers mug excessively.

It could well be that Tharp is

deliberately popping Dylan's balloon. The last image we see is a raft, pitching and yawing, called the *Pequod*. And if Melville's *Moby Dick* is fair game for jocular slings and arrows, why not the Minnesota minstrel? But if that's the point, then *Times* merely repeats what Dylan's done to his work all along.

One of the best things Tharp says in *The Creative Habit*: "in many ways, the creative act is editing." Whether *Times* is a spoof of Dylan's music, or a hard Broadway sell, or a hybrid/homage of some sort, it needs not only editing but conceptual rethinking. The current vehicle only serves half of the hybrid. ■

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Lionel Goldstein's comedy-drama, about two men with a woman in common, nudges toward the Big

Questions (Can one person ever know another? "Can one spouse ever provide all the needs of another?" Aren't some things better left unsaid?), but the overly long script thins them out. Pugnacious Joe Halpern was married to Flo, now deceased, for 50 years. During that time she had a platonic relationship with thoughtful Dennis Johnson, a CPA. Near a wishing well at a park, Johnson confesses his attachment to "Florence" (who in many ways is the play's most interesting character). Like *The Odd Couple*, *Halpern and Johnson* splits the two men the way sexist males split women: one is spirit, the other flesh. And the slowly evolving scenes beg for tightening. The evening makes for a long sit, but one relieved by the expert performances of Robert Grossman, as the feisty Halpern, and especially Jonathan McMurtry as the soft-spoken, passive (yet aggressive) Johnson, whose inability to marry Florence was "not what God wanted." Using deft minimalist acting, McMurtry has found more interiors to the character than exist in the script. Marty Burnett's parkland set, though too brightly lit, partakes of real and storybook elements. And Jeanne Reith's costumes, as expected from the Critics' Circle Award-winner for 2005, define character — frumpy for

Halpern, precise three-piece suit for Johnson — in an instant.

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(due mostly to their ages: she's early spring, he, midwinter). The more they argue against it, the more they fall for each other. Charles L. Mee's splendid chamber piece is an 80-minute dance in words. Without a single hint of didacticism, he lays out every claim for resisting, and yielding to, adult love. Mee, one of America's finest playwrights, shakes up gender stereotypes: in both Ya Ya and Andrew, reason and emotion flip-flop faster than a spinning coin. The Moxie Theater and director Esther Emery have given *Limonade* a superb production. The design work is minimal and elegant (curtains with slides projected on them), and the performances top caliber. D.W. Jacobs's Andrew and Jo Anne Glover's amazing Ya Ya just might achieve something beyond the moment — could enjoy their lemonade every day. Or might not. But...

#### ***Critic's pick.***

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-634-3965.

#### **The Lion in Winter**

Scripps Ranch presents James Goldman's epic comedy about Henry II; his wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine; and a dysfunctional Christmas. David Kelso directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MARCH 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

#### **Measure for Measure**

UCSD Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "problem play" about a permissive ruler and calculated deceptions. West Hyler directed. MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

#### **Molière: A Cabal of Hypocrites**

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Mikhail Bulgakov's tale about the French playwright, censorship, and artistic freedom. Barbra Berlovitz directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, THROUGH FEBRUARY 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

#### **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 and Don and Bonnie Ward co-directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, 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**

Aquila Theatre turns Shakespeare's comedy into a spoof of James Bond spy movies. You half expect Mike Myers to cameo, licking his chops and saying "shagadelic" or "groovy, bay-bay, groovy." Casting a retro-'60s, mod/rocker aura around the play makes some sense. The plot's a series of plottings (nothing moves in Messina, it seems, until someone is duped into action; and that action becomes much ado about nothing). The atmosphere of intrigue and surveillance also fits the play — and current events. But it's impossible to imagine Beatrice dressing like a Charlie's Angel catwoman to lure a lover (her forte is not giving in, to the dominant culture, or anything else). Aquila, a ten-year-old British-

American troupe, has become renowned as a classical ensemble, 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 passive, airhead foils to Beatrice and Benedick. Here they're human beings caught in a maze of lies, and they do not like it. *Much Ado* usually gets staged as a star vehicle. In keeping with its ensemble emphasis, Aquila doesn't spike the reticent lovers. As a result, Anthony Cochrane's Benedick and Jessica Boever's Beatrice feel toned down, just another part of the show rather than headliners. And though these well-spoken actors connect verbally, they never quite fall into love. The set's a bare floor, a large black square with a red border, and a huge Union Jack behind. The only prop's a red BMW mini-Cooper: "Mini-Me"? ***Worth a try.***

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, 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. 858-550-1010.

#### **Nunsense**

Lamplighters Community Theatre continues its 68th anniversary season with Dan Groggin's musical-comedy about the five Little Sisters of Hoboken's talent show. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH MARCH 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

#### **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 "diablos," or 17 Slavic artists shaping human towers,

and your notion of the humanly possible demands rethinking. THE GRAND CHAPITEAU, DEL MAR FAIR-GROUNDS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 800-450-1480.

#### **Restless Spirits**

Allan Havis and the San Diego Rep interviewed 200 San Diegans of varied ethnicities to discover the diversity of local spirituality. What an amazing idea (what a great life's work!). But rather than distill them, Havis's script wants to honor, it seems, every tale he heard. There are at least eight separate plays in *Restless Spirits*, so many that no single strand gets developed. Jessie, an African-American Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology, is haunted by "impossible things": a murdered girl, a warm and fuzzy Hannibal Lecter, a Malasian *toyol*, her dead father's warm bones, a boyfriend who's decomposing. Plagues of miscarriages and autism have infected San Diego. There are so many wonders they cancel each other out and make it near impossible to suspend disbelief. Director Sam Woodhouse has encouraged a broad, presentational style at odds with the material. External acting and comic flourishes tend to mock the subject, which becomes more a soap opera than an exploration or San Diego's ghosts and restless spirits. The design work combines the solid (Robin Sanford Roberts's set's the Coronado Bridge) and the ethereal (Jennifer Setlow's myriad lighting effects rinse the white concrete with ectoplasmic grays). The cast — top notch actors in one-note roles — all deserve Aesthetic Purple Hearts for bravery above and beyond the pale. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

#### **6th@Penn Classic Reading Series: Fuente Ovejuna**

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#### **The Times They Are a-Changin'**

Reviewed this issue. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 12; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.



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# Palmy Days

Would you believe the Gaslamp has a new steakhouse? Duh! The ever-spreading Palm has taken root here. The chain's 30th location caused a stir when it opened, with celebs and local politicians flocking to the place at lunch — probably to check out their caricatures on the walls. I've heard little since but have remained curious. Despite my "I don't do chains" stance, I felt compelled to find out why this outfit was such a success story.

The Palm first opened 80 years ago on Second Avenue in Manhattan. The founders — a pair of Northern Italians — served the food of their native Parma. Somehow, the restaurant name "Parma" was mistranslated and ended up as the Palm, and despite the original orientation toward pasta, newspaper reporters and cartoonists who frequented the eatery begged for steaks at dinner. So the restaurant evolved into a steakhouse, to the point of acquiring its own wholesale butcher to ensure consistent quality.

Entering from J Street, look right to a handsome wooden bar with an old-timey look and a casual dining room with large-screen TVs tuned to sports channels. Among the wall art is a local masterpiece: a large Dr. Seuss cartoon depicting the wages of sin. The restaurant is to the left of the entry, and like the bar area, the atmosphere is masculine, with more caricatures on the walls. Some are local figures, some are national celebs, and some are ordinary toons (e.g., panels of *Hagar the Horrible*).

On a weekday night with little traffic, we had our choice of seating and went for a booth. The considerate hostess did something I've seldom seen: she pushed the table aslant so that my partner and I could get seated without sucking in our breaths, then did the same for Frankie and Laurie, our neighbors and eating buddies. In a break from macho steakhouse traditions, the Palm's service staff is at least half female. Our waitress proved patient, considerate, and eager to answer (or get answers for) our every question. We had many.

The menu can be esoteric about the appetizers — 11 of them — some with mysterious titles like "Slater Special," "Shrimp Bruno," and "Gigi Salad." These dishes, we learned, are named for their creators — restaurant staffers at the older locations. For example, the Slater Special was



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named for the waitress who came up with the idea of combining a half-portion of Shrimp Bruno and a broiled crabcake (otherwise available only as an entrée). The Shrimp Bruno features plump, tender prawns, semi-butterflied, with their rigid unshelled tails pointing skyward like scorpions. They're bathed in a Dijon mustard-Chardonnay sauce, simple but appropriate. The crabcake, with no filler, consists of large pieces of lump crab with chopped red pepper, chives, cilantro, mustard, and a touch of house-made mayo. It comes with a lively salsa of ripe diced mangos, more sweet than spicy. Normally, the dish includes just one shrimp, but since we were sharing, the waitress smartly suggested that we could buy an extra shrimp for \$3, which we did. All votes in, we liked it a lot.

Clams Casino, on the other hand, weren't up to our expectations. Instead of the typical Sicilian dish of breadcrumbs, minced clams, herbs, cream, and (optional) crumbled bacon baked in medium-size clam shells, these were tiny Manila clams in a white wine-herbed garlic sauce, the

clam meats whole, topped with slices of crisp bacon. The guys decided this version would best serve for a Super Bowl party tidbit.

Diving into the breadbasket for slices to dip in the clam sauce, I discovered an interesting Bread and Cie assortment that includes its fabulous fig bread.

The Caesar salad is nearly authentic — the dressing includes "raw" (pasteurized but still liquid) egg yolk and plenty of anchovy, not to mention chewy aged Parmesan that lends the illusion of croutons though there are none. The romaine is all heart, torn in small pieces. The waitress also recommended "Tomato Capri" salad (a.k.a. *Caprese*). The tomatoes were acidic, cottony beefsteaks hothouse-raised in New Jersey, but the water-buffalo mozzarella was fabulous, tasting richer and more complex than any I've found in local markets. Each slice was set atop a fresh basil leaf, riding a thick slab of tomato. Cruets of vinegar and olive oil came alongside to dress it yourself. The mysterious Gigi Salad (named for Las Vegas waiter Gigi Del-Maestro) sounded good, too — with bacon,

## REVIEW NAOMI WISE

### The Palm

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

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**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Steakhouse, with faint Italian slant, featuring USDA Prime beef. Excellent international wine list at a full range of prices (but mainly on the steep side), including plenty of glasses and a few half-bottles. Full bar.

**PICK HITS:** Slater Special, Caesar salad, baked crabcakes, clams and shrimp Posillipo, steak of choice.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Valet parking \$10. Reservations advised. Business-casual dress on weeknights, regular business/conventioner garb at weekday lunches.

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romaine, avocado, shrimp, and hard-cooked eggs — but how many salads could we eat?

Main courses are all à la carte, steakhouse-style — you get nothing but meat (or pasta), no vegetables. The "ring the bell" house signature dish at all locations is the humongous Nova Scotia lobster (three pounds and over) at market price (currently \$21 per pound). At the table next to us, the "birthday boy," celebrating his 70-somethingth year, wore a lobster bib as he carved up a five-pound behemoth to share with his three companions, who'd ordered only a potato and a vegetable side dish each. I don't know how tender these monsters from the deep might be. I didn't order one.

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grade beef cuts from high on the steer — these muscles do the least work, so they're always the most tender meats. We ordered "rare," and they arrived very rare. The rib-eye steak, no peewee at 24 ounces, was too red even for me, but Frankie found it alarming: "Where I come from, Ecuador, we don't eat meat this color," he said. Laurie, with a baby on the way, happily exchanged plates with him and plowed right into the protein. The meat proved flavorful but fatty, beyond the marbling — talk about a heart attack on a plate! But people who frequent high-end steakhouses don't want their steaks narrowly trimmed — they want to chew the fat to their hearts' content.

The prime rib roast, tall, wide, and thick, was also well-marbled — but not fatty. It came with the customary ramekin of horseradish. After two bites, it seemed bland, and I found myself bored and already scheming what to do with the leftovers. Far too much for one person, it's approximately the right size to feed an Asian family of four or five, if not quite all the starving children of Africa.

The choices of seafood beyond the lobster are limited to four: Pacific salmon, Mexican swordfish, shrimp sauté, and an entrée-sized version of the crabcakes. The swordfish steak proved a huge cube of tender fish-flesh set over lemon sauce, but the meat didn't taste like a local swordfish (which by law can't be harvested on draglines for mass consumption at chain restaurants). Caught in warm Baja waters, it had a spongy texture and a milder flavor that didn't thrill me or anyone else at the table.

Although the slant is Northern Italian, Italian entrées are limited to a skimpy five veal-scallop dishes (you can substitute chicken breast) and four simple linguini plates. (No lasagna, ravioli, etc. Also no steakhouse-style veal chop.) We went for the Clams and Shrimp Posillipo, served over linguini — a terrific choice so long as you're not a vampire, since it's not only garlicky-tasting but actually dotted with whole cloves of cooked garlic. The seafood and pasta are cloaked in a fast-cooked marinara, sweet and fresh rather than concentrated, with pieces of canned Roma

tomatoes still visible. The dish is finished off in the oven just long enough to cook the shellfish and release their juices into the sauce, and it arrives on a long, hot metal tray. The portion is sized for a shared mid-course (between the antipasto and the entrée) in a classic Italian dinner for, oh, a family of six or seven. Still, there were few leftovers from this platter.

The à la carte sides offer a choice of six veggies and five potato dishes. The mushroom caps were large, watery, and underseasoned, served on a tray at the center of the table. The waitress had the creamed spinach divided into four portions. Thick and gummy, it tasted more of cheese than cream. One of the signature dishes is called "half and half," mingling cottage fries with fried onion rings. Still sticking to my New Year's resolutions (for the longest time on record), I resisted the temptation to eat yet more fat.

As we were finishing the entrées, our waitress made a pitch for the "837 Club." Membership costs \$25, which brings you a \$25 gift certificate to use at your next meal. Members

who spend \$500 at the Palm in one year get one of those three-pound lobsters for free on their birthday. Our high-flying diner for four put me more than 60 percent of the way toward the free lobster, but I begged off anyway. I just don't see myself as a Palm pilot making frequent flights through this port. If I join anything, it'd be the Turf Supper Club.

The dessert tray displayed bonbons sized for King Kong. The wedge of carrot cake was bigger than a brick; at the wide edge, it was about 8"x8"x8". Ditto the chocolate cake. "They're the best desserts of all of our locations, and each is shipped from the city where it was invented," said the waitress. The cheesecake is from Philadelphia, the chocolate and carrot cakes from a bakery somewhere else in Pennsylvania. There are four desserts made in-house: crème brûlée, tiramisu, Key lime pie, and mixed berries. This was the group that interested us. The Key lime pie was a normal-sized slice, and was among the best I've tasted, with an intense, puckery-sweet flavor from genuine Key lime juice. The tiramisu, a cube nearly the size

of the carrot cake, was classic but dull, short on the coffee flavor and heavy on the cream. My decaf espresso, made in a brand-new *macchinetta*, was outstanding.

The Palm, still owned by the descendants of its founders, came up with a formula that people wanted and welcomed nationwide: selling a uniform, high-quality product that varies little from location to location. Like a Howard Johnson's for the affluent, it's the same restaurant wherever you go, in its food, atmosphere, and even the details of decor. Every location has its own chef, but the menus are nearly identical and feature the best dishes invented by staffers at all locations. The appeal to the business traveler is self-evident — it's the right place for people craving familiarity and a full belly, not "adventure travel." The restaurant's regulars probably regard the high menu prices as an asset — combined with the clubby atmosphere, they bring an aura of exclusivity to high rollers who want to impress their business contacts. Whether or not the local movers and shak-

ers in this town add the Palm to their usual haunts, the conventioner trade is guaranteed.

As for the cooking, the restaurant's on-paper average came to halfway between two and a half and three stars. Initially, I was inclined to the higher rating because the service was so excellent. Then, after retasting the food at home, I realized that the only dishes I truly loved were the Key lime pie, the seafood linguini, the mozzarella in the salad, and the espresso — all mere sidelines at a steakhouse. With their own meat purveyor providing the beef, the Palm clearly goes for milder-tasting meat than I prefer.

The ultimate fate of the giant roast beef: I had 11 ounces of lean meat left after trimming it rigorously of fat. I sliced it thinly against the grain, doused it in a Thai marinade for a few days, and finally reheated it under the broiler to serve in a Thai beef salad. My partner and I liked it better than the original. My partner nuked and ate the last of the seafood marinara for lunch, and the swordfish went to the starving cats of Golden Hill. ■

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# Beirut Time

*“We like to eat and talk long, and we don’t eat just to fill up.”*

Uh-oh. Khaled has placed three red-hot, burning charcoals on the top of my *sheesha*. Khaled doesn’t speak English. He gestures to me: “Just put your lips together and suck.”

Oh, wow. Light contrail of smoke blows out. It tastes of...roses. Khaled sighs with relief and heads off with his brazier to other hubble-bubble users.

Half an hour ago I wandered through these curtains, kinda moon-eyed in the gloom, and found myself in a little hall with a definite Middle Eastern feel. Maybe three dozen what they call *sheeshas* — or hookahs, or hey, water pipes — stood along high shelves, below a couple of curved scimitars. Wow. Also lots of decorated brass trays, Aladdin-style coffee pots with long pouring spouts, and Victorian-era drawings of scenes from traditional Middle Eastern life. Green and red lanterns hung around the walls. Mostly men, mostly Middle Eastern, sat talking in groups, or alone smoking *sheeshas*. A couple of guys played backgammon with loud clacks. And thumping in the background, Middle Eastern music on the sound system. A woman with a strong voice. Everybody sang along with her.

“Um Kal Thom,” said the guy behind the counter. “She was Egypt’s greatest singer, and she’s been dead maybe 20 years. This is her hit ‘The Days Roll By.’”

I asked for a coffee. Standard American was \$2. Turkish was \$3. No contesto. I went for Turkish, sweet. Love that thick-grind thing.

“Can I eat?”

“Of course.” The guy handed me a menu packed with Lebanese specialties. I keep forgetting how healthy this eastern Mediterranean way of eating is. Tabouli, “the original Lebanese salad,” as the menu called it, has chopped parsley,

tomato, mint, onions, bulgur wheat, lemon juice, and olive oil. That’s it. So good for you. So’s the price, \$5.95. What the Greeks call *dolmides* is *warak inab* here. “Vegetarian style” grape leaves stuffed with rice, onion, olive oil, spices. Also \$5.95. Falafel, which many think of as Lebanese, ‘spe-

cially the Lebanese, are those deep-fried spicy patties made from garbanzo and fava beans (\$5.95).

While I was *umming* and *aahing*, this guy Ray said he always has the grilled chicken salad. He was here with his grown-up daughter Laura and their very grown-up St. Bernard dog Bailey. “The chicken salad’s great because it has less grease and no rice,” he said. The menu says it’s “boneless, skinless mesquite-grilled chicken kabob served with *fatoush* salad — a mix of romaine lettuce, tomatoes, bell peppers, onion, parsley, mint, sumac, and bits of pita bread.” Priced at \$8.95.

They have a bunch of specialty platters too, mostly chicken, lamb, or beef kebob dishes. Those get up around \$14–\$16. Two skewers each, but you can get one-skewer versions for \$5.95. I decided on the *lahem mishwi*, “a skewer of cubed tender lamb, marinated in our specialty sauce, served on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles” — even though

someone said I should try the meat pie on pita (\$4.95), because it’s so different from traditional American meat pies.

But lamb sounded good to me. As I sat down, I came across Kal Kayed, who was chatting with a guy at the next table. Turns out he opened the place six years ago, wanted to create a social center for fellow Lebanese and others from the area. “Lebanese are very social people,” he said. “We like to eat late and talk long, and we don’t eat just to fill up. We may spend an hour on appetizers, another hour on the main course. We enjoy getting together.”

Turns out Kal was an airline pilot when he started this. I couldn’t help asking him if 9/11 caused him problems.

“Not at all,” he said. “I quit flying two years ago, but that was just so I could concentrate on this and the Medgrill, my other place up in Hillcrest. But I’ll go back to flying soon, because I love it.”

I soon realized that in Med Café time, I was ridiculously early. It was only eight, and the DJ didn’t come on till ten, and people can eat here anytime up to three in the morning. So downtown has a reasonably priced place where you can eat at all hours. Who knew? “We get a lot of people after the nightclubs and lounges and bars close,” Kal said, “but it’s a culturally open-minded crowd. Lots of students, Spanish, Italians, Germans, and other Middle Easterners.”

My lamb was tasty, with its hummus and pick-

les. But what’s the difference between Lebanese and other foods? “The Lebanese way is marination,” Kal said. “We’re different than, say, Persian foods. We use different spices, and we aim for flavor, not heat.”

‘Course now I have to try the hookah. Partly because it’s such a deal. Other places around downtown you pay \$15, \$18 for an hour. Here, it’s \$5. I hand over a Lincoln, plus two Washingtons for a straight coffee, and that’s when Khaled brought over the whole contraption. He went back for his hot coals. Khaled is from Tunisia, but he’s red-haired and blue-eyed. “I am Berber,” he says in French — I can do just enough *français* to catch his drift. “We’re from the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara. The Tuareg are Berber.”

This is pretty amazing. Khaled, the Sahara, my *sheesha*, Kal, lamb — everything right here on Fifth.

‘Course just as I’m leaving the place starts to warm up. The DJ arrives. Music switches to a giant screen. “Fun4Arabs.com” pops up at the base of the screen. People like Georges Wassof, “the Michael Jackson of Beirut,” says Kal, get to singing East-West fusion songs. Translations scroll across the bottom.

“Our whole life is ahead of us,” sings a voluptuous gal. “Why waste it?”

Good point. To heck with timetables. Way this *sheesha*’s going I’m good for another hour. *Bubble bubble*. The charcoal glows. ■

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# Vine Writer

*"I actually broke the story in the state....  
Pretty nice for your first time out."*

I used to teach cooking to junior high kids," says food-and-wine writer Lynn Alley. "I had a blast doing it, but I also knew I was going to burn out. It demands an enormous amount of energy. I recognized early on that I would need to segue into something else. So I started writing about food while I was teaching."

It started with herbs. "From my college days, I had been interested in herbs — medicinal and culinary. I went to England to study herbal medicine." She published in *Herb Companion*, *Fine Cooking*, "and *Cook's Illustrated*. They took some pieces on making vinegar from wine and making mustard from scratch. The kind of things I really enjoy doing."

Those kinds of things eventually gave rise to her first cookbook, *Lost Arts: A Celebration of Culinary Traditions*. "I have a burning passion for traditional cultures, for methods that are becoming lost arts. I'm fascinated by anything, food- or wine-related, that's made with the hands and has a tradition behind it."

But her break into the wine-writing business came about more through geography than tradition. Lynn Alley lives in Southern California, and Southern California is where the glassy-winged sharpshooter debuted as the late-'90s Big New Threat to California wine. (The glassy-winged sharpshooter, you will recall, made an

excellent vector for the vine-killing malady known as Pierce's disease.) "I actually broke the story in the state, both in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *L.A. Times* in the same week," recalls Alley. "Pretty nice for your first time out."

## Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

"I have a couple of friends who are winery owners or growers out in Temecula, and I heard about the sharpshooters' arrival from the PR director at Callaway. She called me and said, 'Look what's happening out here.' I said, 'Holy Mom, that's scary!' Being in the middle of it, I could recognize that it really had the potential to devastate the wine industry in the state. But because Temecula was sort of a stepchild in terms of California wine production, nobody gave a damn — except the growers in Temecula and the researchers at UC Riverside. I got to sit in on some of the earliest meetings between the growers and the UC scientists." She managed to sell the story to the two dailies, and she also gave a call to Dana Nigro, who was then the website editor for *Wine Spectator* magazine. "I said, 'Hello? Wolf! Wolf!' She said, 'Okay, give us a little something on it.'" Alley has been writing for the *Spectator* ever since, covering viticultural science, environmental and legal issues, wine history and culture, and even the odd regional profile.

Emphasis on "odd." "I always get the regions that nobody else is interested in," says Alley, who

has written news items on wine ventures in North Carolina and Minnesota, as well as a profile of the growing wine industry in Baja California. "I did a feature article for the magazine on the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, because everybody else is busy with their nose in Napa or some other well-known region. I brought Greece to the attention of the magazine, writing about their indigenous grape varieties and the Greek people. Lucky me — I get to go to these regions, get to talk to people who are dying to get into *Wine Spectator*. I have a lot of fun."

(Most of the time, anyway. Not everyone is dying to see his name in her magazine. "People who hate *Wine Spectator* usually hate it because they've gotten bad ratings or because they're afraid of getting bad ratings. I don't blame winemakers for being skittish. That kind of power is difficult. It has the power to seriously damage your business, and it has the power to put you over the top. I'll go places and people will start yelling at me, even though I have nothing to do with the wine ratings.")

She found out about the Okanagan Valley while traveling on the Olympic Peninsula. "Somebody said, 'Well, they're making wine up there in Canada.' I checked it out, and it turned out to be an incredible microclimate." Generating the idea for the Greece profile took even less effort. "I think my passion for traditional foods and cultures was sparked maybe 20 years ago by a Greek cookbook. I've always had one foot in that culture. To go and explore their indigenous grape varieties and to see people applying cutting-edge French winemaking techniques to these varieties was very exciting to me. How many true frontiers are there in the wine world?" And how many places are there where a winemaker has to make a pilgrimage into the mountains, drink "sickly-sweet coffee," eat "the customary preserved fruits,"



Lynn Alley at Draeger's Cooking School

and negotiate an elaborate exchange of complaints before closing a deal with the head of a grape-growers' co-op?

"Greece has an ancient and honorable wine-making tradition, but it hasn't had the economic and political stability to support a blossoming modern-day wine industry. Now, it does. One of my favorite winemakers has said, 'Look at what the Italians have done with their indigenous varieties. The world has accepted them. Why shouldn't we have the same kind of success?' Today, you can't easily sell Greek wine." But 15 years ago, "You couldn't sell Italian wine."

The years spent writing for *Wine Spectator* have given access to all manner of wine-world scuttlebutt — I have got to start getting myself in-

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vited to better parties — and even helped provide her with inspiration for her successful second cookbook, *The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World*. “I was in Davis, working on a biography of the oldest living viticulturist probably on the face of the planet. I moved into a trailer on his farm for three months so that I could get really close, and the only thing in the kitchen of this trailer was this old 1970s Crock-Pot. I started messing around with it, and I thought, ‘Just about every culture has some traditional one-pot, cook-over-a-fire-for-hours kind of recipes. Why don’t I just take those and adapt them to this modern technology?’ It was fun doing it.”

The biography has been less of a lark — the wine world will have to wait a bit longer to read the story of its oldest viticulturist. “I need to put my nose to the grindstone. I love this man — he’s now 96, and what he’s done in his 96 years is five men’s lifetimes’ worth of work. He’s been enormously productive, enormously imaginative, and enormously secretive — way ahead of his time. I’m procrastinating, trying to get my arms around it, because it’s so overwhelming.” ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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### NORTH COASTAL

**En Familia Amici** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

**La Especial Norte** 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a

dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “croutons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

**Neimans** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant’s best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day’s worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

**Oceanside Cafe** 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as “mom and pop” as they get. “Hi honey. You going to have the usual?” That’s Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast’s what a lot of folks come for. “Dieter’s Downfall,” a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter’s real downfall comes with Marsha’s carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Potato Shack Cafe** 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and

beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

**Ruby’s Diner** 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There’s a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren” presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the “Super Burger” with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**Savory** 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

**Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub** 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly “small-townish” saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish “peasant” potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as “wraps” for corned beef and other

dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

**Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea)** 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

### NORTH INLAND

**Abbey’s Real Texas BBQ** 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny’s), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

**Galeon (Escondido)** 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

**Island Boy Grille** 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It’s the last thing you’d expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario’s Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua (“Flower”) serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you’re a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it’s yours for \$450). Warning: only open weekdays, from 10:30 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/02)*

**Pho Hoa Hiep** 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It’s popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an “extra large bowl” of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is “French bread with beef juicy cube soup.” They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

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Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — *S.M. (6/04)*

**Sand Crab Cafe** 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

**Tong Szechuan** 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly corn-starch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you

may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

**Vincent's Sirino's** 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

## GOLD COAST

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/01)*

**Cafe Zinc** 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, moz-

zarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

**Tony's Jocal** 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jocal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

## LA JOLLA

**La Taverna** 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's hus-

band) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

**The Pannikin Cafe** 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rain-bow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbng crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *nicoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

**Sadaf** 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with

onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**Tutto Mare** 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant** 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at mid-

night, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**94th Aero Squadron** 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Andres' Patio Restaurant** 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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## RESTAURANTS

Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant** Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes

seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

## THE BEACHES

**Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar** 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Hawaiian Island Barbecue** Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around

you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**The Mission Cafe and Coffee House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

**People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli** 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

**Society Billiards Cafe** 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos, veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**The Surfside** 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the

line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san's* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until 11 p.m. on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Phoenicia** 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic

and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafra* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Trieu Chau Restaurant** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Lao-tians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include

chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Jimmy's** 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on butter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips** 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant** 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Hong Kong-style Cantonese menu runs to many dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

**Ranas.Com** 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches*, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Sunny Garden Cuisine of China** 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panocrusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mus-



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tard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

**Valley House Restaurant** 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, “Iowa Breakfast”: breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it’s delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can’t go wrong ordering the signature “Iowa Porker” hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the “Iowa Beefers” (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

**Dulzura Cafe** 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food’s for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled “success.” Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West

dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the “NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.” sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Potrero’s Cafe** 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu’s non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Three meals daily; dinner limited to hamburgers and daily specials. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Adams Avenue Grill** 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can’t quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes

this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

**Bread and Cie** 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery’s 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

**Cafe on Park** 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it’s trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don’t expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Cafe Pacifica** 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny,

over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-corners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

**Jack and Giulio’s Italian Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterranean or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (5/04)*

**Khyber Pass** 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room’s very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don’t-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordad chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/02)*

**Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice** 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don’t overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excel-

lent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

**Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant** 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate’s address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don’t miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it’s way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there’s sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebabs). The printed menu is only a hint as to what’s really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**Rice Jones** 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It’s probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones’s owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken, and a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: “shrimp wrap,” a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It’s a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

**Terra** 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman,

formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe’s across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday “blues and barbecue” during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

DOWNTOWN

**Athens Market** 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin’. Yes, it’s classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas’s “secret recipe” lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don’t despise the gyro. Meat flavor’s great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**Cabo Cafe & Grill** 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio’s

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## RESTAURANTS

and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. *E.B. (5/02)*

**Candelas** 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the “Dude, where’s my taco?” conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly—that is, less venturesome than

they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poign (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A’s) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new “grazing menu” features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; “grazing” can be moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Edgewater Grill** 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered—like a Howard Johnson’s for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The

lighter dishes are the most successful—this is not a bad place to “graze” on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you’re starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

**Fat City Steakhouse** 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco “pink palace” at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don’t like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *putanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

**The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill** 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy’s 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**Las Cuatro Milpas** 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn’t a restaurant, it’s a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations—seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don’t serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs—that’s about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It’s room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, “The Four Cornfields.” Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Rama** 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This

large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It’s named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria** 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there’s a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There’s always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish—slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you’ll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

**Sevilla** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment

here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It’s part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can’t live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

**Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar** 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here’s a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it’s the names: “lunatic lentil soup,” sandwiches like “turkey tantrum” (roast turkey with salsa), “tuna scandal” (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: “veggies on a bike” (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and “bagel without a cause” (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofies: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

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**Cilantro Live!** 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán’s kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They’re life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What’s amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates “tuna” wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds),

“meat” loaf (using walnuts)—all pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

**Coronado Boathouse 1887** 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to “melt in your mouth”) and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

**Da Kine’s Plate Lunches** 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix—hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You’ll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, “Aloha Maid” Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn’t cooked in an *imu*—a hole in the ground—it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *hupia* cake—it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it’s no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you “chocolate milk”—it’s slang for pig’s blood. Open six days, breakfast through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — *E.B. (9/04)*

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**Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13** 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the

many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

## 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.**

**Cien Anos** Calle José Maria Velasco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

**La Costa** Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and var-

nish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Saran-deado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

**La Fonda** Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada, near CESUN Universidad), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Malecon de Puerto Nuevo** Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who

serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

**Manzanilla** Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become *the* destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

**Original Ortega's** In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all

pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W. (11/02)*

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Bully's East** 2401 Camino del Río South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B. (2/03)*

**El Pollo Loco** 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City,

Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

**Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits** 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

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# Top Dogs

...as stoical an ensemble of actors as you could find outside a Jean-Pierre Melville gangster film.

Frank Marshall's *Eight Below*, "inspired by a true story" as well as by a Japanese film inspired by the same story, is an agreeably old-fashioned survival adventure about a team of Antarctic sled dogs who, after saving the life of a UCLA scientist in quest of "the first meteorite from the planet Mercury," are chained up for safekeeping while their masters fly out to get medical aid, and are then left on their own for six months — forty-two months, that would be, in dog years — when winter storms come ahead of schedule and seal off their retrieval. The early shots of the dog team in harness at full run ("They absolutely love their work") are stirring; and the rescue of the scientist from a hole in the ice, the leader of the pack worming her way towards him with a lifeline in her teeth, is breath-stopping. There is also, in their months of aloneness, one moment guaranteed to make you jump out of your skin (if I hear a louder scream in a theater auditorium all year I'll expect to be treated for ear damage), and that's just the start of the

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film's most nerve-racking sequence. All eight dogs, blessedly free of inner voices provided by the likes of Bruce Willis and Whoopi Goldberg, form as stoical an ensemble of actors as you could find outside a Jean-Pierre Melville gangster film. They thoroughly outclass Paul Walker, Jason Biggs, Bruce Greenwood, and Moon Bloodgood (as the hottie airplane pilot), despite the humans' sincerest efforts and the indiscriminately flattering photography, crisp, clean, bright, by Don Burgess. Not all of the dogs (pussies be warned) make it through alive, but it's precisely at the times of loss and injury that their demeanor is most inspirational. *This is bad*, their faces seem to say, *but let's get on with it*. A couple of them, over the course of events, emerge as individuals, but even then the overriding point, and very touching point, is their togetherness, their oneness. As their handler laconically puts it: "Good team."

*The Pink Panther*, a resurrection of the pratfall-prone Inspector Clouseau, can hardly be judged a degradation of

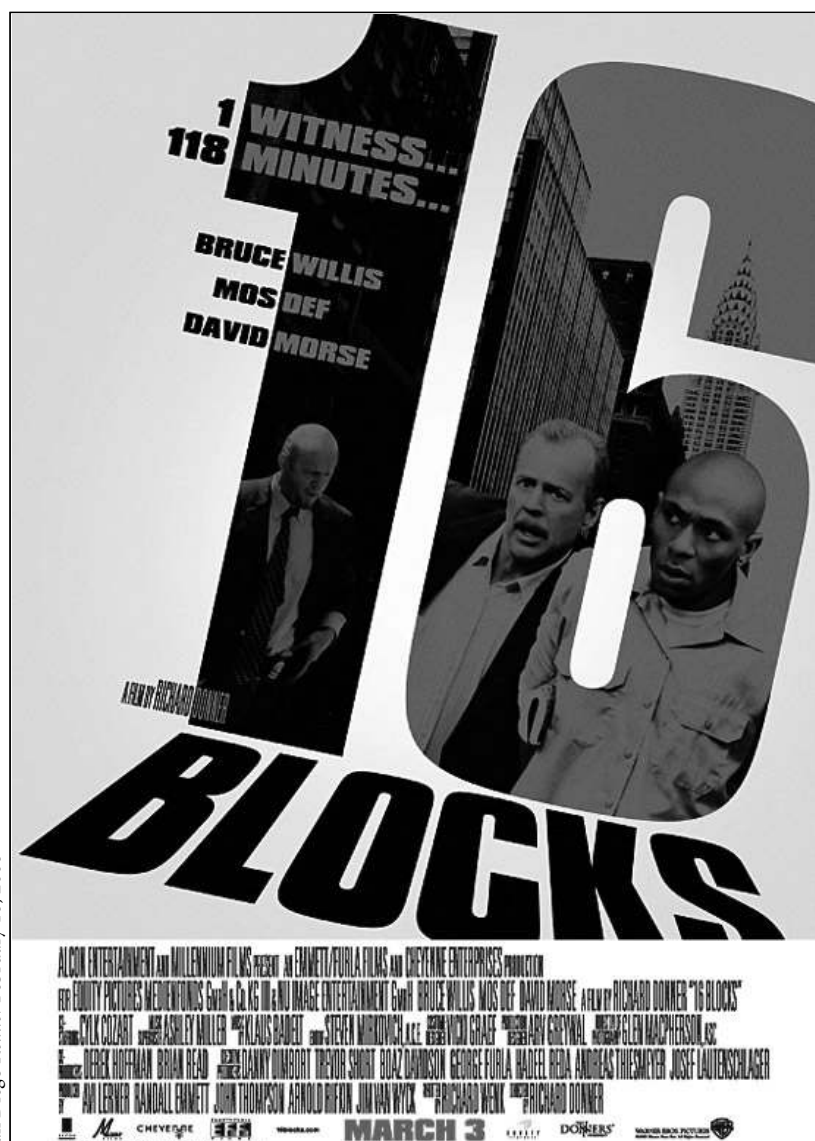


*Eight Below*

the original Blake Edwards film of the same name, seeing as how Edwards himself degraded it in the process of doing seven sequels, including a posthumous patchwork with the peerless Peter Sellers, a substitution of the maladroit Frenchman by an unrelated American cop played by Ted Wass, and another substitution of him by his bastard son, the

very Italian Roberto Benigni. Plus, Alan Arkin had a go at the character under the direction of Bud Yorkin in the *Inspector Clouseau* of 1968, before Edwards saw the wisdom, or the profit, in resuming the series himself. So now — and so what? — we get a game Steve Martin under the direction of Shawn Levy (*Cheaper by the Dozen*,

again starring Martin) for another round of broken English, broken furniture, broken bones, etc. Political correctness has dictated that the function of the Oriental manservant Cato will here be filled by a deadpan cop partner, Jean Reno; and a rather half-hearted Kevin Kline takes the place of the wholehearted Herbert Lom in the



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part of Clouseau's hair-tearing superior. Beyoncé Knowles pitches in some pulchritude, and Emily Mortimer reminds us that a French accent can also be cute. The whole business is a matter more of maintenance than invention, more hard work than humor, like some TV sitcom that has outstayed its welcome. Amid the thickening glut of remakes and sequels, however, there is no cause to come down particularly hard on this one. The undemanding will not be disappointed.

*Firewall* gives me the chance to tout the top-flight series of Swedish police procedurals by Henning Mankel, not because it is adapted from any of them, but merely because it shares its title with the one I rate the highest. Check it out. (If, I mean to say, you find it at the library.) This, on the other hand, is a perfectly ridiculous heist-and-hostage thriller that requires the retirement-age Harrison Ford to shoulder altogether too much of the burden of heroics — all of it, to be exact — as much as

Jean-Claude van Damme shouldered at half the age. And this in the role of a family-man Seattle banker! Not an ex-Navy-SEAL banker, not a former-FBI-agent banker, just a plain old banker, a computer geek. The clichés come in bunches. Because the story is set in Seattle, it must rain ninety percent of the time, the Space Needle must be visible out the banker's office window, and he must live with his wife, his TV-addicted teen daughter, and his peanut-allergic tween son in a sumptuous waterfront home that would be the envy of Bill Gates. In a slight modification of a cliché, the architect who designed the place is not the man of the family but the woman (Virginia Madsen in her first post-*Sideways* job opportunity, let's hope a lucrative one). The fiendish mastermind of the caper is a cultivated Brit (not Alan Rickman, not Jeremy Irons, not Sean Bean, but Paul Bettany), and the action is a techie's delight (computers, cellphones, security systems, fountain-pen video camera, GPS dog collar). It is not an aesthete's delight, shot as it is in such closeup that the viewer can't get a decent look at it.

*Freedomland*, from a novel and screenplay by Richard Price, directed by Joe Roth, is a ripped-from-today's-

headlines thriller that amounts to a virtual collage of newspaper clippings: child abduction, domestic violence, police brutality, racial profiling, ghetto rioting, and whatnot. Julianne Moore is once again a bereft mother, but in trying out, for a change of pace, a Joisey accent and low-rent grammar, she shows that she can broaden her range only at a cost of broadening her performance. Samuel L. Jackson, as the streetwise cop on the case, is able to incorporate an asthma inhaler without losing his equilibrium. And Edie Falco looks startlingly disguised as the plain-Jane brunette who heads up the volunteer search party. She has one very interesting dialogue with Moore, or anyhow her end of it is very interesting, when she seems to be telling Moore about the loss of her own child but beneath the surface is in fact probing Moore about Moore's.

*Final Destination 3*, our third and final "F" title, is a commonplace instance of a sequel that's really just an alternative version, a completely different cast of characters in a parallel series of contrived chain-reaction accidents with gory payoffs, all to test the dictum that you can't cheat death. Death, evidently, will go to great serpentine lengths to see that you don't. But here's what creeped me out. On the way to the theater on opening day I punched the button for the oldies station on my car radio and got the O'Jays' "Love Train," not a song that ever meant anything to me in its day, a song that

among my generation would barely even qualify as an oldie, but a song now fused forever in my brain with the lovely fantasy scene at the end of *The Last Days of Disco*, when the subway riders rise up and boogie as one. Dissolve now to the end of *Final Destination 3*... a horrific subway wreck... and over the closing credits an acidic, harsh, hard-rock cover version of — what are the odds? — "Love Train," by Tommy Lee of Mötley Crüe (pronounced Muetley Creu). As I said... creeped me out. The rest, excepting the prescient and pretty heroine (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), grossed me out. ■

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**After Innocence** — Fit-for-TV digital documentary on a bushelful of ex-convicts exonerated through DNA evidence after five, ten, twenty, twenty-five years behind bars. The people are interesting to meet, and their stories, although a little one-note, healthily undermine our faith in the justice system. Directed by Jessica Sanders. 2005. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/16)

**Annapolis** — By-the-numbers military training exercise: a sensitive riveter, not content just to build ships, joins the Naval

Academy on a promise to his late mother. There's a withholding father, a hard-ass drill instructor, a roly-poly lagging roommate, a foxy female officer, and a boxing tournament for proving manhood. James Franco might hope to remind you of Montgomery Clift in *From Here to Eternity* (his character's name, Huard, even sounds a bit like Pruitt), but he can only hope. With Tyrese Gibson, Jordana Brewster, Donnie Wahlberg, and Vicellous Shannon; directed by Justin Lin. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**Ballets Russes** — Dan Geller's and Dayna Goldfine's cultural history of the trailblazers of 20th-century classical dance. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/17)

**Brokeback Mountain** — Here's fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite denials ("You know I ain't queer" and "Me neither"), a love that would survive each man's marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: "This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation." Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumo-wrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in *Ride with the Devil*, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What's new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Ice Storm* seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Caché** — Well-chilled French thriller comparable in degrees centigrade to *Time Out*, *With a Friend Like Harry*, *Merci pour le Chocolat*, *Red Lights*, et al. An anonymous videocassette 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



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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). 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 ones borrowed from the surveillance camera, possess something of the expectancy, the pregnancy, of the early-20th-century photographs of Eugène 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? 2005.

★★★ (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.



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It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The

story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, finger-

ing the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the

end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.

★★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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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. ● (VOGUE)

**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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

**Curious George** — Juvenile monkey-shines, scrimpingly animated, monopolistically voiced by Will Ferrell as the primate’s adopted human, and accompanied by a posy of insipid songs. Based on the books by Margret and H.A. Rey; directed by Matthew O’Callaghan. 2006.

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**Date Movie** — Spoof of contemporary romantic comedies, with Alyson Hannigan

and Adam Campbell, written and directed by Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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**Eight Below** — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Walker, Jason Biggs, Bruce Greenwood, and Moon Bloodgood; directed by Frank Marshall.

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**Final Destination 3** — Reviewed this issue. With Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ryan Merriman, Amanda Crew, and Kris Lemche; directed by James Wong.

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DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14;  
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**Firewall** — Reviewed this issue. With Harrison Ford, Virginia Madsen, Paul Bettany, Robert Forster, Robert Patrick, and Mary Lynn Rajsckub; directed by Richard Loncraine.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-  
ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;  
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DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN  
SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Freedomland** — Reviewed this issue.  
With Samuel L. Jackson, Julianne Moore,  
Edie Falco, Ron Eldard, William Forsythe,  
and Anjanette Ellis; directed by Joe Roth.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-  
ERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18;  
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DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14;  
VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/17)

**Fun with Dick and Jane** — Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotcheff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelfphia, 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.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

**Glorious Road** — Yet another Disney raid on the annals of sport for an Inspirational True Story: the 1966 NCAA basketball final in which the upstart Miners of Texas Western (today, UTEP) sent out five blacks for the opening tip against the “basketball royalty” of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. This story, within a larger story of sports in America as an agency of social change and collective consciousness-raising, is such an intrinsically good one (what took so long to get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from dramatization, or more particularly, Disneyfication. Nor can it benefit from its transformation into a visual accompaniment for a double-disc collection of golden oldies. It does depict some good practice sessions and good coaching lessons, with the dagger-eyed Josh Lucas as Don Haskins, the fifth-year coach at Texas Western, not first-year, as portrayed here, much less straight from coaching a high-school girls team. (Ah, Hollywood.) And Jon Voight, in a putty nose to rival the one he wore as Howard Cosell in *Ali*, creates a sizable diversion in his comical but not disrespectful portrait of the old-school Kentucky coach, Adolph Rupp. (“You’re going to win this game,” he assures his disarrayed troops in the desperate waning minutes. “Now go out there and make me a prophet.”) And there are a couple of gratifying shots of UK

black students huddled around a TV set in a dorm room and stifling their cheers for the opposition. With Derek Luke, Austin Nichols, Mehdad Brooks; directed by James Gartner. 2006.

**Good Night, and Good Luck** — Unabashed hero worship of the “crusading” CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow’s television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow’s somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal “Salute to Edward R. Murrow” in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor’s scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow’s example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow’s stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**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-

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When thinking of movies for Black History Month, Lee Hirsch's documentary *Amandla!* comes to mind. The title comes from a Xhosa word meaning "power." The film focuses on apartheid and examines the music, politics, and cultural movements that surrounded the struggle, and music as a revolutionary tool.

Spike Lee's *Malcolm X* closely adheres to Alex Haley's novel and provides insight into the lifetime transformation of Malcolm X. Some may not agree with Malcolm X and/or his politics, but viewers can walk away with a slightly clearer picture of his beliefs, inner conflicts, relationships, and death.

Directed by John Singleton, *Rosewood* takes us back to a 1920s town, mainly inhabited by blacks but run by whites, that's burned to the ground when a white woman falsely accuses a black town member of rape.

**AMANDLA! (USA) 2002, Artisan**  
List price: \$14.98

*MALCOLM X* (USA) 1992,  
Warner Home Video  
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*ROSEWOOD* (USA) 1997,  
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the-hip hipness. If that's what you want from your fairy tales. With the voices of Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Patrick Warburton, David Ogden Stiers. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAND 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Imagine Me and You** — The writing and directing debut of Ol Parker is a lightweight love-at-first-sight lesbian romantic comedy about the instantaneous connection between a bride midway up the

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Marlon Riggs's *Black Is...Black Ain't* is a powerful, poetic, and lively panorama of the complexities of African-American identity, drawing on such diverse voices as Bill T. Jones, Bell Hooks, Essex Hemphill, and Angela Davis.

In *The Watermelon Woman*, a black lesbian filmmaker makes a documentary about a 1930s film star who turns out to be more complicated than she thought. This funny, quirky, and controversial faux documentary is Cheryl Dunye's satiric take on the absence of African-American women in film history. "Since it wasn't happening," states Dunye, "I invented it."

The haunting film *Strange Fruit* tells the horrific story of American lynchings. We learn the complex history of the song, penned by Jewish leftist Lewis Allen and made famous by Billie Holiday.

**BLACK IS...BLACK AIN' T (USA)**  
1995, California Newsreel,  
*www.newsreel.org*  
List price: \$29.95

*THE WATERMELON WOMAN*  
(USA) 1996, First Run Features  
List price: \$29.95

**STRANGE FRUIT (USA) California**  
Newsreel, [www.newsreel.org](http://www.newsreel.org)  
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aisle and the nuptial flower arranger. Piper Perabo and Lena Headey are attractive, sympathetic figures from any sexual perspective; and Matthew Goode as the bridegroom 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. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/16)

**King Kong** — Fresh from *The Lord of the Rings*, Peter Jackson could presumably have done anything he wanted. What he appar-

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Along with recent films such as *Crash* and *Ray*, the following films all have issues to discuss about the African-American experience. Tyler Perry's *Diary of a Mad Black Woman* reveals issues he feels strongly about — especially faith and forgiveness. Perry gained fame on the urban-theater circuit but Hollywood's taken its time noticing the following he's developed.

Spike Lee's *School Daze*, set at a Southern black college, deals with conflicts within the African-American community. Laurence Fishburne and the late, great Ossie Davis star.

In *Coach Carter*, Samuel L. Jackson plays a high school basketball coach who benches his winning team because of poor grades.

An older film worth watching is *Imitation of Life*, which deals with a young black woman who tries to pass for white.

*DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN* (USA) 2005, Lion's Gate  
List price: \$19.98

*SCHOOL DAZE* (USA) 1988,  
Sony Pictures  
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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 stampe de brontosauruses, 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, flittering 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. ● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 ur-

gency to correct the course that has led him away from *The Joy Luck Club* and *Eat a Bowl of Tea* toward *Maid in Manhattan* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Not the most credible source, in other words, for a moral homily on living without fear. Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, Jane Adams, Giancarlo Esposito. 2006. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 U.S. State Department, hoping to win the

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**tion 3** (R); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Freedomland** (R); **Glory Road** (PG); **Hoodwinked** (PG); **Match Point** (R); **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R); **Munich** (R); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **Something New** (PG-13); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Matador** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **Underworld Evolution** (R); **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13)

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without hurry, in the craftsmanly manner of Golden Age Hollywood. They hold, even if they do not tightly grip, your interest. At a full two hours, however, this is the longest Woody Allen film to date, and when it eventually enters the realm of a thriller, it starts to slow down, to drag, to grind. The British milieu and accents serve as an effective, a brilliant disguise for Allen’s familiar rhythms and idioms, yet you can’t help but wonder how well the film would hold your interest if you stumbled into it without knowing what — or rather, whom — you were seeing. For all its polish and proficiency, the film depends desperately on your awareness that it’s Allen and your search for substantiation. For recognition. It’s a sure cure for your increasing boredom with him. Matthew Goode, Brian Cox, Penelope Wilton. 2005. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

**Mrs. Henderson Presents** — Portrait of a Plucky Old Lady, a screen species that tends more often than not to be British, a subspecies that tends these days to be Judi Dench. She — Dame Judi — plays here, very playfully indeed, a well-bred widow from WWII-era London, 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. 2005. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Munich** — Steven Spielberg’s profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist mas-



Freedomland

sacre 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; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;

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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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Pink Panther** — Reviewed this issue. With Steve Martin, Kevin Kline, Beyoncé Knowles, Jean Reno, and Emily Mortimer; directed by Shawn Levy.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Pride and Prejudice** — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (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

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**Curious George** (G) Fri. (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (4:30) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri. (3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 11:00; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

## POWAY

### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri. 2:15, 7:15, 10:30 Sat. 2:15, 10:30 Sun. 2:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Freedomland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. 10:00 (12:00)

5:15 Sat. 10:00 Sun. 10:00, 5:15; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. 10:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15

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### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)  
**Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Freedomland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Match Point** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

## ENCINITAS

### Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)  
**Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Nanny McPhee** (PG); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13)

### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)  
**Walk the Line** (PG-13)

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### La Costa 6

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**Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri. 2:00, 7:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:30; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Freedomland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 5:00; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 2:00; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30

## OCEANSIDE

### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)  
**Big Momma’s House 2** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 10:00; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:35, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40; **Date Movie** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:30; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; **Freedomland** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:55, 3:40, 6:30, 9:25; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 3:25, 6:35, 9:50; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

### Oceanside 16

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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 Hollander. 2005.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada** — Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend's killer, a carpetbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as possible, brutalizing Mexican illegals, reading *Hustler* on the job, forcing himself on his wife from behind when she's trying to fix dinner and watch her favorite soap. The story is told nonsequentially and a touch incoherently, but Jones has a knowing eye for Tex-Mex squalor and ugliness, and he sniffs out some pungent gruesome details: e.g., setting the corpse's head on fire to beat back an attack of ants. With Barry Pepper, Julio Cedillo, Dwight Yoakam, January Jones, Melissa Leo. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Transamerica** — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travellers, a druggy street hustler en route to



The Pink Panther

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 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)

**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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-

WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

**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 obvi-

ously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker's air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn't help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon's June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash's cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 7)

**When a Stranger Calls** — Simon West's remake of a decent little well-structured somber thriller, vintage 1979, incidently increases the budget, the scale, the affluence, and the sound effects, while dragging things out interminably and destroying the structure. Camilla Belle, Brian Geraghty, Katie Cassidy, Clark Gregg. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

**Why We Fight** — Documentary by Eugene Jarecki (*The Trials of Henry Kissinger*) on American militarism.

(KEN, FROM 2/17)

**The World's Fastest Indian** — Roger Donaldson's indulgent, ingratiating character sketch of New Zealander Burt Munro (an oddly cast Anthony Hopkins, feigning extroversion), on a mid-Sixties pilgrimage to the hallowed ground of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, where, battling a bad heart and a bad prostate, he hopes to set a land-speed record on his retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-goody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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## Aprietan la frontera

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El presupuesto de la Casa Blanca para el año fiscal 2007 incluye fondos para la construcción de muros en San Diego, como parte de sus esfuerzos para combatir la inmigración ilegal en Estados Unidos, informó el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional.

En total, el dinero solicitado para el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) representa un incremento del seis por ciento, con respecto al año fiscal anterior,

para el control de las fronteras y la inmigración en Estados Unidos, a un total de 42 mil 700 millones de dólares.

El presupuesto para el DHS estará destinado a mejorar la capacidad de respuesta de la agencia; fortalecer la seguridad fronteriza, reformar el sistema de inmigración, y mejorar la seguridad en el sistema de transporte y la cooperación y orga-

nización de la agencia.

Treinta millones de dólares para completar el llamado "Sistema de Infraestructura Fronteriza" en San Diego, que incluirá múltiples muros y carreteras para aumentar el patrullaje en la zona fronteriza.



miércoles 8

## Pena de muerte a Adrián Camacho

Nelly Cervantes

Diario San Diego

Tras dos deportaciones y haber baleado 13 veces a un agente de Oceanside, Adrián Camacho recibió la pena de muerte.

A casi tres años del brutal asesinato del policía novato Tony Zeppetella, Camacho de treinta años guardó total silencio al escuchar su sentencia.

La juez Joan Weber aceptó la recomendación del jurado de imponer la pena de muerte, tras escuchar a la viuda de Zeppetella, Jamie, quien irrumpió en llanto al dirigirse a la corte.

"Dios me dio la fuerza para seguir adelante y perdonar a Camacho", dijo la mujer mientras el verdugo de su marido la observaba.

Jamie Zeppetella dijo haber perdonado al asesino

de su marido, pero no sus acciones ya que dijo a Camacho "tomaste algo de nosotros que no tenías el derecho de quitarlo; mataste a un hombre maravilloso para que no caer una vez más en la cárcel".

Camacho fue declarado culpable de asesinato en primer grado y se le imputaron cargos adicionales por circunstancias especiales de haber asesinado a un oficial policiaco, y asesinato para evitar el arresto, así como cargos por la posesión de drogas para la venta y posesión de un arma por parte de un ex convicto.



jueves 9

## Gana Pausini Grammy

Servicios Diario San Diego

La intérprete italiana Laura Pausini fue la gran ganadora entre los latinos con "Escucha" como mejor álbum pop hispano, en la 48 edición de la entrega de los premios Grammy.

Shakira, Luis Miguel, Willy Chirino y Bebo Valdés, también se llevan su premio.

Como todos los años, la Academia de Artes y Ciencias de la Grabación anunció las categorías dedicadas a la música hispana en una ceremonia previa a la entrega oficial de premios en el estadio Staples de Los Angeles.

La popular Pausini, muy conocida en el mundo hispano por sus éxitos en español, obtuvo también la victoria en la última edición de los Grammy Latinos donde fue premiada al mejor álbum vocal pop femenino por "Escucha".

Pausini se impuso sobre Ricardo Arjona y su

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viernes 10

# Sufren migrantes

Omar Millán

Diario San Diego

Jorge Luis Earr consiguió la ciudadanía norteamericana a los seis años luego que su madre se casara con un estadounidense.

Su padre natural había muerto un año atrás en una riña en su natal Michoacán.

Vivió su niñez y adolescencia en Vista, California, donde trabajaba hasta hace un mes como operador de máquinas y tomaba clases de refrigeración.

La policía del Condado lo detuvo no por cometer algún delito, sino porque su color de piel (moreno claro) y figura espigada resultaron "sospechosas"; todo les indicaba que se trataba de un indocumentado.

Jorge Luis Earr, de 21 años, dijo que fue investigado, tenía un par de multas por estacionar mal

su automóvil y un "tipo" de ilegal que de inmediato hizo pensar a la autoridad en su deportación.

Fue enviado a la Corporación de Establecimientos Penitenciarios de América (Corrections Corporation of America - CCA) de Otay Mesa, una prisión privada que desde 2002



se ha saturado de inmigrantes latinoamericanos, filipinos y africanos por las duras políticas antiinmigrantes implementadas en Estados Unidos a raíz del 11 de septiembre de 2001.

lunes 13



# Aparatoso accidente

América Barceló-Feldman

Diario San Diego

Activistas de San Diego repudiaron una vez más las tácticas de la Patrulla Fronteriza que dejó más de 20 migrantes heridos, muchos de ellos en estado crítico.

Migrantes que viajaban en una mini van resultaron heridos en un accidente automovilístico después de que fueran perseguidos por la Patrulla Fronteriza en la autopista 905 en el cruce con la 805.

En el accidente registra-

do el viernes 10 de febrero un migrante resultó con fractura de cráneo.

Christian Ramírez del Comité de Amigos Americanos, dijo que este accidente deja en evidencia la falta de una reforma migratoria para impedir que migrantes sean víctimas de abusos de la Patrulla Fronteriza.

"Las autoridades están actuando con fuerza bruta, esto no va a parar hasta que tengamos leyes que protejan los derechos humanos de migrantes", afirmó Ramírez.



"Solo", Jorge Drexler y "Eco", Andrea Echeverri y su "Andrea Echeverri", y Kevin Johansen con "Citi Zen".

En la categoría de mejor álbum de rock/alternativo hispano dominó la colombiana Shakira con "Fijación oral, Vol 1".

El cubano Bebo Valdés se volvió a imponer como mejor álbum tradicional tropical hispano con "Bebo de Cuba" mientras que el mejor álbum de Salsa/Merengue fue para "Son del alma" de Willy Chirino.

En la categoría de mejor

álbum de música mexicana/méxicoamericana obtuvo la victoria Luis Miguel con su "México en la piel" y en el apartado de mejor álbum tejano la victoria fue para Little Joe y La Familia con "Chicanísimo".

El grupo irlandés U2 fue también el gran triunfador de esta entrega al transformar sus cinco candidaturas en cinco victorias, incluidas sus aspiraciones en las categorías de mejor álbum y mejor canción, mientras que la favorita Mariah Carey sólo se llevó tres preseas.

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Dianna Reed  
Student  
Tierrasanta

I'm from Fresno, so yeah, for sure. There's a lot of farmland [in Fresno], and there are lots of neighborhoods. It depended what part of town you live in, [but there were gang members in school]. I don't know people now in gangs. When you're younger, you know everyone in your school if you want to or not. [Now] I probably just wouldn't be so good as friends with them because I wouldn't really connect with them. I don't think I have much in common with gang members. Be cool, stay in school.



Justin Nelson  
Student/Restaurant Employee  
College Area

It depends if I knew them growing up, I'd be his friend and probably try and talk him out of it. But if I met somebody and he was thuggish, probably not. It's, like, right off the bat; you wouldn't want to be in touch with shady characters. I'm from a small little hick town where there wasn't too much going on. I have a little brother; I'd beat the shit out of him [if he wanted to join a gang]. I wouldn't want him to go down that path. I'd tell him don't ruin a good thing; you got your life going already, that's just a way to get off the right path.



Jessica Pendelton  
Student  
College Area

Probably not. There were a couple gangs where I went to school. I knew a couple of [gang members], but we weren't really friends. I think that you could have something in common with them, and I've known a couple people growing up who later became gang members. I think they were looking for family, like a sense of someone they can relate to or someone they can be close to. I'd recommend that [gang members] look for another outlet. I think if someone doesn't bring something positive into your life, then they shouldn't be part of it.



Stephanie Mitchell  
Food Server/Student  
Ocean Beach

I don't know; I wouldn't get involved with any of that stuff, so probably not if it was completely obvious. If it were going to put me in danger, I'd say no. I do [have younger siblings] and I would say "absolutely not" if they wanted to join a gang and put anyone in danger. I'd talk to them about it, if there's a reason why they're looking for somewhere to fit in, then I'd talk to them about it first.



Gerardo Garcia  
Student/Consultant  
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I have been before. They're not really different friends other than the rest of their activities. From what's happened in the past, it's never really gotten that mixed up [gang activities and friendship]. [It doesn't bother me what goes on], just as long as those activities don't really interfere with us, or anything around me. I don't particularly approve of what they do, but I don't say anything to them. I tell them just to not let it affect our friendship. I'd probably try to persuade [a friend] against [joining a gang].



Tammy Price  
Student  
National City

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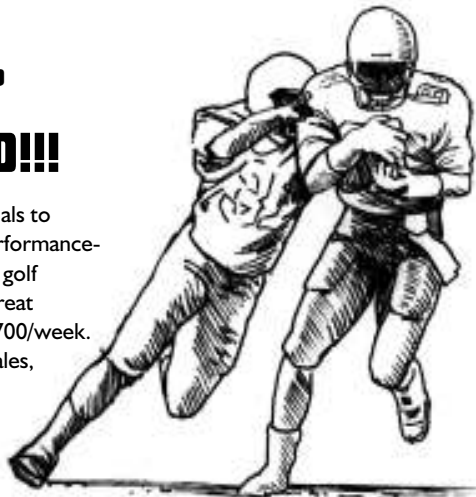
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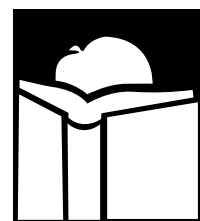
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### Across

- Tremble
- Sell out, in a way
- Guy's date
- Rock music's Adams or Ferry
- Nissan rival
- Garden party?
- Winty forecast
- It may be well-taken
- "You da \_\_\_\_!"
- 1968 Supremes song on an MP3 player with a 36-Across?
- \_\_\_\_-pitch softball
- Where the 2004 GOP convention was held in NYC
- Baseball Hall-of-Famer Slaughter
- 1970 James Taylor song on an MP3 player with a 36-Across?
- 1977 Scott Turow novel
- Hair untangler
- It's infected this puzzle's theme answers
- Box
- Soon, to Shakespeare
- 1994 Snoo Doggy Dogg song on an MP3 player with a 36-Across?
- Babysitter's bane
- "... \_\_\_\_ thousand times ..."
- Bout decision
- 1971 Tom Jones song on an MP3 player with a 36-Across?
- "Roses \_\_\_\_ red ..."
- Where you might take the bull by the horns
- "But there is \_\_\_\_ in Mudville ..."
- Weeks in Caesar's year
- You might hear it in an elevator
- Yankee skipper Joe
- People in charge: Abbr.
- About a quarter of a cord
- Jack who ate no fat

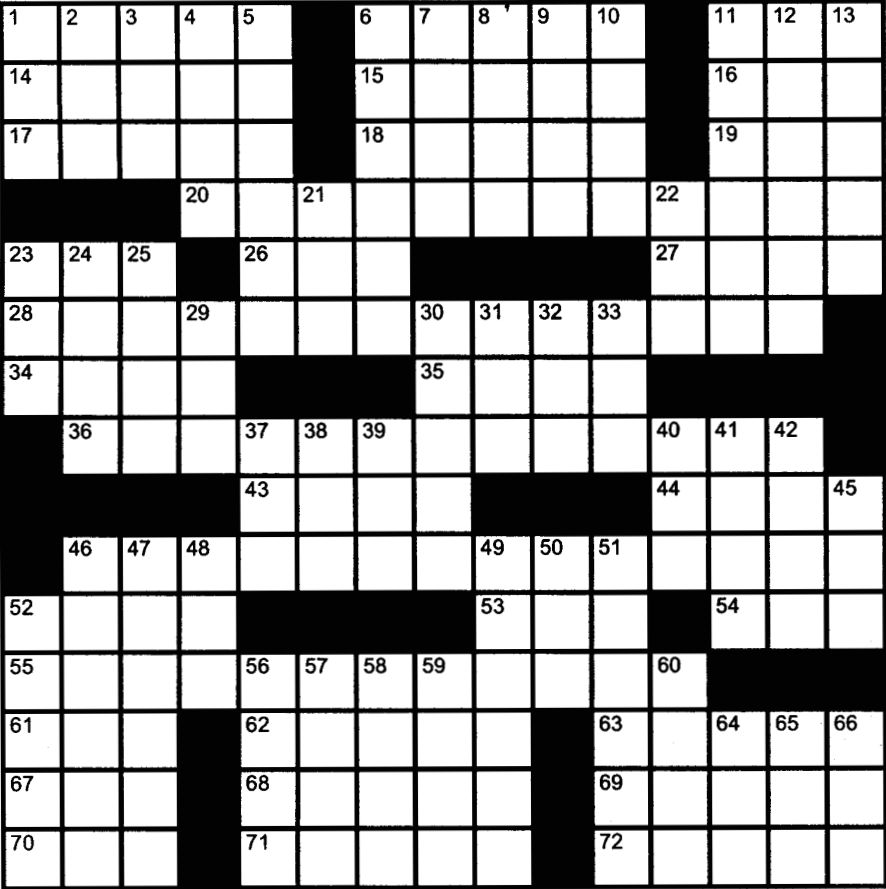
### Down

- Eli and Peyton Manning, e.g.: Abbr.
- Result of a Google search
- Sailor's affirmative
- Film critic Pauline
- Put inside a pyramid, perhaps
- Steak tartare topper
- Hail \_\_\_\_
- Ballet attire
- Calif. neighbor
- DEA employee
- Sign after Taurus
- Frankie of "Beach Blanket Bingo"
- Gives temporarily
- College that overlooks the Appomattox Riv.
- "Isn't \_\_\_\_ a bit like you or me" (Beatles lyric)

- Bay Area airport letters
- "The Mod Squad" role
- Snack with a lickable center
- Shade tree
- Sour
- Scand. country
- Lic. issuer
- One of Ruth's 2,213
- Unpaid TV ad: Abbr.
- "Everybody Hates Chris" network
- Miniscule amount
- Writer Santha Rama \_\_\_\_
- Inch or tablespoon
- Laundromat loss, maybe
- Prefix with classic
- One of Ruth's teammates
- Response to someone pointing
- Late-shift periods: Abbr.
- Set free, as a farm animal
- Lump
- Pleasure trips
- It may begin "O Lord"
- Venus de Milo's lack
- Boorish type
- Woodworking tool
- "\_\_\_\_ Diary ..."
- Sticky stuff
- 4th Author Tolkien's first three initials
- Mouths, anatomically
- Thus far

### RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 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).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



by David Levinson Wilk

Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 2/9/06.

Of the 199 entrants, 190 were correct. The winners are:

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- W. Hodgson, *Escondido*
- B. Norkelm, *San Diego*
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**Q:** Kitchen is studio?

**Describe** this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThis Place@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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**ASIAN LADY, VERY PRETTY**, slender, sexy, and fun. Searching educated, honest, trim and financially stable gentleman for friendship and marriage, 42-58, nonsmoker, no drugs. (3/1) ☎50729

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**ARE YOU CONSIDERATE**, intelligent, handsome, sense of humor, gentleman, 48-62, who desires friendship, romance, adventure? This 57, Italian, educated, sweet lady wants to meet you! (3/1) ☎50740

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**WANT A FRIEND?** Me too! Active, attractive, warm, slim lady. Seeking man 60+ for walks, talks, travel, film, homelife and fun. (2/22) ☎50702

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**FEMALE, NONSMOKER**, mid-40s, brown hair, blue eyes, who enjoys dining, sorts, walking, etc. Seeking male nonsmoker, 40s, to share same activities in East County. (3/1) ☎50727

**ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY, FIT**, 60, Christian, caucasian widow. Seeking nonsmoker gentleman to enjoy theater, walks, travel, good times together for committed relationship. Please call. (3/1) ☎50736

**FULL FIGURED, 30s**, black hair, blue eyes. Seeking someone 25-45 for dating. Must have gentle heart and be nonjudgmental. Would rather e-mail for first contact. (3/1) ☎50741

**MATURE MAN WANTED** by 40-year-old attractive, independent brunette. Seeking successful, educated, white male, 40-55, for romance, movies, museums, theatre, beach, dining. Nonsmoker. (2/22) ☎50716

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**PRETTY, ROMANTIC AND JUST** plain nice lady. Seeking warm-hearted, affectionate, communicative gentleman who likes fine dining, hiking, movies, traveling and unusual fun adventures. 58+. (3/1) ☎50734

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**BEAUTIFUL SOFT**, Sweet face, fit tone, curvy, pretty legs, 5'8", 29. Christian femi-

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**COSTA RICAN BEAUTY**. Be mine for Valentine's Day. Professional, 45, love cooking. Need man, honest, car, work, long-term, 45 to 65. (2/22) ☎50709

**FEMALE, 53**. Seeking long relationship, marriage possibly, 5', thin. Likes travel, ocean, fishing, walks on beach, humor. No beauty, would like ordinary respectable man. (3/1) ☎50724

**VERY OUTGOING**, Attractive, warm personality, nonsmoker, 59, Jewish, tall, slim. Seeks similar man for companionship. (2/22) ☎50700

**QUIET, 47, WHITE**, little chunky, looking for a friend, maybe more, blue jean t-shirt girl, like outdoors, fishing, camping, love animals, very likable person. (2/22) ☎50694

**50, ATTRACTIVE, 5'6"**, fit lady. Seeking attractive, fun-loving, financially secure, caucasian male companion. 50-56; meaningful connection with lots of fun. North County. (2/22) ☎50717

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**WHITE MAN**, 50, 5'8", 185, wants woman friend for dating, companionship, maybe more. Stable, secure, honest. You same.

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**TALL LATINO**, Handsome gentleman. Romantic, affectionate, family oriented, sincere. Looking for 45-55 slender, attractive, sexy woman. Looking for relationship long term, non-smoker, South Bay area. (2/22) ☎50053

**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. (3/1) ☎50086

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**DECENT GENTLEMAN, 49**, articulate, romantically creative. Seeking smart, independent, thinking woman with humor. Desire to listen, be emotionally attentive. Enjoy nature, hiking, movies, dancing, art. (2/22) ☎50037

**WHITE MALE, 37, 6'1"**, charming, romantic and fun. Seeking 25-35, stable, attractive, affectionate woman who likes to laugh and enjoy time together. (2/22) ☎50058

**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! (2/22) ☎50031

**PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE**, 54, 6'3", interested in meeting down to earth, nonsmoking, good humor, honest female, 40-55 years. For friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (2/22) ☎50047

**GENTLEMAN, 40s, 6', 175lbs.**, nonsmoker/nondrinker, living by spiritual principles. Seeking affinity with adorable, affectionate, sensual soul. You're petite/shapely with dark hair. (2/22) ☎50043

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**47 YEARS OLD, HONEST,** Italian. Looking for nice, simple lady. Race/age open. Enjoy music, travel, romantic dinner. I am good, sense of humor. Ciao. (3/1) ☎50090

**YOUNG GIFTED AND BLACK?** Young as me, anyway? White, 5'1, homeowner, veteran, non-Republican, master's degree, big, strong, it's all good! Lighten up, try something new. (2/22) ☎50039

**HANDSOME, 39, 5'10",** financially secure, searching for soul mate, nonsmoker or drugs. Enjoy traveling, hiking, poetry, caucasian or Latina, English speaking, Christian, healthy, family oriented. (2/22) ☎50029

**CAUCASIAN MALE,** 20s, 5'6", 205lbs. Seeking female white, age?, with not much baggage and like to do things. For relationship and intimacy and life. (3/1) ☎50067

**LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED** thing. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced white male, 60+, healthy, nonsmoker, caring, financially secure, seeks attractive, loving, fit, 55-65, female. (3/1) ☎50074

**GOOD HEARTED BIKER** Seeking woman, 35-46, for possibly serious relationship. Love hug and kisses. Ready to give all my heart. Call me. (3/1) ☎50069

**Strong Gentle Tender**  
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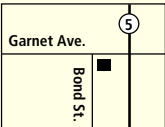
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**EASYGOING, 55, LOOKS 45,** 5'10", 185lbs., multiple homeowner, travel, sports, concerts, movies, sport cars. You: slim, smart beauty, ready to have fun. (3/1) ☎50081

**ATTRACTED TO CHUBBY** Cherubs, 200+. This white 53 old is very romantic and loves to cuddle. You're white/hispanic 40-60 attractive, available, no smoke. (2/22) ☎50052

**YES MA'AM.** Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 190lbs., emotionally/financially se-

cure. Seeking mature, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful woman to show her the respect and devotion she requires. (2/22) ☎50050

**HIKING, CAMPING** Enthusiast wanted to share nature adventuring. Team player, honor, commitment, loyalty, honesty, love, sharing, caring, are important values. 48, healthy, in shape, stable. (3/1) ☎50065

**ATTRACTIVE WIDOWER, TALL,** handsome, healthy, virile, educated, retired businessowner, homeowner, affluent, financially secure. Seeking attractive, affectionate, sensual, full, voluptuous lady,

45-65, dates, fun, romance, genuine. (2/22) ☎50034

**I AM 34, LOVE SPORTS,** Football, soccer, body boarding, poker and any other sport you can think of. Looking for an Asian lady. (3/1) ☎50077

**VOLUPTUOUS LADY,** Wanted by handsome male. Must be beautiful, classy, fun, intelligent. I'm musical, creative, sentimental, eclectic, funny as hell. Love people, person bar hopper. (2/22) ☎50055

**LOOKING FOR SERIOUS** relationship. Please be honest, caring, and marriage minded. I like kids, family, and outdoors. Seeking 21+, under 150lbs., in East County. (3/1) ☎50082

**GIRLFRIEND WANTED,** Qualifications; must like pampering, dinners, honesty, romantic times, leading to super relationship. 60s guy age? Race open. Be my Valentine forever. (2/22) ☎50041

**BABY BOOMER,** conservatively wild, unconventional, energetic, easygoing. Love outdoors, ocean, adventure, spirituality, snuggling, quiet times. Seeking authentic, happy woman. Weight, age, race open. (3/1) ☎50073

**NICE GUYS FINISH LAST?** Ready to discover my wild man in a positive growing, memorable friendship. Into metaphysics, shamanic healing, thinking outside boxes. Humor, depth. (2/22) ☎50051

**LATINA WOMAN WANTED,** Good natured outgoing Latino, slim, 5'8", 50, college graduate, homeowner. Seeks companionship with Latina woman. (3/1) ☎50061

**TALL, ATTRACTIVE,** Blue eyes, sense of humor, good communicator, intelligent, kind, 50+, fit, swim, financially stable. Seeks an attractive woman to enjoy life with. (3/1) ☎50063

**POSITIVE, HEALTHY,** evolving man, attractive, 54, 5'11", slim, blue/brown. Enjoy nature, hiking, music, massage. Seeking slim woman, 40-55, for fun activities and stimulating conversation. (2/22) ☎50033

**TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE** eyes, 54, white male-fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (2/22) ☎50045

**62, WHITE MALE** retired. Looking for lady for fun walks, casino, weekend trips, grandkids, boating, fishing, golf. (2/22) ☎50036

**UP-TO-DATE GENTLEMAN,** late 70s. Enjoy bridge, dance, theatre, light trips. You are cheerful, considerate, tall, full figured, have similar interests. (3/1) ☎50080

**TALL, HANDSOME** White, male, divorced-father, young 60, classy romantic, passionate. Seeks slim, attractive, hot, sexy woman, quiet evenings, movie, dinner, candles, wine, kissing, touching me. (3/1) ☎50062

**ACTIVE, HEALTHY,** Fit Caucasian widower, 60s, well groomed 5'7, 170lbs. Seeking warm compassionate lady under 65 for dating, moderate drinker, enjoys music, dining, quiet times. (3/1) ☎50059

**SINGLE AFRICAN-AMERICAN** homeowner, tall, handsome, educated. Seeking Caucasian, evolutionary, educated, sophisticated, attractive blonde, 44-54, 5'5", athleticism a plus. (3/1) ☎50072

**A ROSE IS RED, THE SKY** maybe blue, answer this ad and I'll make dinner for two. All race welcome. 30-45, am 6'4", white male. (3/1) ☎50088

**ANGELIC, SLIGHTLY** devilish, cute spirit, ready to ride into the 7th heaven with a very shapely, pretty lady who's not afraid to play with me. (3/1) ☎50084

**YOUNG-AT-HEART,** active, affable, affectionate, single male, 5'10", childless, inland North County, seeks single female, 32-52, fit, fun, sharp, scintillating. Likes sports, stocks, news. (3/1) ☎50064

**YOUNG AT HEART,** retired widower in North County San Diego. Seeking 50ish lady for long-term relationship. 5'10", tall, 165lbs., considerate, caring, loving. (2/22) ☎50032

**SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN,** charming and handsome, graduate degreed, wishes to make happy lady in her 30s, who is sensitive, attractive and well educated. (3/1) ☎50085

**ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC,** Sensitive, affectionate, white male, 54, easygoing, financially secure, tall, unencumbered, playful thoughtful. Seeking female, any age, for dining, closeness, conversation, travel, love, intimacy. (2/22) ☎50048

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** New carpet/paint! \$1595/month. Block to bay. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 parking, washer/dryer, dishwasher, balcony, fireplace. 3946-A Haines. 619-379-9624.

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**PACIFIC BEACH.** \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Parking. Patio. Laundry facility. Walk to bay. No pets. 4113-1/2 Ingham Street. Pacific Crown Villages. 858-270-4674.

**PACIFIC BEACH.** Immaculate Crown Point 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, \$1650. Completely remodeled kitchen and bath with parking and laundry. Sorry, no pets. Nonsmoking. 858-558-3692.

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**PARADISE HILLS.** \$1895. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 story, large home, family room, dining room, fireplace, large yard, 2 car garage, washer/dryer hookup. 2086 Alta View. 619-698-6911.

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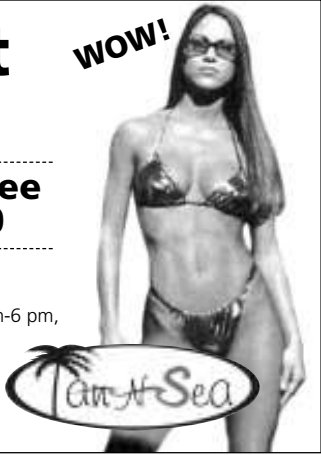
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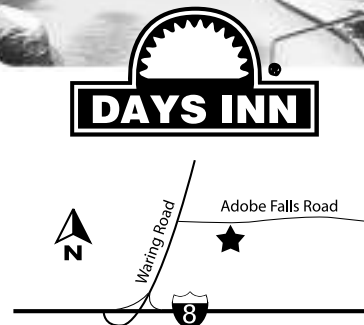
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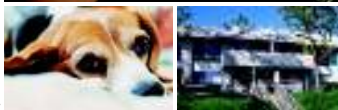
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**IMPERIAL BEACH.** 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Modern floors. Spa, pool, incredible landscaping. Near ocean, mall. Pets ok. 940 Calla. Open house, 2/25-2/26. 619-807-4494.

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**UNIVERSITY CITY.** Lowest priced 3 bedroom, 2 bath! Single level. Garage. Laundry in unit. New carpet/paint. Great starter or investment. \$450,000. Sherry (agent), 858-603-8511.

**UNIVERSITY CITY.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, La Jolla Colony, open floorplan, patio, covered parking, walk-in closets, quiet, location. \$385,000/\$435,876. Claire Melbo, Prudential California, 858-551-3349.

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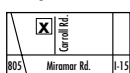
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LEAD STORIES

— Ms. Sierra Stiles, age eight, was credited with the first bear kill in Maryland in the limited October hunting season, downing a 211-pounder from 50 yards away with her .243-caliber rifle. (She had won one of the lottery-awarded permits and then aced the safety test.) ... According to a *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* profile in January, Aidan Gold, age eight, of Bothell, Wash., recently climbed a 20,300-foot peak on Mount Everest in the Himalayas with his dad, adding to his previous climbs in the Cascades and the Alps. Aidan said the last part of the Everest climb (a 45-degree stretch of rock and ice) was “the [hardest] 3,000 feet I’ve ever done.”

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Katie’s Pet Depot in La Verne, Calif., is one of the few grooming salons in the country for rats, according to an October Associated Press report. A special \$10 treatment includes lustrous-coat shampooing, claw-clipping and flea and mite treatment, and employee Karri Garrison said the claw-clipping is the hardest: “They have very small feet.”

— Opportunities in Toilet Paper: (1) Rev. Rick Oliver of the First Church of God in Pendleton, Ore., decided last fall that the church’s new fund-raising campaign would involve sales of toilet paper, specifically the upscale brand Angel Soft. (2) The Portuguese paper producer Renova introduced black toilet paper in France last fall (and expects to introduce it in the U.S. soon). A Renova statement called the tissue “elegant, rebellious, alternative, and eternally fashionable.”

Animals With Issues

— In October in Louisburg, Kan., and January in Eau Claire, Wis., cats went missing after hiding behind drywall being installed in houses, eventually getting sealed in. The unnamed Kansas cat was in for three weeks before workers returned and heard a shuffling noise between walls, and “Mary Poppins” in Wisconsin moved between walls and ceiling for five days before homeowners tracked her down with thermal imaging equipment.

— China’s Xinhua news agency reported in

October that Ai Ai, the veteran chimp at the safari park in Shaanxi province, who is 27 years old and who started smoking cigarette butts at age 11 when her first mate died, has kicked her nicotine habit. Zoo officials attributed her success to distractions such as exercise, music (via a Walkman “borrowed” from a keeper), and better food, such as fried dishes and dumplings.

— Pigs Fighting for Respect: Pigs’ personalities are distributed much like humans’, according to patiently observant British researcher Niamh O’Connell (interviewed for a November story in London’s *Daily Telegraph*). Except for the largest ones, pigs are of two types: pushy ones that always fight for food and choice sleeping space, and meek ones that avoid confrontations. According to O’Connell, the aggressive ones have higher stress levels and make poorer parents, and they ultimately lose out when they challenge the alpha pigs.

Oops!

— (1) Mike Bolognue opened what he believes is the only alcohol-free “sports bar” in America, in Plain Township, Ohio, near Akron. It was unintentional. He had already invested \$560,000 in the bar before he realized that it was located in a dry district. (However, voters can un-dry the district on a ballot question in May.) (2) In December, a typist for the Japanese bank Mizuho Securities hit the wrong keys and sold about 600,000 shares of an expensive stock that Mizuho owned only 1 share of, making the firm liable for the equivalent of more than \$225 million. (The Tokyo Stock Exchange pressured some company buyers to cancel their purchases, but individuals got to sell their purchases back to Mizuho at a huge profit.)

Questionable Judgments

— (1) In a company-employee style manual issued in late 2005 by Commonwealth Bank in Queensland state in Australia, workers were advised with great specificity how to groom themselves and practice good hygiene. Among the areas covered were proper brands of underwear, shapes for women’s eyebrows, and frequency for shaving and

for moisturizing one’s hands. (In December, a Commonwealth executive issued an “if” apology, i.e., an apology “if” the bank had offended anyone.) (2) In October, Tony Price, managing director of the British firm WStore UK, reportedly threatened to give each of his 80 employees first a DNA test, and then when reaction to that went poorly, a lie-detector test, after he accidentally got someone’s discarded chewing gum on his trousers.

Chutzpah!

— (1) Lucella Bridget Gorman pleaded guilty in Brisbane, Australia, in December to two counts of theft, the first count for stealing things from a department store and the second count for stealing the mugshot camera while police were booking her for the department-store theft. (2) FEMA subcontractor Frank Tanner, 47, was charged with looting in Slidell, La., in January after he walked out the front door of Darin LeBlanc’s home with an armful of electronic equipment. LeBlanc was standing in his front yard at the time, but Tanner, in the hubbub surrounding cleanup efforts, apparently thought LeBlanc was just another contractor.

Least Competent Criminals

— Selina Valdez, 28, was arrested in January and her suspected partner, Daniel Marquez, 41, was sought by police, on counterfeiting charges in Pueblo, Colo., after police walked into their foul-smelling home. No hoarded animals were present, but according to police, about a week before the arrest, officers had called on the couple, who had then hurriedly flushed the bogus bills down the toilet. After questioning them, police left, but the toilet clogged, and since then, the couple have been relieving themselves into plastic bags that police found strewn about the home.

— Readers’ Choice: Jessica Sandy Booth, 18, was arrested in December in Memphis, Tenn., and charged with hiring a hit man to help her kill four people so she could steal a brick of what turned out to be queso fresco cheese. According to police, Booth had seen the large block of

crumbly, white, Mexican-cuisine cheese on a table at an acquaintance’s home, thought it was a big pile of cocaine, and devised an elaborate plot to return later, steal it, and kill anyone in the house old enough to testify against her.

The Classic Middle Name (all-new)

— Arrested recently and awaiting trial for murder: Jeremy Wayne Hopkins, 22 (Denton, Texas, November); Reginald Wayne Thomas, 23 (Houston, November); Matthew Wayne Almand, 18 (Melbourne, Fla., November); John Wayne Surratt Jr., 28 (Stanly County, N.C., December; escaped and recaptured, January); Curtis Wayne Campbell, 25 (Norman, Okla., January). Convicted of murder: Roy Wayne Russell, 45 (Vancouver, Wash., January). Sentenced for murder: Douglas Wayne Pepper, 44 (Greensboro, N.C., November). Executed for murder: Melvin Wayne White, 55 (Huntsville, Texas, November). Committed Suicide While Suspected of Murder: Don Wayne Moody, 26 (Laredo, Texas, December).

Update

— In 2003, “News of the Weird” reported on the grand design of Bill Martin to build a Christian-themed nudist park, Natura, in Florida’s Pasco County (already the home of five nudist camps). (He argues that nakedness is more Christianlike than the expensive, garish clothes worn by worshipers at mega-churches’ Sunday galas.) Martin plans to open later in 2006, despite legal challenges such as the one over the frank guidelines on Natura’s Web site. Perhaps the most controversial is an essay reassuring men and boys that spontaneous erections seldom occur and should not discourage them from visiting. Though Christian organizations, and even the more staid nudist organizations, have objected to Martin’s candor, he stood fast: “Erections,” he said, “have got to be addressed.”

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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

How do 13 parking controllers cover the entire city? "It isn't easy," said Sammons, sitting in his Traffic Department office near 6th and Market Street. Complaints of underenforcement are regularly received from shopkeepers downtown and residents in Southeast San Diego. "In La Jolla," Sammons continued, "we receive complaints for both underenforcement and overenforcement." La Jolla residents and businesspeople want more tickets issued, while people who drive to work there find themselves receiving tickets repeatedly. "You're always going to have complaints," Sammons intoned wearily.

—"SISTER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?" *Judith Lin, February 12, 1976*

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Hedda was wild about the new Redhead in the marsh but he didn't seem to know that she existed. There was definitely something special about his large, round, absolutely chestnut-red head. Never before had she seen a Redhead with such a proud, black breast. She could see the black area under his tail, and her breath caught. She would *make* him notice her. Smoothing the soft brown feathers that she wore around her throat, she glided gracefully,

nay, seductively, over to him. He didn't bat an eye. She circled him soundlessly, round and round. Oh heartless Redhead!

—"DUCKS & OTHERS," *Amy Chu, February 19, 1981*

### Twenty Years Ago

It wouldn't be as tall as Godzilla, but the colossal statue would loom above the power lines in Leucadia, seizing the attention of motorists on the nearby freeway. Which is the reason the Fares family says it wants to erect a 32-foot bronze figure of the Madonna on land they own next to Interstate 5, at Plato Place and Piraeus Street: They want people to drive up to the statue, look at the surrounding garden, and think spiritual thoughts.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THIRTY-TWO FEET WORTH OF FAITH," *Brae Canlen, February 20, 1986*

### Fifteen Years Ago

The very first letter I received as a columnist for the *Gay and Lesbian Nation*, from a woman named Christine, was so offensive and so appalled and frustrated me that my immediate reaction to it was Uzi Time. No more trying to make people understand anything about racism. Bring out the uzi and let the uzi do the talking. But it's madness to think like this, isn't it — to bring out the uzi, lean out of

my window, and start blasting away? Perhaps. Yet considering the problem of racism and of racists like Christine and others (so many others!), the one thing that stands out is how, over the years, so little has changed. The uzi, real and symbolic, is a way of eradicating from my mind and spirit the effects of their illness.

—"WHITE NOISE," *M. Corinne Mackey, February 21, 1991*

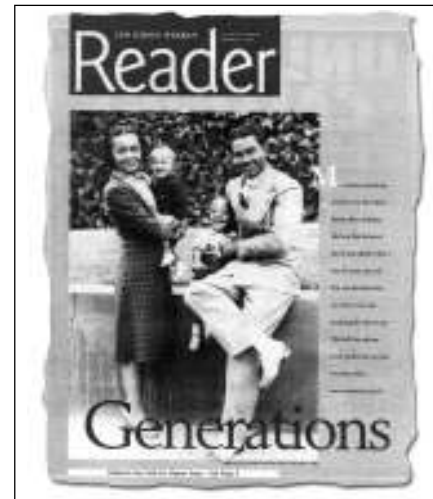
### Ten Years Ago

Rosmarie Trapp speaks by phone from Vermont, a hint of German in her voice. Her mother, Maria von Trapp, wrote *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* (1949), from which was adapted *The Sound of Music*.

"Then the Lord brought me to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where I joined our non-denominational church, the Community of the Crucified One.... I have slides; I show them photographs from our real life. I wear Austrian clothes. And we sing *The Sound of Music* songs — 'Edelweiss,' 'My Favorite Things,' 'Do-Re-Mi,' 'Climb Ev'ry Mountain.'"

Are other von Trapps members of her church?

"There's only myself and my niece Barbara, who lives in San Diego. She's married to the reverend there."



San Diego Reader, February 15, 2001

—CALENDAR: "I WEAR AUSTRIAN CLOTHES," *Mani Mir, February 15, 1996*

### Five Years Ago

My mother parked the truck on my foot three hours after my father told me that he loved me. It was March 1965, I was 20 years old, and that was the first time my father ever said anything like that to me. The half-ton pickup truck parked on my foot was also a first.

—"GENERATIONS," *Hawkins Mitchell, February 15, 2001*

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I've been dating a guy for about a year and a half whom I'd really like to marry. I have an 11-year-old son from a previous bad relationship. My son's dad never sees him and has done jail time. I don't know where he is, and I'm glad he's out of the picture. The guy I was with after that, when my son was a toddler, was a loser with a mean streak. He took pleasure in scaring my son (telling him when I went out for groceries that I was never coming back — stuff like that). This creep drank hugely and hit me sometimes, in front of my kid. All this went on for several years before I got sober, got smart and stopped dating screwed-up men. I went back to school, earned a degree and then got a good job. I've been supporting my kid and myself ever

since. Because my son had a crummy life his first four years, I've kind of spoiled him trying to make up for it. I've let him do more or less as he likes: no set bedtime, he can watch as much TV as he wants, etc. He has never abused his privileges and is a good kid, if a bit needy and hyper. It's just been the two of us all this time, and it's worked out fine. This great new man in my life also has a child, a six-year-old girl. My son adores him and likes his daughter too. This guy treats me with respect and is wonderful with my son. But whenever I bring up the idea of getting married, or living together, he says that it would be very hard for him because my son is so spoiled. He is much stricter with his daughter: she has a set bedtime, more of a schedule, and is only allowed to watch one hour of TV a night. He's a good dad, but with lots more rules. The TV in our house is on almost all the time, and my son has a TV in his bedroom, too, which he stays up watching most nights, sometimes till one or two. My boyfriend complains that when he stays over the sound from my son's TV keeps him awake. He doesn't see how we could merge our households and have one kid who has almost total freedom and the other kid who has to abide by a lot of rules. I really want us to be a real family. How can I convince my boyfriend?

MADLY IN LOVE IN NORTH PARK

## Dear Madly in Love,

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## IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME

I'm not a people person. I try not to be around them too much. I don't like to talk to them, and if I were ever to gain a large sum of money, I'd do what Johnny Depp did and buy an island somewhere far away from the city and the people who live there.

I don't know what I have against people. It's just me. The odd thing is, you'd never know this about me were we to meet. If you and I were to meet, I'd strike up a conversation with you, laugh with you, talk shop with you. I'm certain that I'd make you laugh once or twice.

I find that I'm able to deal with people for a couple of hours at a time. After we've hung out for a couple hours, though, you'd notice my demeanor change. I'd get quieter, smile less, and the lapses of silence between topics would be longer and more frequent. I'd start to get fidgety and drop hints about leaving. How, then, do I deal with the outside world? Well, it's not that bad.

At work, for instance, I work with three girls in my department from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. They're friendly and make for good company. When I walk in in the morning, we exchange pleasantries, talk about what we did the night before, and make lame jokes about inane things — the guys

across the hall or what our boss is wearing that day. We settle into our work and occasionally bump into each other at the printer or fax machine.

My job doesn't require interaction, so I'm left to my thoughts in my cubicle. The hours go by, and before I know it, it's lunchtime. That's when things get different. I'm anal about how I spend my lunch break. I sit in my car, push my seat back, and lose myself in whatever story I'm reading for an hour. I don't acknowledge the people walking by my car, and they've learned not to acknowledge me. My boss could walk by my car, and I wouldn't say a word. It's my time, and I prefer to spend it alone. No polite conversation or forced camaraderie.

I don't eat lunch, so the cafeteria's out for me. I used to interact with the other employees, but learned (the hard way) to keep to myself

and mind my own business. At my old job there was a lady who I'd bump into in the hallway, and we would talk. She worked in a different department, but we were on the same lunch schedule. At first, I'd sit with her and make small talk, which was pleasant, but then it happened. She walked in one afternoon looking upset, and



I made the mistake of asking her what was wrong. I was not ready for the answer that followed. She launched into a graphic and disturbing story that involved her husband, their gardener, the

gardener's nephew, and, believe it or not, their attorney. I throw up in my mouth when I think about it. I never ate in that cafeteria again.

All that being said, I do NOT think myself better than anyone. I don't avoid or ignore people because I think them less intelligent or fun than me. I don't know

why I'm like this. It's easier for me to go through life this way. I stay out of situations where I have to explain my choices or actions. I don't have to make small talk or engage in polite conversation when I don't want to, and life seems...smoother.

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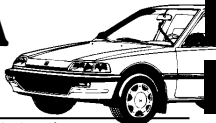
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## ARMED ROBBERY

**Location:** 2477 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. on 2/2/06

**Résumé of Incident:** The suspect entered the Beef 'n' Bun restaurant and asked the cashier for change.



When she opened the cash drawer, the suspect stepped around the counter and pulled a gun from a backpack. He pointed the gun at the cashier, demanding money. The suspect fled westbound on foot with the money.

## STABBING

**Location:** 800 East Main Street, El Cajon  
**Time/Date:** 6:00 p.m. on 1/25/06

**Résumé of Incident:** Three men became involved in a dispute while at a coffee shop. During the altercation, one of the men pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim several times in the back. The suspect left the scene in a blue SUV. The victim was transported to the hospital where his injuries appear to be non-life-threatening.

## SMUGGLING ILLEGAL ALIENS

**Location:** 9777 Via De La Amistad, Otay Mesa  
**Time/Date:** 2:15 a.m. on 1/17/06

**Investigation:** Customs and Border Patrol officers intercepted 49-year-old Jose P. when he attempted to enter the United States in a green 1995 GMC Sierra pickup truck. P., the sole visible occupant in the vehicle, declared United States citizenship to the primary officer. Upon further inspection of the vehicle, the CBP officer discovered what appeared to be a non-factory-constructed compartment beneath the undercarriage.

P. became increasingly nervous when the officer questioned him about the vehicle.

As the officer gave P. verbal commands, he did not comply and instead accelerated the vehicle aggressively forward. Other exiting vehicles blocked the west egress so

P. then drove towards the east egress when he slammed into a concrete trash receptacle on primary lane six.

P. then violently accelerated the vehicle in reverse in a circular motion. P. apparently attempted to drive the vehicle southbound through a northbound primary lane but crashed into the lane three inspection booth. P. then exited the vehicle and proceeded to run towards Mexico but was apprehended by CBP officers.

In the secondary inspection lot, CBP officers conducted an examination of the vehicle that revealed two male Chinese nationals hidden in the compartment of the truck. The two Chinese nationals [were] processed pending return to their country of origin. P. [was] charged with alien smuggling.

## DRUG POSSESSION

**Location:** 200 Millar Avenue, El Cajon  
**Time/Date:** 9:50 p.m. on 2/5/06



**Résumé of Incident:** Officers W.G. and S.W. were conducting a follow-up narcotics investigation. Webb noticed the suspect, Marco A., tampering with the dash of a pickup [truck]. When the officers contacted A., they discovered he was in possession of a small amount of meth.

El Cajon Police K-9 Officers K.D. and J.B. arrived and searched A.'s pickup with their drug-sniffing dogs. The K-9s alerted to the door panel of the truck, where the officers recovered five ounces of meth. The dogs alerted on the center console, where officers recovered several thousand dollars in

cash. A. had a large amount of cash on his person, and in total, the officers recovered over \$10,000 in cash.

## POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

**Location:** Midland Drive and Edgemoor Street, Poway  
**Time/Date:** 1:12 p.m. on 1/18/06



**Investigation:** Deputy C.I. observed a suspicious vehicle [and] could see that the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle appeared to be nervous.

Deputy I. approached the male who was now on foot in the area of his parked vehicle and initiated a consensual contact. The male verbally identified himself as 21-year-old Kyle B. B. was determined to have been driving on a suspended license. B. was taken into custody for the traffic violation and a subsequent inventory search of his vehicle revealed two ounces of a white powdery substance in the shape of a small brick. This substance tested positive for the presence of cocaine.

## INTERNATIONAL WARRANT

**Location:** 9777 Via De La Amistad, Otay Mesa  
**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. on 1/12/06

**Investigation:** 35-year-old Luis I. was intercepted by Customs and Border Patrol officers when he attempted to enter the U.S., in the company of two other male passen-

gers in a Nissan Pathfinder. All three men presented valid entry documents and two requested an I-94 permit to travel beyond twenty-five miles from the international border or to stay more than thirty days in the United States.

The primary CBP officer checked Luis's entry document, utilizing the Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS). The query revealed the man was the subject of an Interpol lookout. The vehicle and occupants were escorted to the secondary inspection area for further investigation. Law enforcement queries revealed the man, wanted by the Mexican government, was of interest to Interpol.

CBP made contact with representatives of Mexico's Procuradía General de la Republica (PGR) who confirmed the warrant. At the request of the Mexican government, all three men were turned over to the custody of Mexican immigration.

## DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

**Location:** 400 Autumn Drive, San Marcos  
**Time/Date:** 4:00 p.m. on 1/25/06



**Summary:** Subjects in a vehicle drove into an apartment complex. As they were leaving the complex, the vehicle drove by a group of juveniles who were playing football in the parking lot. A gunshot was fired from the vehicle, striking a 14-year-old male in the elbow. The vehicle then left the complex. The victim was transported to Children's Hospital by ambulance.

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## Diann's Van and Wanderlust

Detroit's in trouble, I hear.

As I'm a sucker for the underdog, I intend to write about GM, Ford, and Chrysler products in hopes that my stories might help cut the Big Three's next year's losses by \$100 or so.

And I've been thinking about vans, which I gave up on long ago, after blowing the engine in my third VW microbus like I had blown those in the first two.

I've noticed so many vans on the road, I wonder if they're recapturing the soccer mom demographic from the SUVs. So I ask Diann Egan to tell me about her Chevy Venture.

She says, "It's perfect, especially when we take all seven of us, my mom, my sisters, a niece and a nephew, my husband and I. We take it across the border a lot. My mom lives in Tijuana, and we all go down there to visit or to spend the weekend. And if we go some-

where else, like L.A., we take the van.

"It's comfortable, and it has a nice ride. My husband has a Yukon, and he's partial to the SUV, but the van is much easier for me to drive. The SUV's too big, but the van I can pull into every parking stall. And the Venture's got great visibility, with the windows all around."

"That's a plus-and-a-half," I say. Historically, my accident of choice is the fender-bender in a parking lot when I can't see but choose to back up anyway.

Diann says, "The only problem with windows — they're breakable. Like over the holidays we were on a vacation in Mexico City. Where my husband works, he meets people from Mexico, and they had told him Mexico City is dangerous, so be careful, and make sure you take mugging money, because you never know what can happen with the people down there.

"So we're down there, and the sec-

ond day we got a phone call from my sister, and she said 'Your van was broken into in front of your house.' The night we left. All that was in there were two Christmas presents, a karaoke [machine] and a toaster oven. But we thought it was ironic that nothing bad happened in Mexico, but our car got robbed here, right in front of our house.

"Now the window's fixed and the van's a perfect family car again. My husband's dad, he's 84, and he has to climb up into the Yukon. The van, he just slides right in."

"How's the power?" I ask, remembering the times every car, pickup, and semi would blaze past my minibuses. "What's the motor?"

"It's a six cylinder, an automatic. And it has plenty of power. Of course we're not towing anything."

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Hmmm, I think. Maybe I should sell my Dodge Ram pickup and get a van. And, so I won't get mistaken for a soccer mom, I'll find somebody to paint a big sun on the side, like one of my VWs had. Or I'll ask Joe Tabler ("Driven," April 15, 2004) to enlist his friends to decorate it, make it rolling art like Joe's Toyota pickup.

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**GEO STORM**, 1990 alarm, 4 cylinder, sporty, clean interior, good on gas, regis-

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**“WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU LAST NIGHT?”** Mel’s accusatory tone cracks across the space between our cell phones. “You were supposed to watch *Project Runway* with me.”

“Mel, now listen, this is important stuff,” I say, vamping for time as I concoct a story. A story that doesn’t start with me saying, “Well, I was really tired, and it was warm at Ben and Grace’s, and I was in a big comfy chair, and I was lethargic from eating Thai food and donuts.” What I say is, “There were pirates.”

*Pirates?* I question myself at the improvised premise. Where are you going with this one, Captain Stubing?

“Pirates?” Mel asks.

“Pirates,” I start out. “They fell upon Ben and Grace’s house. We were watching *Lost*, and I was in that comfy chair next to the fire, but for you, for you, Mellie, I opened the front door to go to your house, but outside were pirates.”

“Yeah,” Mel says. “It was cold outside and you wanted to doze off in the comfy chair is more like it.”

“Nay!” I surprise even myself with the olde English, but I’m in the zone, and I roll with it. “Nay! One big fellah with two eye patches and a silver sword lunged toward me and screamed ‘Aaaaarr!’”

“Two eye patches?”

“He brandishes a sword at me and you’re worried about fashion?”

“Look, if you didn’t want to come over then all you had to do was say no,” Mel says, and I can hear the pitch in her voice change because she was smiling. “Why would pirates be in Hillcrest, anyway?”

The answer, “There’s buried treasure,” falls out of my mouth before I can even think the words. “They came ashore for the treasure under Ben and Grace’s house. I had to run inside and slam the door so they wouldn’t get in. Then I had to pretend to watch *Project Runway* with Ben and Grace so the pirates wouldn’t be tipped off.”

“Oh, you a-hole!” she screamed. “You couldn’t go out in the cold and drive the six blocks to my house to watch the show with me, even though you PROMISED we would hang out.”

“You’d rather I went to your place and sacrificed Ben and Grace’s safety. They could’ve been kidnapped! They could’ve been killed! I’m a hero!”

“You’re a dork!”

“HERO!”

Click. Dial tone.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK:  
THE COMMERCIAL ISSUE! YAY!

AD: MONSTER BALLADS

WHERE SEEN: VH1 JUMPSTART

The Internet is the devil. In years past, had I seen an ad for a bad compilation album, I would have ignored it on principle that I don’t buy music from the television. When I saw this commercial last week, sentimentality delivered me to my eighth-grade summer, and I ran to my computer. A few seconds later I stood with headphones on and my arms up like I had planted a flag atop Mt. Everest, and I was sing-screaming “YOU’VE GOT TO FLY! (fly high) FLY TO THE ANGELS!”

AD: OXI-CLEAN PRODUCTS

WHERE SEEN: LATE NIGHT COMEDY CENTRAL

These are the commercials where that guy

with the beard is simultaneously smiling and yelling. So many questions come to mind. Why do you yell at me, sir? Why are you smiling? How did you get your job? How do I make you stop? Would my hands fit neatly around your neck so that my thumbs were on your Adam’s apple and my middle fingers on your spine?

AD: DODGE PICKUPS

WHERE SEEN: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Two low-rent mullet heads are tooling down the freeway when one yells, “I smell a Hemi!” and jumps to a rig that is carrying Dodge trucks. The peckerwood then unveils the pickup and yells, “I knew it! I knew I smelled a Hemi!” Oof. Dodge really nailed down its

demographic with that one: pale crackers with off-kilter endocrine systems in sleeveless T-shirts. Why not just sell their trucks stock with a flesh-colored scrotum hanging from the rear bumper and a sticker of Calvin taking a leak on the word “Girls”?

AD: FIDELITY MUTUAL INSURANCE

WHERE SEEN: THE PRICE IS RIGHT; TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES

An old woman puts change in a parking meter and says, “Wouldn’t it be nice if life were like a parking meter? I could just put a couple quarters in and live longer. Life isn’t like that.” Really? Thanks for the lesson, Fidelity, because until you had informed me of my folly, I was totally under the assumption that sowing and harvesting, the delicate interrelation of the tiniest dandelion to the tallest giraffe, and the ironic, starlit, azure night that watches us all rut and crawl in the mud and sticks WAS EXACTLY like the popup clockwork mechanics of a municipal fare collector.

ADS: FEBREZE, RENUZIT, AND GLADE PLUG-INS

WHERE SEEN: EVERY CHANNEL, ALL THE TIME, EVERY PROGRAM

Here’s a disturbing trend. The competing air fresheners are locked into an escalating arms race of which company can release the most products for masking odors in your home. First of all, that stuff is nasty. Those puffs of warmed stink that come out are a surefire way to contract a migraine, and it’s most likely an agent of cancer. Second, YOU’RE nasty. Instead of taking your trash out and washing your dishes, you plug a cartridge of Lysol into the outlet above your cat box. You deserve the searing case of trots you get from that canister of Agent Lemon you’ve got percolating next to your pile of filthy socks.

AD: MICROSKILLS, ITT, DEVRY

WHERE SEEN: MAURY POVICH, BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, ANY PROGRAM ON SPIKE

These stilted ads usually feature a petty girl who’s jealous of her high school friend who graduated from the vocational school and is “already making money in the nursing field,” or a guy who was a roofer and went on to become an IT administrator. What they don’t show is



the ivy-covered brick walls, the pampered professors, and the good-old-boy, cardigan, skull-and-bones acceptance policy. Sure these “big schools” have a low rejection rate, that is, if “daddy” is an alumnus. “Mister Olivieri, we regret to inform you...” INDEED!

AD: ROBBINS BROTHERS JEWELERS

WHERE SEEN: WILL & GRACE

If your dentist’s office is closed, you have no household pliers, nor a friend to stomp your face against the curb, there’s an alternative. Hold the affected tooth against the speaker of your television while the Falsetto brothers here whine on about “love” and “engagements” and “romance.” *Plink!* That tooth won’t bother you again.

AD: QUIZNO’S SUBS

WHERE SEEN: FEAR FACTOR, ULTIMATE FIGHTER, THE DAILY SHOW

This barber for Quizno’s shows a woman in a bikini flirting with a toddler who has the voice of a frat boy. Mmmmm hmmm. Because that’s what I want associated with my sandwiches, a sexualized infant.

AD: ANIMATED BEARS CRAPPING IN THE WOODS

WHERE SEEN: OPRAH, DR. PHIL, LIFETIME

Isn’t it adorable how that watercolor bear squats in the sparsely illustrated forest to uh...he’s what? He’s crapping? Oh, ho ho ho! That’s gross!

AD: COX

WHERE SEEN: CHASING SATELLITE COMPANY DOLLARS

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**DODGE 1500 PICKUP**, 2000, 78K miles, automatic, cruise, CD, bed liner, air, power steering. Good condition. \$6500/best. Mission Hills. Jules, 915-497-1573.

**DODGE DAKOTA**, 1991, automatic, good paint work, 130,000 miles, needs transmission work, \$1,000, please call for details 760-908-5349.

**FORD 1994 CLUB WAGON**, E150 power everything, awesome condition, custom paint, inside and out. Tow package with electric brakes, priced to sell, \$5000, 619-236-9255.

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**FORD EXPLORER XLT**, 2003, V8, auto, lojack, alarm, A/C, power windows/seats, CD, moon-roof. White, Pewter interior, tags until October. Only 20,000 miles! \$19,500, 619-482-2346.

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**FORD RANGER**, 1989, V-6 with shell, good condition, runs well. Very well taken care of. Moving, must sell! First to call, first to get! \$500, 858-583-6016.

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**JEEP CHEROKEE**, Laredo, 2001. 43,000 miles, 6 cylinder, 4.0, Sunroof, loaded, 7 year 100,000 mile transferrable extended warranty, \$13,900, private, very clean, 619-445-9945.

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## Under the bed are a few novels....

By John Brizzolara

Some weeks back I wrote about yet another one of my many minor complaints. More annoyances than problems really, meaningless groushings about something or other. Like the one about sentence fragments. Only this time, the topic at hand was that phenomenon that occurs infrequently, the one where I can't seem to finish a book for, weeks, or was it months that time?

It wasn't the whole column, as I recall. It was probably set unobtrusively into some now/today/happening guy-on-the-town bit of raconteurism for which tens, maybe dozens turn to this page — the ones who aren't looking for used camper shells — and come away more gratified human beings, or at least with a line on those rims they've had their heart set on.

Since that column, where I covered everything from events at the World Beat Center (Salsa/Reggae Planned Parenthood and Kalachnikov Cleaning Third Fridays) to Hip-Hop, Bee-keeping, Clog Dancers (leap year Fridays, Ray Kroc Center) I have finally finished a few novels and that is, in my view, worth commenting on. I'll tell you why. I always look for those questions in interviews or ads like the old Dewars Profiles (are they still around?) where they ask, LAST BOOK READ or WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHT TABLE? I'm always interested in what others are reading (to the point of constantly asking on buses), and I figure you must be too. More to the point, I figure you must be interested in what I'm reading. First of all, you must ask yourself: where does he get the time? Always hustling from one city hotspot to the next, hobbing and nobbing with our town's notables and sharing their

Fridays, or seeking out the poorer back street corners among the quiet bingo enthusiasts and elderly warm and wise storytellers with their knitting needles, canny observations, and twinkly eyes: "Why I remember one Friday in particular...." The time to read? Simple. I'm not a sports fan.

Like James Joyce, our music editor, John Steinbeck, and other notables, I like lists. I will share with you an updated list of what is stacked just to the right and to the left of my bed. On the right is fiction:

*The Conspiracy* by John Hersey  
*Making History* by Carolyn See  
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*The Holy Bible* (Saint James)

And finally in the NF stack, *Music For Chameleons* by Truman Capote and *The Fifty-Minute Hour* by Robert Lindner.

I'm going to finish the Graham Greene, a short novel, and eventually probably the Bowker, a biography of Malcolm Lowry, who may have drunk more than I did in my day. I'm rereading the Capote.

Under the bed are a few novels I've finished over the past six weeks or so. They are (and it's dark under there) *Old School* by Tobias Wolff, *The Store* by Bentley Little (a neat little job about a kind of evil Wal-Mart), *Adios Scheherazade* by Donald Westlake (a porno author with writer's block), *My Wicked, Wicked Ways* by Errol Flynn, and *Brazzaville Beach* (anthropological sci-fi, you could call it, but the author, as he is smart, does not) by William Boyd. There is something else down there but I can't make it out and nothing comes to mind. Not a great deal of book-length reading for two months. I wonder if these spells will increase with age in duration and difficulty. That seems merciless.

In my living room and on my coffee table (though none of them are what you'd call "coffee table books") are a stack of old Ace Double paperbacks, all science fiction and all with the best titles, mostly, I would seriously wager, having been selected by Donald A. Wollheim, the paperback editor at Ace for years. He was my editor once and is deceased. *Galactic Pot Healer* (Philip K. Dick) and *Jesus*



on Mars (Philip Jose Farmer and not an Ace book, but sounds like a Wollheim) are two of them.

This should give you plenty of information about me, should you want it. The visual to accompany this data would be an old white guy, increasingly unwilling to leave his apartment, surrounding himself with fantasy of one type or another, leafing through books, tossing them in corners, later to be retrieved, and all the while shuffling through the rooms with a ratty terrycloth robe, not unlike "the Dude" in *The Big Lebowski*.

You would not get the same type of insight were I to list my CD collection, for example. They are gifts or blues records I got from the library, and there aren't many of them. The blues might tell you I'm depressed. You'd be right, but not because I listen to that sort of music. The gift CDs, I think, represent the sort of person my friends would like me to be: i.e., reggae albums, Jimmy Buffett, Richard Thompson, Norma Waterson (?). I'd like to get some country records, nothing really new, but I don't feel like going out right now.

Art Salm, the books editor at the *U-T*, once wrote in his column something to the effect that while watching people being interviewed in their homes with a bookshelf as a backdrop, he would strain to read the titles behind the interview subject and probably lose much of the gist of what they are saying. I do that too. I may have written and told him that. Or I might have written, found myself without a stamp, and became defeated at the prospect of going to the corner for one.

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