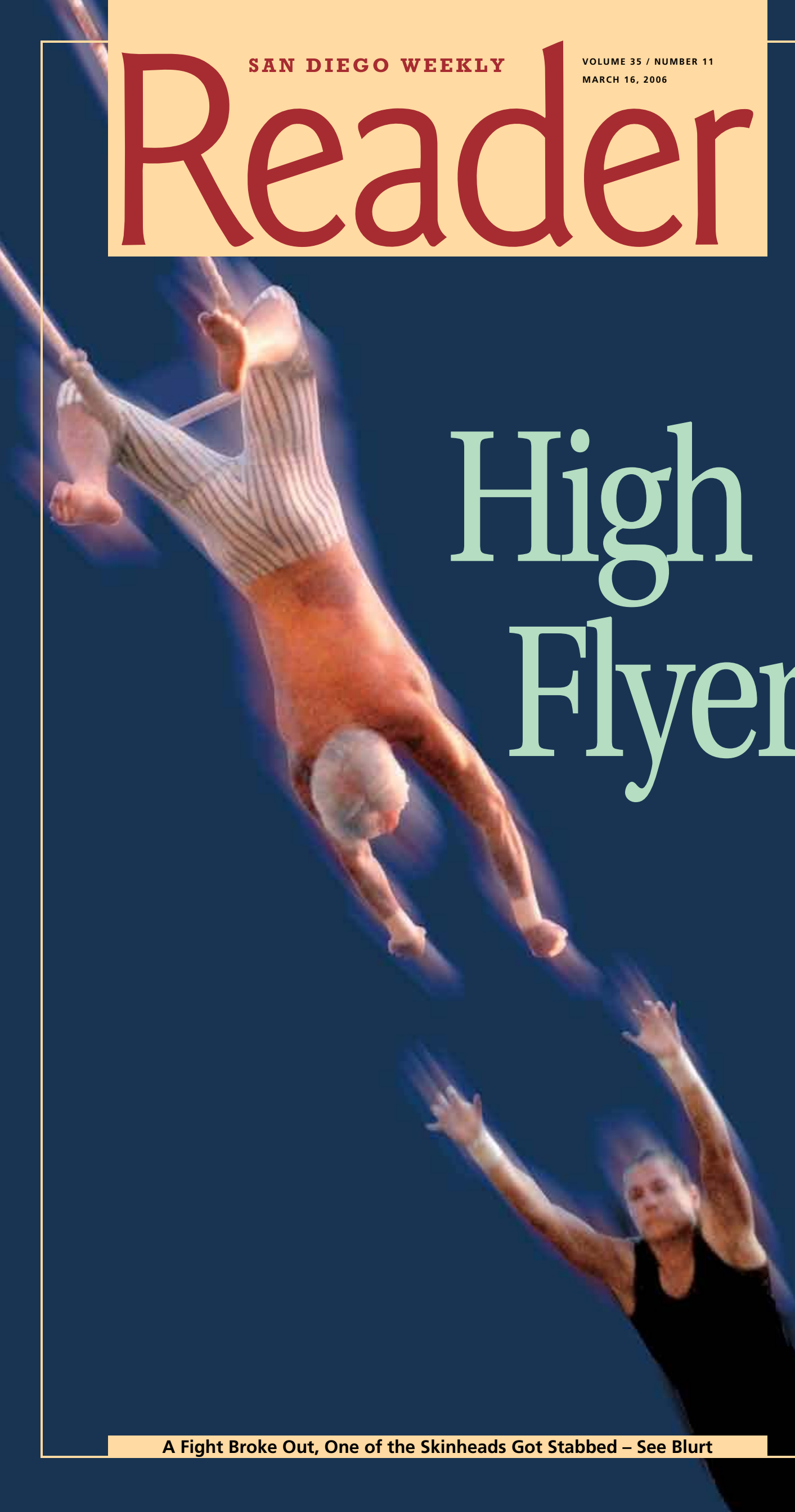
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High Flyers

I've got this friend back in New York City, Suzi Winson, who flies regularly on the trapeze, and she's counseled me for years that I should take it up. "There's nothing like the trapeze," Winson has told me. "You'll feel so free." Winson's also a writer, and she publishes a poetry journal called *Fish Drum.*

But despite our friendship and common literary affinities, I'd never even half-considered following Suzi Winson into the air.

Until now.

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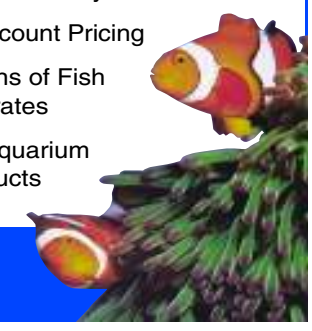
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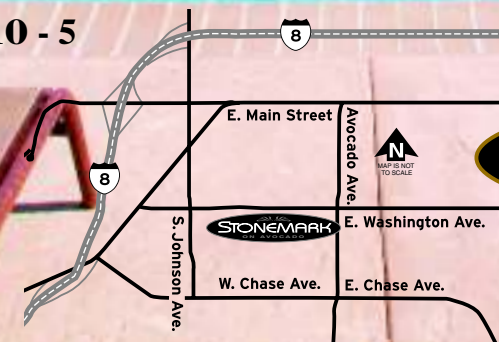
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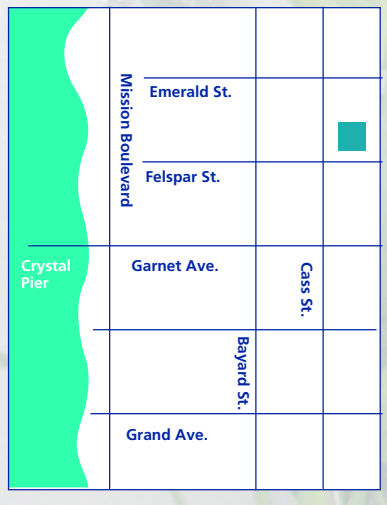








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Crooks like them What did the feds know and when did they know it? That Nixon-era catchphrase might also apply to the ongoing intrigue enveloping the end stage of the **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** bribery scandal. As most locals know by now, the public side of Cunningham's criminal saga was kicked off last June 12 by a Copley News Service story in the *Union-Tribune* that traced how a Washington-based defense contractor had laundered money to the congressman by purchasing his Del Mar house at an inflated price. Four days later, the Justice Department said it was opening an investigation. Within weeks it became obvious that Cunningham had been on the take for years, and the feds wrapped up the case with lightning speed. Now comes a report in *Roll Call,* the Capitol Hill daily, raising questions about how long before the *U-T* story appeared the government knew of Cunningham's illegal wheeling and dealing.



Randy Cunningham

According to *Roll Call,* in mid-2000 the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, a Pentagon agency, began a criminal investigation into Cunningham's dealings with **Brent Wilkes**, the Poway defense contractor identified as a coconspirator in the case that sent Cunningham to prison for eight years and four months. The results, including the fact that Cunningham had taken his first bribe in May 2000, were referred for prosecution to **Gregory Vega**, then U.S. attorney in San Diego, but he took no action. "For what reason he declined to prosecute, I don't know," *Roll Call* quoted **Gary Comerford**, a spokesman for the Defense Department Inspector General's office as saying. Vega, who was U.S. attorney here from May 1999 to June 2001 and now works for the influential downtown law and lobbying firm of Seltzer Caplan, declined to comment.

Roll Call reported that **Debra Hartman**, a spokeswoman for **Carol Lam**, the current U.S. attorney who has credited the *U-T* with ferreting out the Cunningham story, disputed Comerford's version of events but wouldn't elaborate. "The Department of Defense agrees that we have handled all matters relating to this case appropriately," she was quoted as saying.

This isn't the first time it's been suggested that Vega was less than diligent in going after well-connected white-collar miscreants during his time as U.S. attorney. Vega gave Padres owner **John Moores** a pass in 2001 after an extensive federal investigation of Moores's gift of discount stock deals, airplane tickets, car usage, and other gratuities to city councilwoman **Valerie Stallings** while she was casting votes in favor of his taxpayer-subsidized ballpark. Instead of indicting Moores, Vega turned the case over to district attorney **Paul Pfingst**, who allowed Stallings to plead guilty in state court to misdemeanor charges of receiving gifts from the team owner. She was forced to resign and pay a $10,000 fine but did no jail time. Top local feds, including then–FBI bureau chief **Bill Gore**, now second-in-command to Sheriff **Bill Kolender**, took the rare step of going public to defend their kid-glove treatment of Moores. "Given Stallings' predisposition to favor the ballpark anyway, the evidence to support a bribery charge just wasn't there," he insisted.



Valerie Stallings

Meanwhile, the lingering question over why three top North County biotech honchos lined up to make campaign contributions to Cunningham almost a month after his malfeasance in office came to light seems to have an answer. The Burnham Institute's **Robert Liddington** and **John Reed**, along with Invitrogen's **Gregory Lucier**, kicked in a total of $2500 in the first week of July, cash that was later paid to Cunningham's defense lawyers. As it turns out, in May of last year Cunningham, a prostate cancer victim, had tearfully reversed his long-standing opposition to stem-cell research and subsequently became a poster boy for members of the GOP who opposed **George W. Bush**'s ban on such activity.

Private pleasures Chargers owner **Alex Spanos** and his A.G. Spanos Companies, which owns a small fleet of executive jets, turn up as number 126 on a new list of those furnishing "political use of corporate aircraft" to federal officials from 2001 through 2005. On June 7 of last year, Spanos spent $3307 for providing a flight for the Republican National Committee. According to the survey, Qualcomm, ranked 45 on the list, booked $17,488 of time aboard its own executive jet to ferry members of the Republican National Committee to various destinations. The company gave Democratic presidential candidate **John Kerry** a ride worth $630 on January 13, 2003. Booze and snuff maker UST, Inc., topped the list with $379,039 worth of free flights for politicos, including GOP congressman **Tom DeLay** and House Majority Whip **Roy Blunt**. The list was produced by PoliticalMoneyLine, a Washington, D.C., provider of campaign-finance information.



Alex Spanos

Legacy **Matthew Malone**, the genial Bostonian brought west by Alan Bersin to quarterback his controversial school-reform agenda, has returned home to face similar turmoil, reports the *Boston Globe*. Since becoming superintendent of the Swampscott public schools last year, Malone has turned into a target for parents and teachers who claim he doesn't communicate well. "You've got a high school that's in disarray, the teachers are very unhappy, and I believe it's because of a lack of leadership from the superintendent," dissident **Richard Feinberg** told the paper. "There's a feeling that he's on a rudderless boat." Among Malone's alleged mismoves: firing a popular baseball coach and bringing in a tough-love principal.



Matthew Malone

— Matt Potter

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Hedge Funds, "Shorts," Deny Collusion

By Don Bauder

In the not-so-divine comedy of investing, short sellers (often simply called "shorts") usually get the short end of the shtick. Whether they are right or wrong, they are reviled because they bet stocks will go down.

Just ask Herb Greenberg of Carmel Valley. He is a senior columnist for the online investment newsletter *MarketWatch,* owned by Dow Jones. While he doesn't short stocks himself, he uses short sellers as sources because they generally do better research than their opposites, the "longs," who bet stocks will go up. The purpose of Greenberg's column is to alert investors to stocks that are overpriced, often because the companies are monkeying with the books.



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Or ask Donn Vickrey, who is a former tenured professor of accounting at the University of San Diego and has a Ph.D. in accounting. From Carlsbad, he supervises the analyst reports for stock research firm Gradient Analytics of Scottsdale, Arizona. Like Greenberg, Gradient looks for red flags in stocks.

In two civil lawsuits, Gradient has been charged with tailoring its research on companies to please well-heeled short sellers, including hedge funds, that want to drive a stock down. In an affidavit in one of the cases, Greenberg is charged with playing footsie with Gradient — timing his columns so that so-called coconspirators can strike it rich on their short positions.

Gradient, Greenberg, and the hedge funds strongly deny the charges of collusion, and their denials ring true. It appears they are being singled out because they dare to deflate overhyped stocks. Chief executives, securities analysts, and investors think shorting is un-American, if not anti-American. But it has been the short sellers and analysts looking for hanky-panky who have helped spot the frauds at Enron, Tyco, Conseco, and other swindles. Recent testimony in the criminal Enron case indicates that top management was afraid of short sellers who might have smelled out the fraud being perpetrated.

In the marketplace, actually, the deck is stacked against short sellers. They borrow stock and sell it, hoping to replace the borrowed shares with stock they buy more cheaply. But their timing has to be perfect: they can be correct that a stock is a dog, but if the longs keep buying it, the shorts can be forced to surrender at big losses. The longs, who hope to buy low and sell high, can make 400 or 500 percent if they are lucky. But the shorts can make only 100 percent, while their losses can be unlimited.

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Dingbat Eyesores, Loving Eye

By Joe Deegan

On a recent Saturday afternoon, Phil Chart and his girlfriend Janice Morten went out to — what else? — sketch an old house.

"What I like about San Diego is the variety of its neighborhoods," says Chart. "And they make for great dates. You go out with a girl and pick any one of these neighborhoods, and you go to its 'downtown.' You go to downtown South Park, say, get a cup of coffee, and then walk around a neighborhood that's unlike every other neighborhood in town."

Chart, 30, says he's an architecture "enthusiast," not a professional. "I came from Mission Viejo, which is the opposite of this; it's all cookie-cutter. I landed in Hillcrest and University Heights and Normal Heights and Kensington and Mission Hills, and walking around these neighborhoods is a delight because they're homogenous in style but diverse in detail. They're lovely."

In 2000 Chart graduated from SDSU with a bachelor's degree in sociology. "I wish I'd studied when I was there," he tells me. He has lived in five different places since coming to San Diego, including a garage in Talmadge during his student days. Currently he lives near Old Trolley Barn Park in University Heights and works downtown as a concierge in a high-rise condominium complex.

Chart's passion for architecture has been informed by Morten's training. She is a student at downtown San Diego's NewSchool of Architecture and Design. But already by 1998, when Chart left Orange County, he had read James Howard Kunstler's *Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape.* A seminal contribution to the "new urbanism" movement, the book lambastes the way automobile culture assaults neighborhoods' capacity to provide, within walking distance, everything their residents need. One hears Kunstler's echo in Chart's description of Mission Viejo as "designed for the automobile. People don't even notice the architecture in neighborhoods like that," he says, "because they're driving through at 50 miles an hour. And modern zoning likes to keep things separate so that you have to drive to churches and schools and shopping centers. I much prefer mixed-use neighborhoods, like Normal Heights and North Park."

Where can you best capture, I ask, the feel of the old San Diego neighborhoods? In their bars, perhaps? "I'm a café person, and the cafés are a much more recent phenomenon," says Chart. "But yes, bars like the Red Fox Room on El Cajon Boulevard, Nunu's in Hillcrest, the Alibi in Uptown, and the Whistle Stop in South Park are great. They take you back sometimes to pre–World War II days when neighborhoods allowed more interaction, like the porches on the old Craftsman homes. But I like the cafés because they don't discriminate. Kids can go in there. If you want to get the feel of a neighborhood now, go into its café. A lot of socializing takes place in cafés. It does in bars too. But after a few drinks the discussions can break down. On the other hand, you go into some cafés and there's little talking because everybody stares into a laptop. It's a strange sort of social interaction."

I went with Chart several weeks ago to some of his favorite neighborhood spots. In Golden Hill we look at an old Victorian home. It has stone walls and, on one side, a three-storey turret with a pointed top. A porch on the opposite side gives the building an asymmetry that Chart likes for its "oddity."

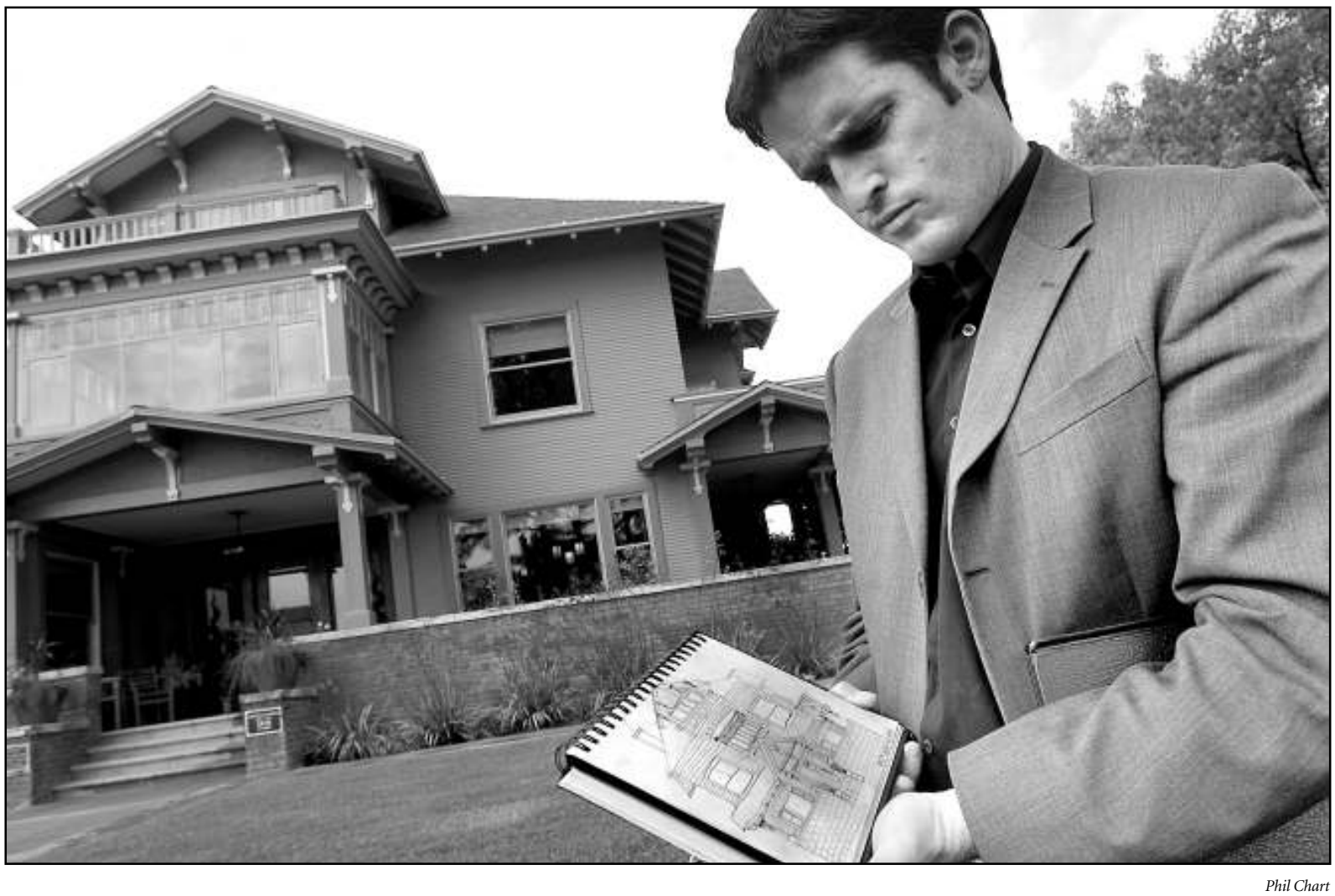
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House in Golden Hill



Phil Chart

Hedge funds

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As David Rocker, head of a New Jersey hedge fund, told Congress three years ago, there is "structural bullish bias" in the market, or built-in upward bent. Consider: for every buyer there is a seller. But buy recommendations are 10 to 20 times more numerous than sell recommendations. Such factors "coupled with a cheerleading media" created the bubble of the 1990s, Rocker told Congress.

On January 10, 2000, Rocker wrote in *Barron's* that the market at that time was even more overpriced than it had been at the 1929 peak, speculation was rampant, companies were reporting phony earnings, and the Federal Reserve should warn the markets by raising interest rates. The Fed did nothing, and the bubble shortly burst, eventually costing investors $7 trillion. Six years later, stocks are still a long way from recovery.

Only a few journalists such as Greenberg have consistently warned investors about the fraud-infested market. He began shaking up the Bay Area in 1988 as a columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle.* Ten years later he joined an online news outlet, *TheStreet.com,* and was told he could operate from anywhere. He chose San Diego. Two years ago, he joined *MarketWatch.*

In San Francisco he uncovered the fraud at Media Vision, which eventually sent two executives to the slammer. Monitoring San Diego stocks, he spotted the accounting problems at onetime high-flying health-care glove maker Safeskin, which sold out to Kimberly-Clark, and similar woes at SureBeam, a maker of irradiation systems that went into liquidation bankruptcy in early 2004.

For Gradient, Greenberg, and Rocker, the major imbroglio involves one Patrick Byrne, head of Overstock.com, a money-losing online retailer in Salt Lake City whose stock has been plunging, along with its results. Since late 2004, Greenberg has issued several commentaries on the company's problems.

Last year, Overstock filed suit against Gradient, charging that it tweaked its research to the negative to please its alleged client, Rocker's hedge fund, while Greenberg timed his negative columns to accommodate Rocker's pocketbook. This was done, according to an affidavit in the suit, while Greenberg was writing for *TheStreet.com,* of which Rocker Partners is a minority owner. Rocker is a defendant, but Greenberg is not.

In August, Byrne declared publicly that the mastermind behind the conspiracy was the "Sith Lord," in reference to a character from *Star Wars* movies. Later, he claimed, "Some of the people I'm up against are mobsters" who might plant a dead body or heroin in his car. On TV, Byrne blamed "a crooked research firm [Gradient] conspiring with a crooked reporter [Greenberg]." Other comments about those supposedly conspiring against his company have been sprinkled with expletives.

Initially, Greenberg responded gently, telling CNBC (for which he is a contributor) that Byrne should stay away from squirrel-filled oak trees. But as the invective heated up, Greenberg got more specific, calling Byrne "an emotional nutcase," a description close to that of *CNN-*

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Hedge funds

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Money.com's "a bit of a nut job."

As the civil suit moved forward, the Securities and Exchange Commission began an investigation. Recently, the agency shocked the journalism profession by subpoenaing information from Greenberg, another Dow Jones writer, and Jim Cramer of *TheStreet.com* and CNBC's frenetic *Mad Money* show. Greenberg says his subpoena sought all unpublished communications, including e-mails and phone records, between him and four organizations he had quoted and one he had never quoted.

However, there was such a brouhaha that Christopher Cox, chairman of the securities commission, rebuked his staff. It had failed to tell the commissioners about the subpoenas. The subpoenas have been put on hold while the agency establishes an internal policy on subpoenaing journalists.

Byrne claimed that the agency did not initiate the investigation of journalists at his behest. But Greenberg rejoins, "They wouldn't be investigating if he hadn't stirred the pot.

"This guy [Byrne] is trying to distract people from the reality of his business," says Greenberg. "Performance is getting worse and worse." If he gets away with what he is trying to do in the civil suit and with the Securities and Exchange Commission, "He will silence critics, independent analysts, and the press." Investors and the entire capital markets will be the losers.

Byrne released to the media affidavits by three former Gradient employees. Greenberg says they were shot full of errors. For example, he never wrote about Overstock while he was with *TheStreet.com*. He hadn't even heard of Vickrey and Gradient until he joined *MarketWatch* in April 2004.

Other companies are sniffing out conspiracies in the same places. Last month, Biovail, a Canadian drugmaker whose accounting was earlier probed by the securities commission, sued Gradient and a different hedge fund alleging the same kind of collusion.

Vickrey's lawyers won't let him talk, but Gradient has called the Overstock and Biovail claims false and malicious and says the research firm's ex-employees who gave the affidavits were fired for cause. As usual, the securities commission isn't talking about its investigation. Vickrey is "very smart, very good — like a Boy Scout," says Greenberg, who continues to use Gradient research.

One person who is tired of Patrick Byrne is his father, John "Jack" Byrne, a respected insurance executive who is chairman of Overstock. The elder Byrne, noting that his son has been on a jihad against analysts, hedge funds, and the press, told Dow Jones, "I wish Patrick would use the time he spends on the jihad to pay attention to the details of the business." The company has never made a profit since going public in 2002. The elder Byrne may resign from Overstock. ■

Loving eye

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We come to another. "This is the one I sketched," he says, pointing to a house near 24th and E Streets in Golden Hill. "At first glance you might think it's a Victorian, but look at those arches over the front door and the windows. Those are more Craftsman style. What you have here, to my untrained eye, is a hybrid; it looks like a bridge between Victorian America and Craftsman America. The architect wants to build a Victorian, but his clients — maybe the young yuppies of the early 1900s — are saying, 'Hey, there's this new Craftsman thing we're really hip about.' So they got a blend of the styles. And I tell you, drawing that was holy hell. Look at those details, that wonderful yellow wood ornamentation on the pillars. No one would do that nowadays. Those windows front and center, there are 6 of them, and above them are 12 smaller ones with great little details. It's fantastic. It took me more than half an hour to sketch this because the detail is so intense, whereas the modern stucco you could draw in five minutes. It's just a bunch of lines."

Next door is a house of who knows what style. "That's worthy of a picture, it's so ugly," says Chart, pulling out his digital camera. "And it's right beside this beautiful home. It looks like a portable classroom. Why? Cheap, I guess."

For sheer ugliness it's hard to beat "dingbats." The term has emerged in architectural circles in recent years as a label for inexpensive apartment complexes shaped like big square boxes. Many of them were built in San Diego during the 1970s, when "no one in city government was at the wheel," according to Chart. We find a dingbat at 24th and C. "This is a hideous square. Probably some old Victorians were here, a little decrepit, so they took them down. You'd think the Politburo designed these places. But some architect just wanted to pack in more people to maximize profits and didn't care about the neighborhood. Usually there is a small amount of ridiculous ornamentation on these things, stuff you'd see in bowling alleys. They'll put a metal elongated star on the side, and that'll be all on a giant square like this. It's hilarious. There are so many better ways to fit a lot of people in a neighborhood. Divide a big Victorian into four apartments, for instance."

In front, perpendicular to the street, we notice parking slots marked out on cement, a common practice at dingbats. "When you do the parking like that," says Chart, "you take out the parkway strip and the sidewalk. Parkway strips are so important, that strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street; that's where you put your street trees."

Chart figures that the current Uptown neighborhood lost a few nice Craftsman bungalows to an apartment building on Robinson Avenue between Tenth and Vermont. "It's this massive brownish stucco Spanish Revival monster taking up half the block," says Chart. The perpendicular parking places in front extend the length of the building. "They're trying to go condo in that building," he complains, "and they'll probably do it." What that will do, he argues, is extend the life of an ugly building.

The area that lost the most old homes in San Diego is between University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard in City Heights. The area was upzoned for higher density in the '60s and '70s. On 35th Street "it's now wall-to-wall dingbats," says Chart. "If you notice architecture, it's painful to drive through there. It's just this row of boxes."

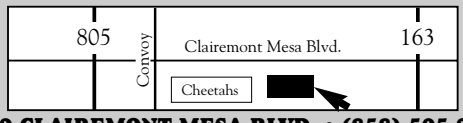
But Chart prefers to focus on the positive. We drive to South Park and circle east into Burlingame, whose pink sidewalks famously set it apart. At Kalmia Street and San Marcos Avenue we come upon the "library tower" that Chart says he learned about several years ago. "Now, it does clash with the neighborhood; it's out of place," he says. "But the owner did a great job. It looks like he started with a plain stucco box, a cheap Spanish Revival. And he kept the original form, preserving the squarishness and plainness of it, the white stucco walls. But he built this whimsical tower on top. And as I recall reading somewhere, it really is a library tower. It's for his book collection. I've walked by a number of times, and the guy obviously appreciates the fact that people like his house. I've seen him up there in the tower, and he's waved to me a couple of times. He seems like a good guy — and proud of what he's done."

Nearby we come upon a larger square stucco house with vertical blue strips on its front. "There's the white stucco," says Chart, "so it's Mediterranean, and he's added this glorious light blue. Then there's the big picture window. Got to show that off. I dare say he was doing something like Greek isle, trying to bring to San Diego a little Santorini and Chios, a couple of Greek party islands all the backpackers go to, including myself. Being there is like walking around a film set. Winding little streets and all white stucco."

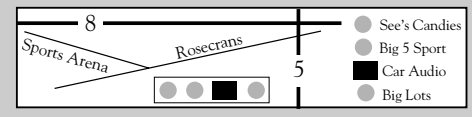
And farther on appears a large house with reddish brown shingle siding. "It has elements that make it look like a Swiss chateau," remarks Chart. "This one could be up in the Alps somewhere. You know, Günther and Heidi are in there getting ready to go skiing.

"I get such a kick out of walking here just because it's so different. The fun thing is going around and trying to read these buildings, especially as an amateur. You're trying to figure out where they're from, trying to decode them." ■

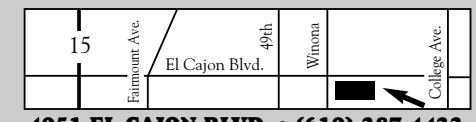
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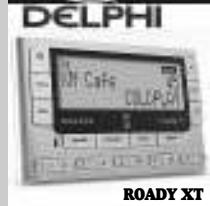


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Used Car Dealer's Jive Talk

Regarding the article "Big in Spain" (March 9), I'd like to say that it's seven years too late. The Riot Act went to Spain back in April of '99! I ought to know. I (Hector Penalosa, from the Zeros) was the bass player for the tour.

I found the article to be nothing more than self-promotion for the Shambles, and I sensed a desperate need from Bart to tell your readers how amazing he is. But the proof is always in the pudding, so to speak. The bit about being related to Napoleon or his horse or whatever was a crack-up! C'mon, so what! Am I supposed to actually believe this nonsense? Just show me the goods, baby! Talk is cheap. Actions and endeavors will always speak louder than a used car dealer's jive talk. All this adulation from the Spaniards is nothing out of the ordinary for an American musician who goes to perform in Spain.

The Zeros toured Spain back in '95 and '96, and I'll tell you, the response we got was 1000 times more intense than the Riot Act ever got! Here is just an example: the Zeros went to Spain with *all* expenses *paid* by the record company. All musical equipment supplied, four-star hotels, fine food, per diems, the works! The Riot Act had to pay their own way, slept on the floor and in the bathtub of the so-called record executive's apartment. The band had to also organize transportation. I was there, remember? We're talkin' apples and oranges here. All I got to say is, look at the Zeros' (the *first* San Diego punk band, 1976 to be exact, comprised of four bored Mexican-American kids who figured out that rock 'n' roll was the ticket out of this boring town) track record plus their solo endeavors compared to the Shambles' track record. Did the Shambles ever play at CBGB's, Max's Kansas City, the Whisky a Go-Go, open up for the Clash, X, Devo, John Cale, the Flamin' Groovies? The Zeros did! The past is dead…all that matters is *now!*

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Worst In Years

I got about halfway through that "Cleanup" story (March 9) when I realized it wasn't going any-

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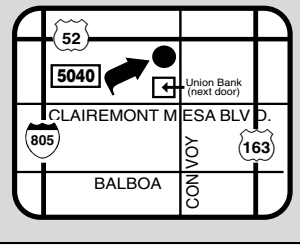


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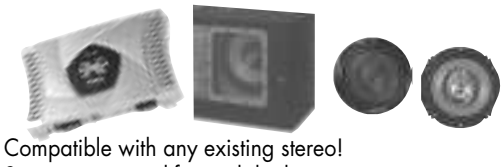
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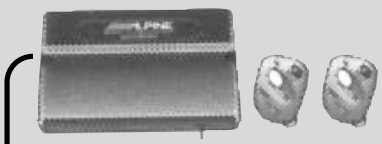
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

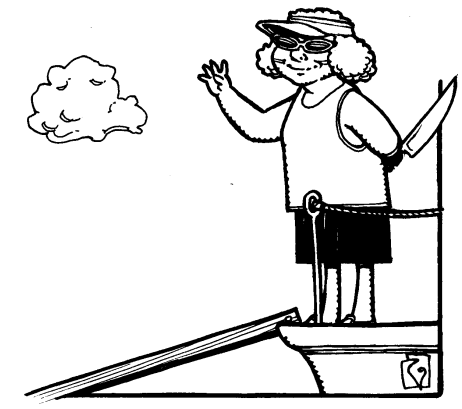


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Dear Matt:
If my wife bumps me off here in San Diego, it's homicide and the county D.A. will prosecute. But what if we're offshore in her private dinghy? Who has jurisdiction? Suppose we're way offshore, beyond territorial waters? Are there any laws out there? Should I be worried if she wants me to go sailing after an argument about leaving the toilet seat up?

— Jon, Del Mar

Mother Nature probably has jurisdiction over a dinghy on the high seas. She'll take care of things long before the cops can pull your wife over to the curb and take her in at gunpoint. Make no mistake; laws clutter up the place like crazy. You can even trip over them 5-, 600 miles off the coast. But according to Cousin Ethan Alice, the star lineman for the MA squad of lawyers, a freelance dinghy won't automatically fall under anyone's jurisdiction. National and international maritime laws and agreements principally apply to commercial vessels or boats with an official link (registration or "flagging") to a nation in some way. That simplifies matters. The nation in question can claim jurisdiction over the crime scene and handle the prosecution.

Your best hope in this death-by-dinghy scenario is your survivors. Supposin' your wife makes it back to shore somehow and doesn't have a plausible explanation for what happened to you; your relatives could appeal to U.S. authorities and ask them to pursue the situation. That would take evidence, which could be a little hard to come by. If no nation claims the crime, you're…um…sunk.

Matt:
Where did the "at" symbol come from?

— Lance, Chula Vista

We have some late-breaking news on the "at" symbol, or "commercial a" symbol, whichever you choose to call it. Time was that linguists thought it was a contraction of the Latin word *ad* (*to, toward,* or *at*), curling the stem of the *d* back over the *a.* But some busy Italian scholar recently unearthed an early use of the symbol, from 500 years ago in commercial records, where the "at sign" stood for "amphora," a unit of volume for grain, wine, oil, and the like. (An amphora is a type of clay jar used since ancient times to ship edibles.) The embellished *a* for *amphora* eventually came to stand for "at the price of" in Western Europe and the U.S. It muscled its way into more modern Western life via the typewriter keyboard. The rest of the world had to wait for the advent of the Internet and e-mail to learn about it. Depending on where you live around the world, you might refer to the little spot as a snail, bun, pig's/monkey's/dog's tail, leech, worm, or rolled herring.

Heymatt:
Every night on the weather report they're talking about the jet stream. The thing moves around and apparently affects our weather. What the heck is the jet stream? Does it have something to do with jet planes?

— Puzzled, San Diego

It only has one thing to do with jet planes. Remember the last time you flew in a plane and hit major turbulence that sent your dentures into the overhead bin? It's possible you could have been flying through the jet stream, if it were on a low-altitude track. Usually, the jet stream is at 30,000 or feet higher in the atmosphere, but the day I called our local National Weather Service, the polar jet was at 18,000 feet. Of course, at the time, the elves were hiding under the bed because there were thunderstorms and hail outside, so it was no typical San Diego day. Officially, the jet stream moves west to east at at least 57 mph but can travel at more than 100 mph.

There are actually four jet streams that circle the earth, two in each hemisphere. The one that affects San Diego is the Northern Hemisphere polar jet stream (each hemisphere also has a subtropical jet). But no matter where it is, a jet stream is like a fast-moving river of turbulent air between two large temperature masses. Think of a river that runs in a valley between mountain peaks. Except these mountains move and change shape. As the warm and cold temperature cells expand and contract or move north and south, the jet stream moves with them. In the winter, the polar jet usually affects us more because of the large cold-air masses that can dip down very far south, even into the Gulf of Mexico. In the summer, the jet usually retreats to polar zones. For lots of complicated reasons, the jet can propagate and carry localized storms along its length or in very fast-moving "jet streaks" within the stream.

All this is a somewhat simplified explanation. Get a meteorology degree if you need to know more. I've got to get the dust bunnies off the elves.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Free Barry Bonds

On the phone with Randy Grossman, San Diego criminal defense attorney, Major League Baseball agent, former KNSD 7/39 TV sports reporter, and member of the adjunct faculty (teaching sports law) at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. We've been talking about the Barry Bonds *Sports Illustrated* cover story. I wanted to know if Bonds was in legal jeopardy.

Grossman says, "Potentially, he could be charged with perjury, based on comments he made under oath to the grand jury. He could also be charged with possession of, or use of, steroids, if those steroids are classified as being illegal. There is such public scrutiny now, and an outcry, but remember, steroids were just banned in Major League Baseball in the last couple of years."

"But, they were illegal to possess."

"Correct," Grossman says, "some of them. I'm not convinced Mark McGwire was using steroids that were illegal to possess."

"But, Bonds was."

"That's what they say," Grossman says. "We don't know what he was using. You have two reporters, as I understand it, who covered the whole BALCO investigation, and their claims. But, putting on my defense attorney hat, those claims are allegations. My understanding is that *[San Francisco Chronicle* reporters] have documents and this and that. Certainly, a reasonable inference could be drawn that Barry engaged in these activities, but it's still the United States of America, and everybody is innocent until proven guilty. A lot of the things you read in a book or in a newspaper are things that may not make it into evidence before a jury.

I ask, "Did you read the story's companion piece, 'The Documentation'?"

"I did not. Was it compelling?"

"For any reasonable person, there is no question that Bonds has been using illegal steroids for years." Silence. "Of course, no question in the civilian world is different than no question in the legal world."

"Exactly," Grossman says. "Those documents have to make it into evidence. Who obtained those documents? Apparently, grand jury testimony was leaked to the papers."

"Direct feeder line from courtroom to pressroom." Haven't seen anything like it since O.J.

"I try cases like that," Grossman says. "Everybody goes back to the O.J. Simpson case. Everybody felt the guy was guilty, but the jury didn't hear everything that had been in the media. We have rules of evidence and certain things are admissible and certain things are not."

Barry should be dancing in the streets. "If Bonds came into your office and said, 'I've got a problem, what should I do?' What would you advise?"

"I think he's being advised properly. He shouldn't be discussing an investigation. He certainly doesn't want to dig the hole any deeper. Eighty percent of the people I represent, who get convicted of something, it's usually because of their own statements. But, he needs to do some type of damage control, whether it's from his agent or his attorney.

"There's an outcry now for Commissioner Selig to appoint an independent investigator like John Dowd." Former federal prosecutor John Dowd was appointed by then-commissioner of baseball A. Bartlett Giamatti to investigate Pete Rose's alleged gambling jones. "You need some type of investigator to find out what's really there."

I say, "Selig said he isn't going to do anything until he reads the book, which won't be published until the end of the month. Doesn't seem Bud is in much of a hurry."

Grossman says, "I feel badly for the commissioner. He's campaigned for years to get this World Baseball Classic together. That's all being upstaged by Barry Bonds. I think the commissioner was hoping this would take a backseat until after the World Baseball Classic because the more you talk about it, the more it stays in the public eye.

"According to these *[Chronicle]* authors, Bonds started [using] in 1998. Look how many MVP awards — he has seven of them — how many did he win before that? The 73 home runs, you still have to have the eye, the coordination, and everything else. I'd be the first one to tell you, representing Hall of Fame baseball players as I have, and they will tell you too, 'Drugs are wrong; steroids, whatever, it's not part of the game. These guys should be banned. It's bad for you, it's cheating, it's unfair.' But, Bonds is still a heck of a baseball player even before he did any of that stuff."

Whoa. "There were millions of dollars at stake. 'If I can take the home-run record, my earnings will increase by tens of millions over the length of my career.' That is theft."

"I think you're right, there, but I don't know with Barry…not that I know him that well. He made an incredible amount of money before breaking the home-run record. He had an incredible amount of fame before breaking the home-run record."

"But, he wanted more and he was willing to cheat to get it."

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The Christ depicted on the wall behind the raised, carved-wood pulpit at Grace Lutheran is Christus Rex: crucified, but clad in priestly robes; glorified, but still hung upon the cross that won his glory. But the Christ on the cross above the altar is very much the Sacrificial Victim — stripped and wretched as He suffers for the sins of the world.

This was the Christ referred to in "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary," which we sang over the blare of the organ as we turned and watched Pastor Wallace Turner process into the church with his cross- and candle-bearers: "Do we pass that cross unheeding/ Breathing no repentant vow/ Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding/ See Thy thorn-encircled brow?"

This was the Christ that Turner faced, his back to the people, as he stood before the altar and led the confession: "Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.... We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment."

The dependence on Christ's mercy was stressed again in the collect before the readings: "You see that of ourselves we are completely powerless. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul."

But what followed suggested that even if "we are completely powerless," we are still obliged to respond to Christ. First, in the readings from the Old Testament and the Epistles of Paul — God's promise to Abraham that "I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous," and Paul's emphasis that Abraham's response, his faith in God's promise, "was reckoned to him as righteousness." And Christ Himself demanded a response in the Gospel: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Turner called "the children" to the front of the church; besides the servers, about six little ones approached and sat on the steps of the sanctuary. Turner blew a whistle and reminded the children that when a referee blows his whistle after a time-out, "it means, 'Get back in the game! The rest period is over!' Jesus blows the whistle and says, 'Get into the game of life! You've got to forget about your own selves and do something.' I think we as Christians can huddle together and discuss all kinds of things, but we don't get out into life. Serve somebody, help somebody, do something to help your parents."

The Word was preeminent at the service; Grace Lutheran distributes Communion only on the first and third Sundays of the month. For the Gospel, Pastor Turner processed to the center of the church; everyone faced him as he read, flanked by the candle-bearers and facing the cross-bearer. And as he ascended the steps into the pulpit to preach on the Word, the lights gradually dimmed. The rough white plaster walls lost their brightness; the dark wood beams of the ceiling, high overhead, faded into shadow. The stained-glass windows still showed their colorful saints, but they were outshone by the spotlight illuminating Turner. The only other lights were those above the altar — together with the glow from the candles in the high brass candlesticks, they glinted off the gold of the crucifix.



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"It's so easy, sometimes, to retreat and hide behind our own personal responsibilities," said Turner. "To say we've just got so much to do and ignore the needs of the community, the church, and our world.... We say, 'I'm sorry, I just don't have any more time.' The flip side of that is this text" — the command to take up the cross. "What does it mean to take up the cross? We often see the cross as a trinket.... It's hard for us to really get the concept that it is a 1st-century means of execution. It's a death symbol. Maybe nothing is as corrupted in our vernacular as much as 'to carry the cross' or 'to bear the cross.' 'I just bought a Mercedes, and you know those big payments I have to make? Well, it's just my cross to bear.' Come on. To bear a cross means that you're willing to serve God and others because of your Christian faith, and to put aside selfish concerns in order to get into the mainstream of life.... It may cost us money, it may cost us time, it may cost us our lives. Daniel Berrigan — he was a controversial priest — he said that if you want to follow Jesus, you better look good on wood."

What happens when we die?

"Well," says Turner, "our soul goes into soul-sleep, whether it's in paradise — which I think it is — or whether it's, as some say, just in kind of a blissful sleep. I think of Jesus when he said, 'Today, you will be with me in paradise.' I think that the 'real life' part of a person goes to and is with God. Where that is, I don't know."

— Matthew Lickona

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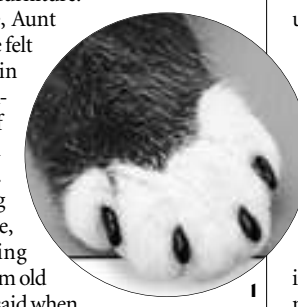
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"It's like Lee Press-On Nails for cats."

–EVE KELLY

My husband Patrick's Aunt Azelda isn't given to indulgences like leather furniture sets, but she just bought one. "I've had pudding that was stiffer than this leather," she cooed, quoting Niles from *Frasier*. The store was going out of business, and the combination of luxury and savings has had Azelda prancing like a peacock — when she isn't sitting on her new furniture.

Enter Tootsie, Aunt Azelda's cat. Tootsie felt obliged to weigh in with an editorial comment, in the form of a long scratch down the side of the couch. Artful rearranging covered the damage, but Azelda's talking about declawing. "I'm old school," was all she said when my sister complained that declawing was inhumane. I thought I'd try to help quell the quarrel by checking out the options.



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Allison at Center Vet Clinic in Mira Mesa (858-271-1152) gave me some suggestions for things to try before going to the nuclear option. "An alternative to declawing is called Soft Paws [**$25.85** for a box of 40]. It's like Lee Press-On Nails for cats; it's a vinyl nail cap. How long it lasts depends on how active the cat is, but it usually lasts about two months, and there are a bunch of extra caps in the box in case any fall off."

Allison also recommended scratching posts. "They should be tall enough that the cat can stretch completely when using them, and we suggest that you have at least two different types. Get something that has an appealing texture, like wood or a nubby fabric. A piece of cut firewood works well. Put the post in the cat's favorite sleeping area, or near a window. Put a little catnip on the post, or hang their favorite toy on it. Take the cat's paw and scratch the post with it to help give them the right idea. A food reward when they use the post correctly will also help encourage them to use it."

As for discouraging kitty from attacking the new couch, Allison suggested that Azelda "put the scratching post in that area, or cover the area with bubble wrap, aluminum foil, or two-sided tape."

If all else fails and declawing seems the only option, Center Vet Clinic will perform the procedure. Price varies depending on the age of the cat (it's easier when they're younger) and what post-op procedures are required — declawing averages around **$400**.



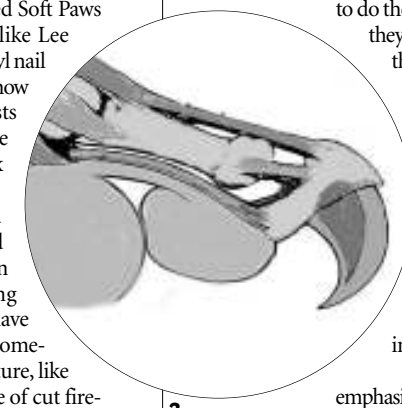
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I next spoke with Dr. John C. Boyd, founder and director of Pacific Petcare Veterinary Hospital of Carmel Valley (858-481-1101; *www.pacificpetcare.com*) to learn a little more about declawing. "Cats scratch for scent marking and to help them shed their claws," began Boyd. "It's a natural behavior. Most veterinarians don't do declaws any more. We do a lot of behavior work, trying to get people to understand their cats better. But if someone requires that this procedure be done — if there's a possibility that the cat will otherwise be euthanized or turned out on the streets or put in a shelter — that's when veterinarians do declaws."

Boyd delved into the basic anatomy. "The claw is like the fingernail of a human, in that its base is attached to the last bone after the last knuckle. Declawing could best be described as a disarticulation — removing the last piece of bone, the one that has the nail growing out of it. It's not an amputation — you're not cutting through bone."

There are several techniques that may be used. "It can be done with a surgical scalpel, a radio surgical unit (which uses radio waves to cut between cells), or by laser surgery. Historically, laser surgery was cost-prohibitive. Also, since it was a newer technique, it was not in a lot of veterinary hospitals. There have been discussions as to whether or not laser declaws are less traumatic than other techniques. A scalpel cuts through cells, but the laser, like the radio, separates cells — and it can cauterize as you go. Those properties don't inflame the nerve as much, so there is less pain and inflammation following the surgery." However, advocates of radio surgery say that it is "even less invasive and creates even less inflammation than a laser."

But even more important than a particular technique, said Boyd, is for the vet to do the surgery "in a way that they are comfortable doing, that works well for them. If you start changing your technique, then you'll have potential problems. Time is trauma, and a surgeon wants to be as clean and efficient as possible." (Pacific Petcare uses either radio or scalpel blade in declawing.)



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Boyd placed special emphasis on pain management. "The preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative pain management and anti-inflammatory management is important in declawing. We use a ring block — which is a local anesthetic block around the wrist — a general anesthetic, and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine. We also send home narcotic medication. By using all these different methods, you get excellent pain control. It's multimodal, just as in human surgery."

As noted, the procedure is easier on young cats. "It's less traumatic. There's less tissue. I can manipulate the joint better — there's a more rigid digit on an older cat. A younger cat is much faster healing; there's less discomfort and less potential for complications. A young cat could show signs of tenderness for up to a week, but older cats could have tenderness for a month or two — things like raising a paw when sitting."

Longer-lasting side effects are also a possibility. "Some cats have litter box problems after being declawed — inappropriate urinary behaviors outside the litter box. That could be a sensation issue — the cat may not like the feel of the litter."

Prices for declawing vary, depending on the cat. "It could go as high as **$600**, because different cats need different preoperative tests. We do pre-anesthetic blood work, ECGs, and blood pressure. An older cat may need X-rays and/or echoes of the heart — whatever it takes to make sure that we have a good surgical candidate."

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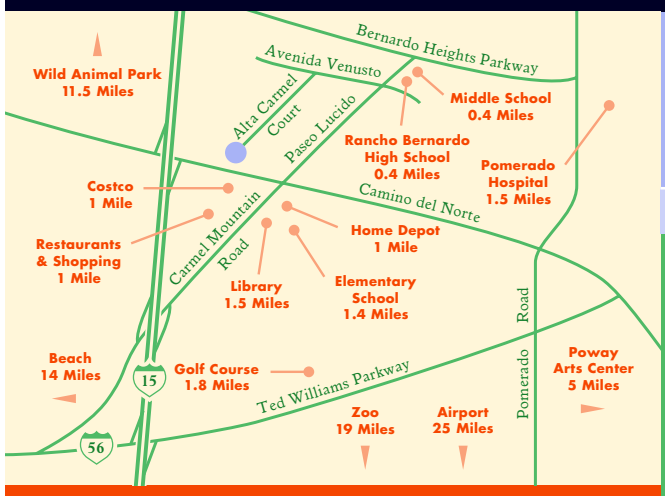
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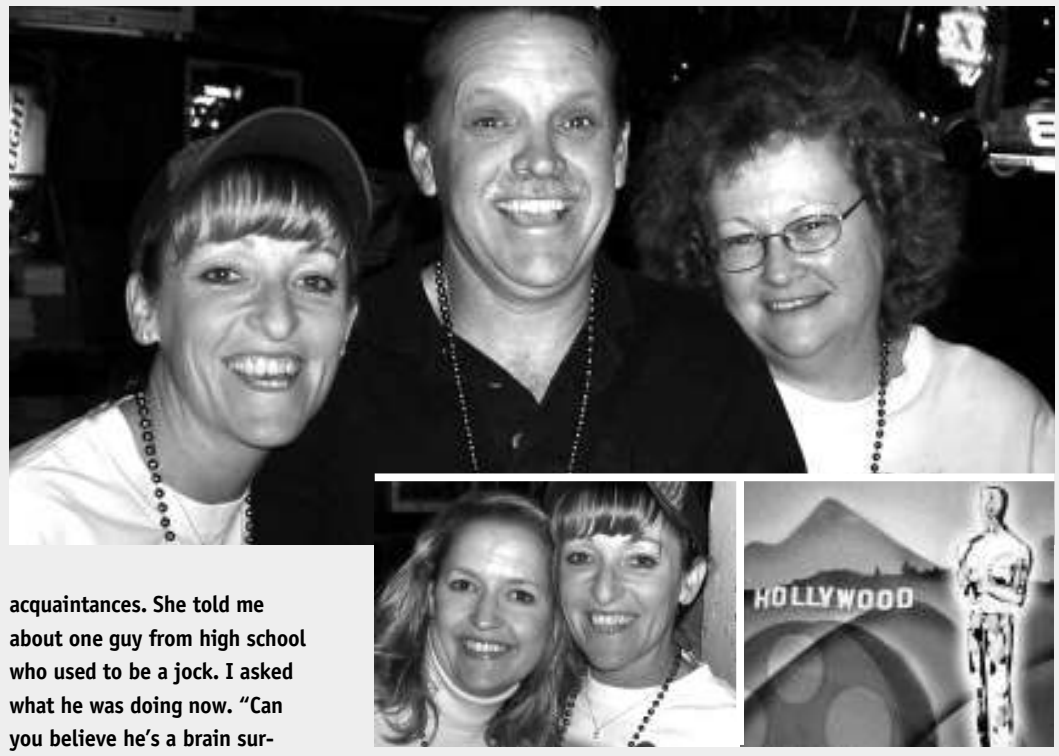
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THE SHOES AND GLOVES COME OFF

by Josh Board



My friend Sally threw a birthday party for her sister Julie at the Old Town Saloon. When I arrived, Julie was showing off a ring that she received as a gift. I didn't know Julie well, so I didn't bring her anything. I remembered a novelty ring that I had in my car, so I went out and got it to give to Julie as a joke. While walking back to the bar, I saw a candle store and decided to pick up a real gift. I picked out a birthday card and a candle. The saleslady said, "Okay, that's $33." Expensive wax. As she rang me up, I heard Andy Rooney's voice in my head: "When did candles get so expensive? And what's wrong with just using the light switch when it gets too dark? If you need scent, spray the room."

I gave Julie the gifts and grazed on the food Sally brought. She works next to El Torito, so she scored Mexican munchies.

Julie took her shoes off. "When I drink, the shoes come off. The second I'm in the house, they're off. When I'm working, I like to take the dress shoes off, too." She danced in front of the jukebox to the disco songs she selected.

Julie had been in the same graduating class as my brother during high school, and we talked about our mutual acquaintances. She told me about one guy from high school who used to be a jock. I asked what he was doing now. "Can you believe he's a brain surgeon?" Must be nice to return for your high-school reunion and be able to say that you do that for a living.

Dos Equis beer reps came in to the saloon and gave out key chains, flashing badges, and buttons. The reps were women, and I noticed the guys at the bar were all over them. I asked the Dos Equis women how they deal with that. "It's not that bad. We're used to talking to all kinds of people. And we usually try to do this early in the evening, before guys are too drunk."

> "He either lived with a bunch of other has-been actors or he had to lose a lot of weight. I forget which."

I met a guy named Greg at the pool table, and we talked between his shots. He told me he'd been married 19 years and hasn't had a fight with his wife. I told him it's impressive that he's been married that long but that the fighting part seemed unreal. I suggested that they must argue about what movies to see, where to eat dinner, housework, finances.... He said none of that stuff bothers them. He told me that when he jokes about women, his wife doesn't mind.

Greg ran into a guy at the party who he went to Kearny High with. They spent the next hour saying, "Do you know so-and-so?" They both knew a guy who used to ditch classes to ride his three-wheeler in the desert. They told me he was decapitated in an accident. The guy said, "I was still dumb enough to buy my daughter a quad for Christmas."

One of Sally's coworkers came to the party. She showed off her Erik Estrada autograph. She said he was staying at the hotel that she and Sally work at, but that he was staying there under an alias. Odd that he pulled up to their hotel in a gold Rolls-Royce when he didn't want to be noticed. Sally's friend said Estrada was nice, and someone said, "Who cares about that guy? He hasn't done anything since *CHiPS*." Someone replied, "No, you're wrong. He did one of those reality shows. I can't remember which. He either lived with a bunch of other has-been actors or he had to lose a lot of weight. I forget which."

When the disco songs continued pumping from the jukebox, people gave Julie a hard time. She laughed and continued dancing. Sally told me that when she and Julie went to see the local band Disco Pimps, they had a big argument over whether the singer's chest hair was real.

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I might be the only straight guy who looks forward to the Oscars, though I hadn't seen most of the movies nominated this year.

I was an hour late to Leslie's house for her Oscar party, but she was kind enough to record the beginning of the show for me.

The only seat left was in front of the chips and salsa. Per-

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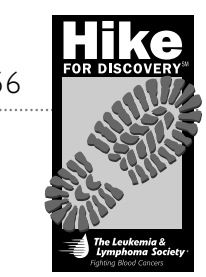
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fect. Leslie poured me a drink, and someone else filled me in on who had won so far. I was pleased that George Clooney won for Best Supporting Actor, because I didn't agree with a few of the other nominations. As I said to a guy at the party, "William Hurt was good in *A History of Violence,* but it was only a 10-minute role. Matt Dillon was great in *Crash*, but the script sucked." When *Crash* won for Best Screenplay, the guy leaned over and whispered, "I thought you said the script was bad."

During the commercials, someone muted the TV, and we discussed who had won or whether Jon Stewart's jokes were funny. I felt bad for the lady with the remote. When the show started, people would scream, "Turn it up!" I wondered why the Oscars doesn't have the same quality of commercials that air during the Super Bowl. The awards show must have as many viewers.

I had several arguments at this party. I thought Philip Seymour Hoffman was good as Truman Capote but that he played a caricature, and the movie was slow. I thought *Walk the Line* was too much like last year's *Ray*. (I laughed when Stewart called it a "remake of *Ray* with white people.") I thought Felicity Huffman should've won for *Transamerica*, in what I consider one of the finest performances I'd ever seen.

The biggest argument I was involved in was about the film *Crash*. The women said that they loved that movie. I thought the acting was good but that most of the stories in the film didn't work. I explained that I didn't believe a racist cop wouldn't pull over a black woman and molest her in front of her husband while cars drove by. They disagreed. When I said that Sandra Bullock was reasonable for having doubts about the locksmith with tattoos on his neck in her house, one woman said, "Are you afraid of guys with tattoos? Do you stereotype them?" I said, "No offense to anyone here, but, yes. If you have tattoos on your neck...I wouldn't feel comfortable with someone doing work on my home that looked that way." They said that I was "judging a book by its cover." One woman asked, "Are you afraid of blondes that have tattoos on their back or shoulder?" I said, "This guy who got the tattoos on his neck had to realize that people might think different of him. Now I'm supposed to feel sorry for his character, because someone does [think different of him]?" Just as the woman was about to respond, a guy who I assumed was her husband said, "Enough! We're done with this topic. We're done talking about it. We don't want to hear anymore." I said, "You might want to get some earplugs then, because I think we're still discussing it." He got angry and said, "No, we're not. You'd better drop it."

I laughed and let it go. If this guy's wife didn't mind him stopping her from having a spirited debate, who am I to force the issue? ■

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It's not like I'm new to this, I told myself. *But it* has *been over ten years*, I answered.

"What?" David looked at me, first perplexed and then in alarm as I came flying toward him. I'd been talking to myself out loud. I managed to come to an awkward stop by dragging my feet on the cement. "All right, look," said David, in his patient, speaking-to-a-mentally-challenged-and-emotionally-disturbed-child voice. "This right handle brake controls the back wheel, and the left one controls the front. You want to slow down with the back, because if you slam on the front brake, there's a chance you'll flip forward."

When I stood up, my lips were shredded, one of my two front teeth was chipped, and the other had been ground to a nub.

The last time I had ridden a bike, it had a banana seat and all I had to do if I wanted to stop was pedal backwards. David snapped his spiffy blue bike shoes onto the pedals of his 15-speed Cannondale 700. His helmet was the same shiny black and gray as the one he had helped me pick out for myself a few days before.

"Okay, I'm ready," I said, only half meaning it. "I want to walk my bike up to the corner and then we can start pedaling."

Unlike my sisters, I have never been into sports. I was ecstatic to have mononucleosis in the ninth grade when I learned it meant that my swollen spleen would keep me out of Phys Ed for the rest of the year. In high school, I took dance because my counselor promised it was the lowest impact option. Despite my long-standing indifference to all things athletic, I had somehow gotten it into my head that it would be fun (and healthy) for David and I to pursue a hobby that required the movement of our bodies.

When I first brought up the idea, David, who had been an avid cyclist, was overjoyed. He'd recently been researching bike tours around Europe and had already requested brochures and DVDs from bike-tour organizations, hoping to find one that would interest me. I was wary, and quick to point out any potential downsides. But over the past few months, affected by David's enthusiasm, I've been having pleasant visions of a young, attractive, sporty couple pedaling past fields of sunflowers and lavender with the Tuscan sun warming their faces.

When he was 16, David rode a bike, along with three friends, across four countries from Geneva to Amsterdam. We were making plans for a European vacation next year, and my darling is adamant that traveling by bicycle will enhance our experience. Though it sounds fun, I'm a practical woman — before considering the option seriously, I needed to find out how well we traveled together on bicycle and build up my cycling muscles.

Taking into consideration the possibility that I might not enjoy the activity, David suggested I try before I buy. My mother offered to give me the 21-speed mountain bike that had been languishing, unused, in her garage since she brought it home from the store. Mom is one of many who fall victim to their own good intentions — when David and I collected the mountain bike, we happened upon another recently purchased contraption with three wheels that will most likely graduate from where it sits in Mom's living room to the garage, where it will join others of its kind.

I couldn't wait to take my new toy to Balboa Park. I assumed I would just hop on and go, but reality was not as simple as my memory of carefree, childhood days pedaling around the cul-de-sac. During my second trial run around the parking garage, my pants kept getting caught in the chain.

When I went back upstairs to find more suitable attire, I had a wardrobe epiphany — *all* of my pants flare at the bottom, I don't own one pair of shorts, and I have no casual skirts (not that I'd wear a skirt for this maiden voyage to the park anyway, since I was convinced I would be on my ass at some point before returning home). I found one pair of black pants that were not as wide at the ankle and headed back downstairs, but not before checking out how my ensemble looked in the mirror — red sweater, black pants, black sunglasses, black helmet, *white* sneakers. I said a silent prayer to the fashion gods that I wouldn't be spotted by anyone I knew, took a deep breath, and set out.

It was a warm, sunny day, with cool breezes from the ocean making their way east into Hillcrest. David and I walked from the garage up the hill to Park Boulevard, got on our bikes, and headed south on the sidewalk. I rode my brakes until we reached the first light, at which point I forgot all of my training and dropped my feet in order to stop. Because the

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seat is so high, I actually had to slide off of the bike and to the side to keep from falling.

"Okay, get back on and when this light changes, we're going to go off of the sidewalk and onto the street," said David. I looked at the skewed intersection before us and freaked out a little in my head. What if I started across and then fell and got run over by a car? I held the handlebars in a death grip that transferred some of the black rubber onto my chafing palms.

When I was seven, I had a traumatic fall from a bicycle. I turned too hard, too fast, fell, and skidded beneath the bike, with both of my knees and my face in contact with the rough asphalt. When I stood up, my lips were shredded, one of my two front teeth was chipped, and the other had been ground to a nub. The way I saw it, I could not be too careful.

The light changed, and as I cast off across the intersection, my ass was aware of every bumpy tread on the thick tires that had been designed for rugged terrain. I could feel the expression of horror and fear on my face each time a car passed. I would think, *this is the one that will hit us*, and then for a moment I would live the tragedy in my mind, all the way to the hospital in my imaginary ambulance.

We made it to the path in Balboa Park by way of the zoo's parking lot. Because it was Wednesday, there were few people around whom we had to navigate. We rode past the fountain, past museums, and past bright flowers, the smell of which rode the wind to my nostrils, causing me to breathe deeper and smile at the air itself. As we pedaled our way over the Laurel Street Bridge, I delighted in the sensation of gliding by pedestrians, moving fast enough to keep a steady breeze on my face but slowly enough to appreciate the patches of color — blue sky, green grass, yellow daffodils, and pink cherry blossoms, the palette of spring.

I insisted, by waving one arm wildly, that David ride behind me as we embarked on the most treacherous part of our journey, Sixth Avenue. No bike lane, a few blind spots, and, in my experience, many distracted drivers — it was the perfect formula for my demise. David had mastered the skill of looking over his shoulder while riding; he would be able to warn me if I needed to move one way or the other.

To my surprise and relief, we made it home without incident (if you don't count the old friend I ran into who did, in fact, see my questionable outfit).

"See? That wasn't so bad," David said. I was busy cursing at the stupid cable he had handed me to lock up my bike. It just wasn't cooperating.

"This lock is fucking annoying," I snapped. But then I finally wrangled it in to place, stood up to face my optimistic biker buddy, and took a deep breath. "No, it wasn't so bad," I said. "A little scary at times, but I bet I'll get the hang of it in time for Europe." David was all dimples and smiles. He reached for my hand and held it in his as we traveled up the elevator and down the hall until I needed it back to unlock our door. ■

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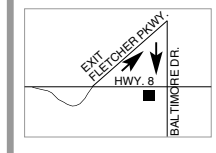
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High



Kevin Six, catching

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Trapeze High, it's wittily called, and it's just up the highway in the beautiful hidden valley of Escondido.

I swung by the website (*trapezehigh.com*) to garner clues about whether I wanted to go through with a session of aerial acrobatics, and many convincing assurances caught my eye. According to the subsection "First-Time Students," I would be flying in safety lines in the very first class; their net was "not an old fish net," it was a real circus net; I would have instructors on the platform with me at all times; I'd be given individual instruction; and, most importantly, I read that "almost anybody can do this. All you have to do is try. Body type, age, and fear of heights are not acceptable excuses. You will see all ages and sizes flying. No one is more afraid of heights than Dave."

I called Dave.

David Ayers, 59, is the cofounder of Trapeze High. On the phone, he sounded as easygoing and reassuring as, well, as a trapeze swaying in a slow breeze. "Anybody can do it," Ayers told me. "We had an 81-year-old up there once. And we get 5- and 6-year-old kids all the time. The largest successful swinger we've ever had was 275 pounds." But he wasn't soft selling. He sounded unconcerned, jovial, carefree. If anything encouraged me to go ahead with this, it was the tone in Ayers's voice.

He told me Trapeze High has had thousands of people come and dangle in its short history. "We average about 40 to 50 students per week, plus birthday parties and corporate events," he said. "We started in Leucadia but moved to Escondido in 2004." (Trapeze High moved again in February, to another field one mile up the road.)

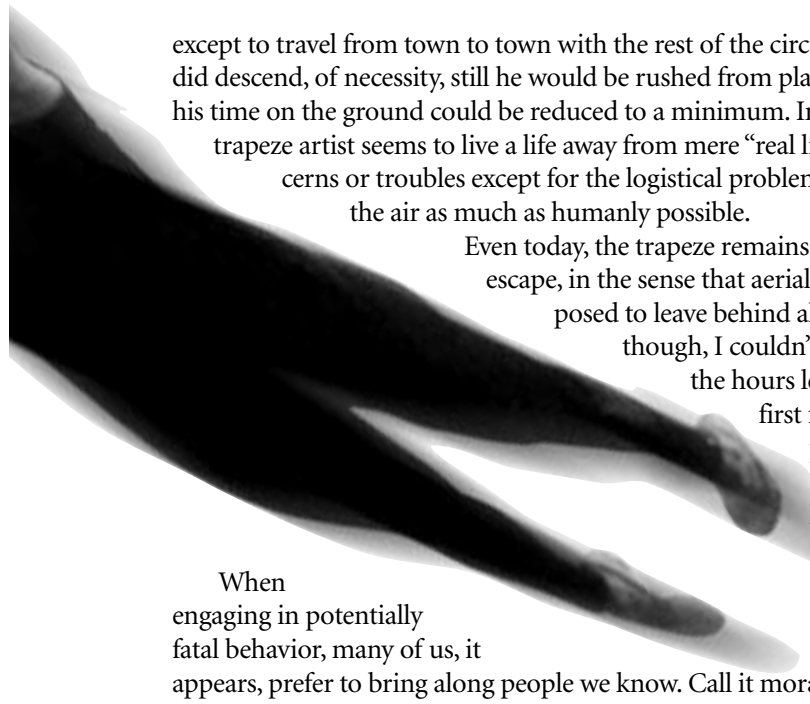
Half-convinced, I made my reluctant appointment to fly, and Ayers said, "Cool!" and told me not to wear jeans or shorts. "Sweatpants?" I asked. "That'll work," he answered. "You want your legs covered, but you don't want your movement restricted in any way." Super, I thought. At least I wasn't going to have to go out and buy tights. He also told me to bring drinking water to fend off the Escondido heat. "The class you're coming to is a good one because there will be people there, like you, who have never flown before, but there will also be some who have flown. A good mix."

Incidentally, trapeze gets its name from the trapezoidal shape formed by the crossbar and the wires that hold the bar up. It's a ripe metaphorical subject — perhaps among the top 10 or 11 nonnatural vehicles for metaphor — along with elevators, roller coasters, highways, bridges, clocks, stairs, maps, mirrors, wheels, and keys. In fact, many of the major artists of the last century were taken with the imagery of the trapeze, although I know of only one, the poet Marianne Moore, who ever swung.

"*Saltimbanques*" (more or less the original word for "traveling acrobats") were painted by Picasso, Matisse, Seurat, and many others. The great 20th-century Soviet composers Sergei Prokofiev and Aram Khachaturian wrote classical pieces that are supposed to evoke the trapeze. And Franz Kafka, my favorite writer, penned a short parable roughly 100 years ago about a trapeze artist who lived his whole life aloft on his crossbar. In Kafka's story, this stellar performer would never come down from his perch —

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After her first attempt at swinging, she almost fainted.



except to travel from town to town with the rest of the circus — and when he did descend, of necessity, still he would be rushed from place to place so that his time on the ground could be reduced to a minimum. In this way, Kafka's trapeze artist seems to live a life away from mere "real life," without concerns or troubles except for the logistical problem of how to stay in the air as much as humanly possible.

Even today, the trapeze remains a symbol for escape, in the sense that aerial spinning is supposed to leave behind all cares. Personally, though, I couldn't help but feel, in the hours leading up to my first flight, that I was plotting not to escape from real life but rather to confront it.

When engaging in potentially fatal behavior, many of us, it appears, prefer to bring along people we know. Call it moral support. Or call it having a sympathetic ear nearby to apprehend one's last words.

My support team for the trapeze was my friend Barbara Yates. Yates just got her medical degree from UCSD, but that's not why I asked her along. She's not that kind of doctor (she's an eye doctor). I invited her because I knew she'd be interested. Yates is one of those game individuals who never says no to anything. She lives a full life because she's got a childlike curiosity and a fearless soul. Less than a year after she first picked up a guitar, I watched her pluck and sing at an open-mike night. She's traveled fearlessly all over Europe all by herself. She was also a cheerleader as an undergraduate at UCLA, so I figured she was used to flips and twists and tricks in thinner air.

Yates and I drove through a treed gate and followed the parking signs into what was either a large lawn or a small field. We were the first ones there. Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m.

In the short distance, it loomed: an aluminum dinosaur. No. A giant Tinkertoy set, assembled by giants.

I turned to Yates and looked to her for a shred of enthusiasm. Mine was nowhere to be found.

"No turning back now," I said.

"This is going to be so much fun," she answered.

Um-hum.

Despite my trepidation, an atmosphere of lightness surrounded Trapeze High, no pun intended. As the staff and the day's other fliers gradually showed up — and there would be nine of us swinging from the bars that morning — jokes and ironies began flying around even before people began flying around.

Introductions were hardly finished before David Ayers and I realized we had a prior connection, a six-degrees-of-separation type of thing. I wore my *Fish Drum* T-shirt to fly — on the back it reads, "Poetry at gunpoint" — hoping to channel the energy of my poet/acrobat friend, Suzi Winson. When David Ayers caught sight of the shirt, he sounded surprised. "Do you know *Fish Drum*?"

Turns out Ayers learned to fly with Sam Keen, the same man who taught Winson and the writer of the definitive book (*Learning to Fly*) about trapeze as a metaphor for life. And Keen, Ayers, Winson, and a few other fliers met once in Paris, years ago, and had dinner together. Yet another vignette from the chronicles of "It's a Small World After All (Especially When You're Swaying Around Above It)."

"First things first!" an instructor was saying. "You have to sign one of these nifty waivers. They say, 'If you mess up it's your fault, and if we mess up it's your fault.' "

Very funny.

I tried to focus on details, to stifle my anxiety.

Trapeze rigs are made of aluminum, cables, ropes, and the net. I would find out later that it takes about four hours for a team of six to dismantle one of these things and six hours to put it back together. The stanchions on the rig at Trapeze High soared to 31 feet in the air. The platform was over 22 feet off the ground. And looking at it, spread along the side of a horse-populated field, I wondered how anyone could have come up with the concept for such a thing. I pictured extraterrestrials planting the idea in somebody's head, like the alien monolith teaching apes about tool use in *2001: A Space Odyssey.*

In reality, the trapeze was initially demonstrated by its inventor, Jules Léotard, in Paris, on November 12, 1859. His rig was made of three trapezes, and he leapt and swung from one to another in a variety of positions — a 12-minute act — before somersaulting and alighting on a safety platform below. According to renowned circus writer Reg Bolton, Léotard's act "might be considered some kind of advanced training drill in the circus schools of today, but in his time, it was, by all accounts, magnificent." Jules Léotard became one of the world's first megastars. He appeared all over Europe and the United States and was the focus of enormous admiration.

In 1868, Léotard was feted in a still-famous ditty:

He flies through the air with the greatest of ease

That daring young man on the flying trapeze.



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And if that weren't enough, Léotard also became a timeless maven of functional fashion. His one-piece outfit has been worn by acrobats and gymnasts ever since. Of course, this body-hugging costume bears his name even now.

A leotard or two was in attendance at Trapeze High that day. And I was the only male flier. (Word to all you adventurous male singles out there: it was just the teachers, a small audience of friends, a bunch of athletic girls and women in leotards and tights and sweats, and yours truly.) My fiery nerves were doused at once in a cooling dose of male pride.

As I signed my waiver and looked around, doing my best version of "nonchalant," I met the people in whose hands I would place my life that sunny day.

The instructors at Trapeze High wore simple T-shirts with the school logo and, at least at first, no tights. David Ayers did sport an authentic brown cowboy hat with a long showy feather, which only half-concealed cascading wisps of silver hair. He was able to keep his hat on because he spent the entire class on the ground pulling safety ropes. The safety ropes attach to beginning fliers by way of loops on their harnesses.

"I used to work up on the platform," he told me, "but I like it a lot better down here. From here, you can really see the faces of the students as they transform from abject fear to ecstasy."

Up on the platform was Ayers's 15-year-old son Jacob and his wife of almost two years, Lindsay Van Voorhis, who is 51. They were the "board muffins." Board muffins work the platform for the fliers, holding the fliers as they lean, helping them to chalk their hands, and catching the swinging bars with a long hook called a "noodle."

Van Voorhis and Ayers met because of the trapeze. They opened Trapeze High together in 2002. Jacob (who is Ayers's son from a previous marriage) started flying when he was only 3. Said David Ayers, "It scared him resoundingly." But young Jacob was always around the trapeze, and when he started flying again at 13, he got very good at it very quickly. "Now he can do all sorts of tricks," said David Ayers glowingly. "He's already even a pretty good catcher."

The Ayerses are a true acrobat family, in the great tradition of familial aerialists. The Alvarezes, the Codonas, the Valencias, the Caceres, the Vargases. Even Dick Grayson, a.k.a. Robin, from the Batman and Robin comic books, was from a trapeze family, the Flying Graysons. It's strange, but I would bet the net and both swinging bars that no other activity in the world becomes a family activity the way trapeze becomes a family activity. I don't pretend to know why. Except that if one person in a family has a good acrobatic body type, then other people with the same genes may also be built to fly. And there's the addictive nature of the trapeze. Imagine if your parents swing and catch each other on their days off, as a bonding experience. You think when you get old enough to hold a bar, you won't want to do the same? And how cool would that be? Having a trapeze rig in the back yard, where your family flips around before dinner and on the weekends.

The fourth instructor that day wasn't related to the Ayerses, but he was the comic relief. Kevin Six, aged 40, is as nimble with his wit as he is in the air. Almost nothing was said or done that didn't receive a light, good-hearted comment from him. When one of the youngsters asked him what he thought of her flight, he said, "I didn't see you. I was flirting. I mean, I was teaching those girls how to catch!"

Six was also the designated catcher for the day. Later, he would recount how he decided to become a catcher, which, incidentally, is one of the most unap-

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preciated, difficult, and injury-prone jobs in the circus. Spinning knees and elbows and feet are flying at you in midair, and you are hanging from the bar upside down, swaying and waiting for the single, perfectly timed moment to pluck a flying acrobat from certain failure. To me, it sounded thankless as well as difficult. You're either good at it, which is expected, or you're not, and someone might get hurt.

But Six realized that catching was his calling the day he saw a "good-looking" female flier attempt a trick called the shooting star, and instead of being caught successfully, she flew, widely splay-legged, straight into the catcher, thumping him square in the face with her crotch. "Yep," he deadpanned. "I knew it that day. Catching's for me."

The educational proceedings at Trapeze High began down here on safe soil. In "ground school," they put the harness on me, a tight belt, easily the most constricting thing ever to come in contact with my body.

"Tighten it as much as you can," Six sounded as though he was joking, but he wasn't, "and we'll come around and make it even tighter." Then they showed us how to arch our backs, bellies out, and put our arms in the air and look up. They also taught us how to hold the bar and flip ourselves upside down. Then they taught us how to land.

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(As an aside — an interesting myth regarding the trapeze net: we're told that the trampoline was invented after a



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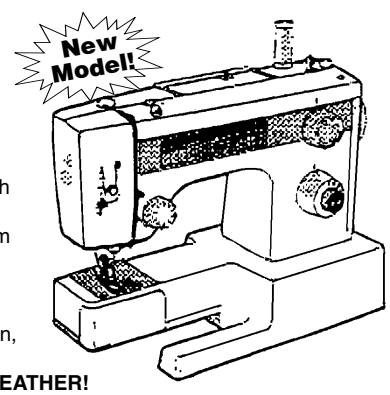
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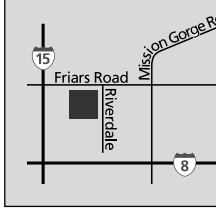


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So after about two minutes of ground school, they told us that we were ready to climb up, strap in, and sway. Well, at least some of us were ready.

I promptly took up my post in a shaded chair with a notebook and pen and watched the others swing.

Chi Luu, 21, brought an entourage of eight and a video camera, two digital cameras, and a healthy dose of trepidation. It was her birthday, and she wanted to do something "in the air." After her first attempt at swinging, she almost fainted. Her friends and family rushed around her as she swooned, but in a moment, after she started breathing again ("Everyone forgets to breathe their first time," said Six, matter-of-factly), she shook it off and said she was ready to go back up for another try. One of her friends, Jamie Lee, 25, decided she wanted in on the action also. I felt an overwhelming urge to pack up my gear and quietly disappear.



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Jacob Ayers working as "board muffin" (left)

Amanda Markee, 19, home from college, was a self-professed "Club Med professional." She'd flown dozens of times. Her sister, Josie, 14, was a frequent flier as well. "It's a rush," she said. "I love being up in the air." The Markee sisters exhibited excellent form, arched backs, pointed toes, and plenty of flair and style. They even executed a trick called "splits," where they hold on to the bar, swinging upside down with their legs open scissored above them. They even leapt from "splits" into the catching arms of Kevin Six, probably the most acrobatic moves of the day.

It seems most folks discover the trapeze at a Club Med. Among the commonplace summer camp–like activities organized at Club Meds throughout the world — swimming, running, horseback riding, archery, golf — they also offer trapeze. Several of the people with whom I flew for the first time got their trapeze indoctrinations at a Club Med.

Eventually, Suzi Winson explained to me, in an e-mail, "Bob Christians is the guy who brought trapeze to Club Med and is in charge of all the rigs in Club Med worldwide. He owns them and rents them out. He made trapeze a recreational sport, whereas before then it had really only been done in its classic form in the circus."

Allison Maslan, 42, a homeopathic physician by day, never thought about the trapeze until she was in her late 30s. "I used to be a gymnast," she said to me. "And when a friend first told me about the trapeze, I thought, 'You've got to be kidding.' But now, after five years, I think I've been up about 500 times. I just wish I'd dis-

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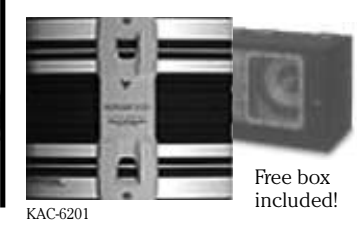
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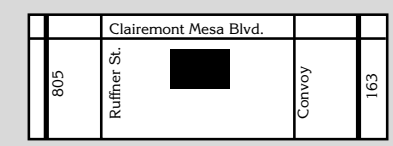
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covered this as a young girl. I definitely would have run away with the circus."

Maslan did a full somersault without safety wires, was caught by Six, and then almost, almost was able to return to her bar. It was the closest thing to a completed trick we would see that day. Ayers later explained, "Completing a trick means you end up where you were, without safety lines. Swing, release, return to the bar, return to the platform, then 'style.' Then you feel like God." To "style" means to put your arms above your head, put your chest out, and smile for all you're worth. Van Voorhis told me that acrobats style so that the audience knows when to applaud. "Otherwise, it's a lot of visual information for the crowd to process," she said. "And in a real performance, there aren't many stopping points when it would be obvious to applaud."

My friend Barbara Yates garnered plenty of applause. She was able to swing, then learn a knee hang (dangling upside down with her knees over the bar), and then, on her third swing, she was caught successfully by Six. "No one ever gets caught on their third swing," Van Voorhis said, audibly impressed.

Caitlin Curl and Clare Viglione, 14-year-old first-timers and friends of Amanda and Josie Markee, had heard Josie singing the praises of trapeze, and so they tagged along, wanting to try it. But at first, they were nervous. "Ready?" someone asked Curl. "No," she said, bluntly. But all it took was one swing. "Whoo!" she called out. And then, after a few more sways, her little voice above the net could be heard to say, "This is so fun!"

That same peculiar, steady mood swing accompanied all the trapeze swings that day. You could feel it emerge with the Escondido sunshine, under the eucalyptus trees, among the weedy fields and chewing horses and the twitters of sparrows, in the shadow of an otherworldly aluminum trapeze rig. Early anxiety shifted to eager excitement, applause from other people's support teams intermittently sounded, and by the end of the proceedings, facial expressions and conversations echoed exuberance. I've never seen such a marked emotional trajectory.

So what's this connection relating fear with fun? I found myself wondering again as I sat there. Why do we humans push ourselves into ever more dangerous activities? Is it because we get bored with every old threshold and eventually need new heights simply to feel alive? I read recently about the concept of "velocitation," which is defined by Stanford professor David Halliburton as "the adjustment that occurs as one moves for a sustained period at an accelerated

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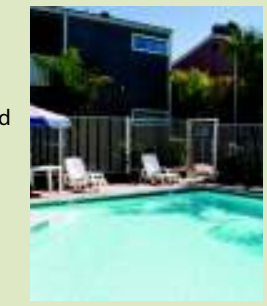
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It seems that the fulcrum of the pendulum between panic and pleasure may rest on the issue of trust. If you can't release yourself into the fear and trust the elements of the activity (and trust yourself as you engage in the activity), then you won't be able to have any fun. But once you do make that leap, the woozy rush that liberates you is unadulterated delight.

As you may have guessed, for me, both fear and fun are best from a philosophical distance.

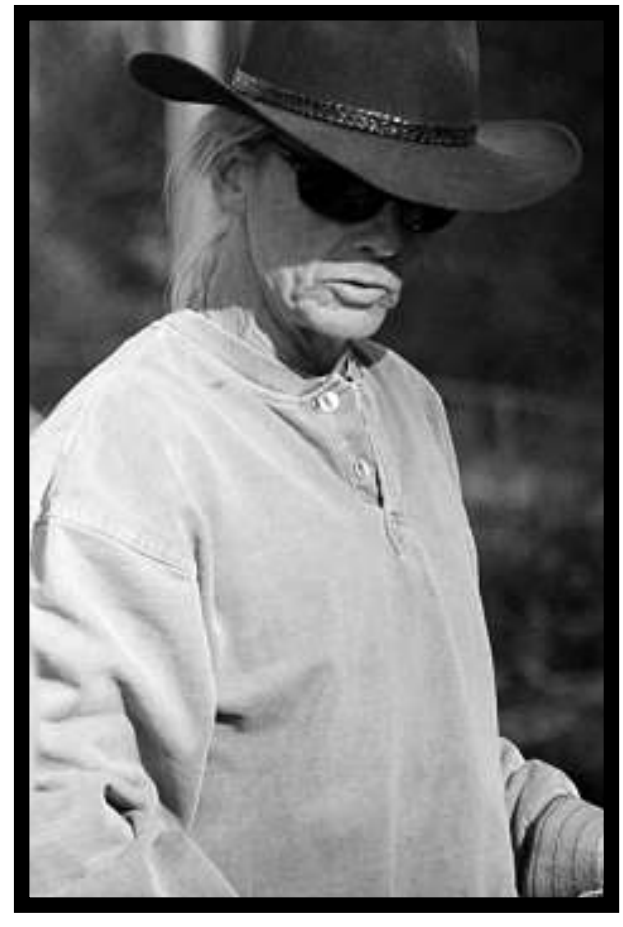
But I couldn't put it off any longer. In the end, philosophy always loses out to old-fashioned visceral experience.

Not to mention that everyone started calling down to me that it was my turn to go. I kept calling back that I would rather pay attention and take notes. My male pride had wafted away. "Writers live vicariously," I said. And, "I prefer the truth of words to the mere reality." Of course, they all made fun of me. "Never heard that excuse," Van Voorhis said, "and I thought I'd heard them all." Finally, Ayers came to my aid. "Oh, leave him alone. Some people are acrobats. He's just a poet!"

But I knew that I would have to do it, at least for the sake of journalism, if not for pride or for my own soul's edification. I laid down my notebook and safe pen and put my life in my hands instead.

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Among the heroes in the myths of ancient Greece, Antaeus was one of my favorites. If he could



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David Ayers

touch the earth, he was invincible. As the eminent classicist Edith Hamilton relates, "If thrown to the ground, Antaeus sprang up with renewed strength from the contact."

I read Hamilton's mythology books when I was young, and since the age of eight or nine, I've imagined that I share Antaeus's earth-sympathy. I love this planet: solid rock, soft land, safe soil. I'd rather lie on my stomach and gaze into the intricacies of the summer grass than climb in an elevator and gawk over rooftops. Likewise, I've never needed high speed to experience thrills. Roller coasters? Not for me. It's taken me years to become comfortable airborne in an airplane. When I learned to ride a bicycle, training wheels off, I fell and scraped my knees and elbows until I was scarred for life.

But not necessarily scared. I don't think my leisurely, grounded preferences are motivated by fear or faintness of heart, not exactly; rather, I think I gather thrills in slower ways — through friendly competition, sensual pleasures, intellectual amusements, and imaginative pursuits — because, like Antaeus, I am stronger and more balanced when the ground's beneath my steady feet. Maybe it's an inner-ear thing, I don't know. But I think if we were meant to have wings or hang upside down, we'd have evolved that way around.

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The ladder was easily the worst part of the experience. Well, either the ladder or the way the harness squeezes your bladder. Or perhaps the worst part is the fact that eventually Kevin Six changes into loud, striped circus tights — unless, of course, you like to see men in stretched, striped circus tights. Anyway…

The ladder leading up to the platform was 22 rungs of pliable, vibrating aluminum, and by halfway up, all I could think was, "I don't want to do this, I don't want to do this." But

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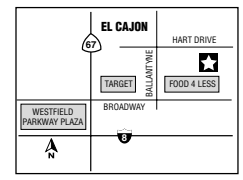
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then the reassuring voice of a 15-year-old kid, Jacob Ayers, brought my attention to the matter at hand. "Grab here," he said. "Hold on here. Okay, now step this way. Reach your arm around here." And then Jacob's stepmom Lindsay grabbed my harness. "We've got you," she said.

I've always marveled how perspective shortens at altitude. Which is the opposite of what should happen: you should be able to see more, being higher up. But instead, the brain redirects the luxury of stereoscopic peripheral vision into some kind of survival mode of sight. When I'm perched atop a narrow high precipice, all I can see are my own two hands and feet and where I might immediately put them to keep the unperceived abyss from swallowing me whole.

I did try hard to afford myself one look around — in the name of journalism! — and I was instantaneously reassured. Something about the net. It wasn't just the intellectual conception that the net would save me if I fell. Nor the fact that I was now linked to safety wires and could probably leap off in any direction without the least fear of injury. It was some instinctual sense that the ground may be way down there, but a partition between the ground and me would hold me up, no matter what. By the time Jacob pulled the bar toward me with the noodle and told me to grab it, I was, like, "Yeah. Bring it on!"

The bar is solid, metallic, rather heavy. You've chalked your hands so they'll slide more easily as you sway. (Every novice earns blisters after just a few swings.) And when you take that leap, and gravity pulls you down in what's known as an "arc of constant radius," you're instantly converted. It isn't the back-and-forth swing between points that you'd think — no/yes, north/south, on/off — not some pendulous play of troubling opposites. Instead, on the bar, the world transforms to

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utter affirmation. Yes, yes, yes, you think. (Or is that your heart beating?) Yes, yes, yes, it beats. Yes, yes, yes, and nothing else.

Nothing else, because something happens to your brain when you're swinging, something with your brain's "continuity manager." It's like a movie when the director switches to 12-frame quick cuts: the book, the window, the man's hand, the cigarette smoke, the door, and so on. The only actions that your brain registers at altitude are implied actions.

Which makes it doubly difficult to follow directions. You get caught up in the snapshot reality and your own interior monologue — which might sound something like, "Yes, yes, yes" or it might be, "Oh my God. Don't die. Don't die. Don't die" — and the shouted commands of the instructors expire at your ears. Your brain is processing enough already.

But they're calling out for all they're worth.

Hep! is the power syllable. It means, "Now do what I want you to do." It's used because it doesn't sound like anything else. *Hep!* is what you hear when you're expected to let go, or flip, or take off, or put your legs up, and so on. "Ready! Hep!" is about the only thing acrobats say when they're busy being acrobats. That, and *ready* and *listo!*, which is Spanish for *ready. Listo* is said because *ready* is used at a different moment of readiness, as in, "We are listo!" (said on the board as the catcher is working up height on his swing), and then the catcher calls, "Ready." Otherwise, there'd be too many *ready*s. David Ayers also explained to me that most fliers nowadays speak Spanish, because the majority of fliers in the world are Mexican. "The trapeze tradition in Mexico is very strong," he said.

So you've dived out and down, belly first, then swung back, dived again, and returned, swaying at the waist, balancing the air. You're a lever and a cantilever, swiveling, pivoting. Because it's swaying, really, not flying. Soothing swinging like a lullaby: baby in a cradle or grandma in a rocking chair. Hypnotic like a hammock, that primitive movement that quiets crying infants and balances the inner ear.

And then, at last, the net, your friend, will catch you. You can count on the net. And by the time you hit it and you're bouncing in its meshy arms, your wits are back about you, and you think, "Yes! Wow! Okay! I want to go again!"

Injuries in trapeze are more stress related



than fall related. Soreness in shoulders, trauma to the hands and backs of the legs, aches in your abs and lats. Ayers put it this way: "You'll learn which muscles you use when you go home." And Six delivered one of the most telling lines of the day: "Circus hurts," he said.

The one thing all *saltimbanques* have in common, if not their body types and daredevil spirits, is toughened hands. The need for calluses was illustrated poignantly when Lee experienced the worst wound of the day: a bleeding slice on the pad of her palm. "I didn't even notice when it happened," she said. And it wasn't serious enough to hurt her much. After Van Voorhis had taped her up, Lee was eagerly back on the bar to fly again.

Everyone echoed Lee's sentiments of not noticing much when they were flying. "I forget to breathe," said one. "I don't think," said another. "I can't even remember being up there." And "I just keep repeating the commands to myself."

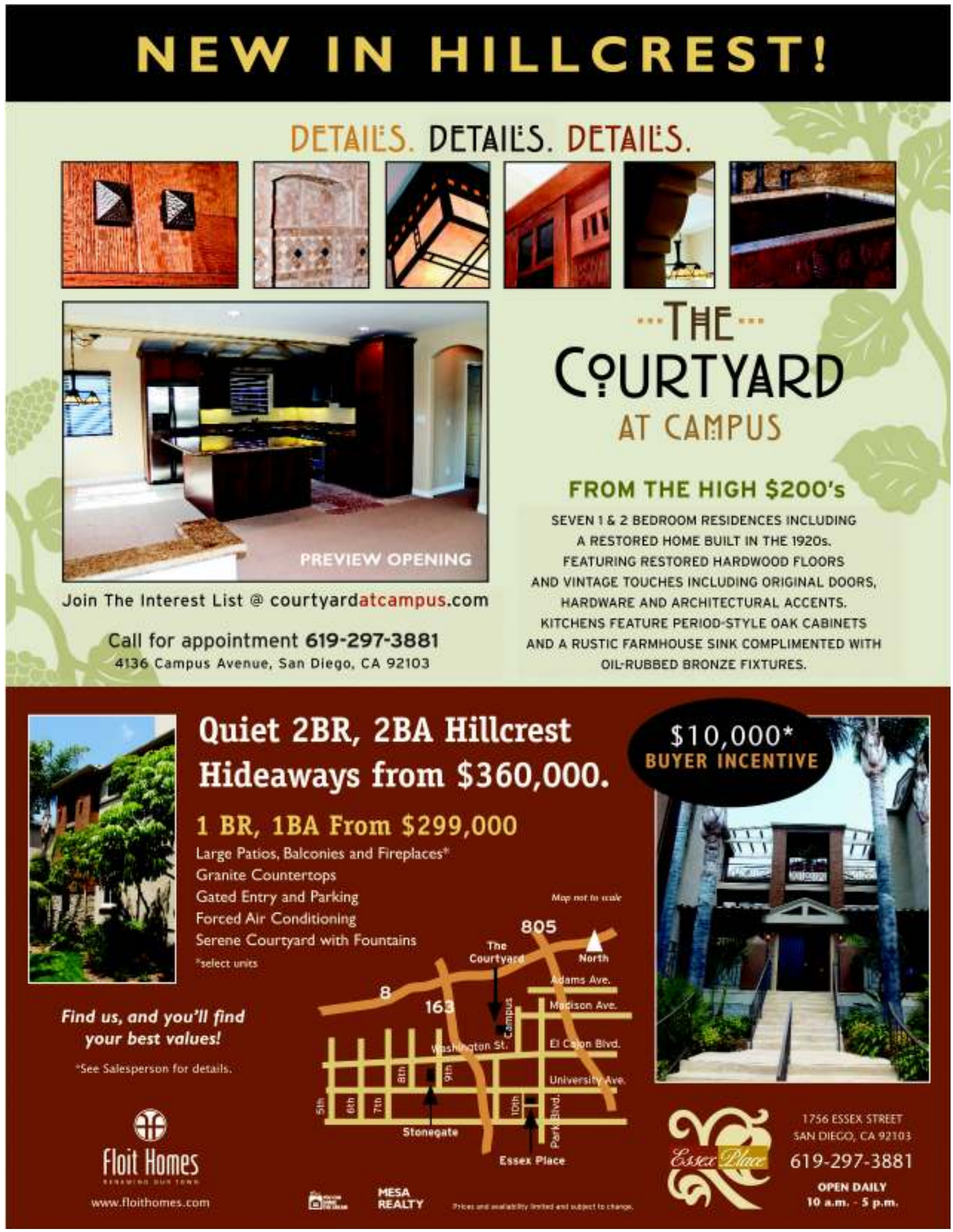
At one point, I asked Ayers how to spell one of the tricks I'd seen. "Oh, just make it up," he scoffed, half-jokingly, playing on an old stereotype. "We wouldn't know the difference. We circus folk can't spell worth a damn. We're all uneducated, don't you know. We live in trailers. We don't read, and we can barely watch TV."

Trapeze tricks go by names like knee hang, splits, bird's nest, plange, whip, and straddle whip, and then there are rotating tricks like layouts, multiple flips, multiple flips with twists, and tricks much like what you'd see in gymnastics, only higher off the ground.

Throughout these and other maneuvers, Ayers was calling commands and offering pointers from the ground. "Back sweep sooner next time!" "More full." "Go!" "Legs up now!" "Hands up!" And when Maslan did her flip, it sounded like this: "Set! Break! Open!" And then a gasp when she couldn't turn fast enough to recatch her own bar. And then a round of grounded applause for what she had managed to accomplish. "We caught you, but we couldn't return you," Six said, still inverted, swaying from his catcher's bar. "You've got to push off from me more."

Trapeze is about balance, of course, but not just balance in space. Timing is of the essence. It's about balance in time. The staff at Trapeze High knew when to make every move, when the catcher would swing flier-wards and the flier would swing catcher-wards, when gravity would be helping us instead of making us heavy. Somehow, the instructors at Trapeze High had the timing down.

Most everyone did a knee hang and then was caught by Six. "It's not real until you get



caught," he told me. "You've got to learn a knee hang and then let go and let me catch you." Yeah, right. No thanks.

My friend Barbara Yates said, "It's scary but fun." And Six answered, "That's what women say when they date me."

After the hour-and-a-half class, Six went around and doled out the Flier Handshake, grabbing each person wrist-to-wrist, very much like the execution of an aerial catch.

I'd lived. And I already felt, I don't know, different. Like I'd accomplished something worthwhile. Like I'd gone through some unprecedented level of experience. I wondered how it would affect me in the days to come.

That night, I had trapeze dreams. And they weren't anxiety-ridden or scary. More like those old flying dreams of freedom I used to have as a kid.

I woke up refreshed, if a little sore in the shoulders, and I called up David Ayers.

"You see?" he began. "You enjoyed yourself, didn't you?"

I admitted I had, and Ayers chuckled.

"Trapeze is one of the most complete, full-body, full-mind workouts available to us," he told me. "And it's not aerobics, where it can be boring and repetitious. Trapeze can continually allow us to push the envelope and improve our skills and make our bodies stronger and use our wits to accomplish a goal."

Then, more soberly, Ayers told me that trapeze had changed his life in a big way. "For 35 years I suffered with these back pains that I couldn't do anything about," he said, "and I went to all these doctors, and I did everything short of surgery, but nothing really helped. I used to lie in bed in my 20s and I'd think, 'If this hurts this bad when I'm 25, then how will it be when I'm 50?' But when I started flying on the trapeze, after about six months, that pain disappeared. And now I stand up straight, and I carry on my day without pain."

At Trapeze High there's a club called Trapeze High Club, or THC, which is advertised, tongue in cheek, as "the best way to get high." Trapeze High also offers "Fly Till You Cry" days in the summers, when you can come down and party all day and share a barbecue with older and newer students, and you can fly as much as you like.

Explained Ayers, "It's a rush, not unlike the rush you might get with some other substances, only this one is good for you in every regard. It puts you, as an individual, into a place with other individuals who are not abusing their bodies. They're people who're taking care of their bodies; they're people for whom exercise and nutrition are important. And the better you take care of your body, the more quickly you're going to



succeed in this sport."

Ayers told me that one of his students had just joined the circus. She was going off to Reno to fly with Circus Circus for four months.

"No matter how good you get at trapeze," he said, "and no matter how refined your skills become, there's always more that you can accomplish. Even this one guy who could catch the quadruple somersault — and there are very few people who can catch the quadruple somersault — but this guy used to catch thousands of them, and now he's older and he doesn't throw those quads anymore, but he's up there swinging and having a blast. That's why trapeze artists, for whatever reason, when they've gotten older and they can't throw big tricks anymore, they'll still get up there and just swing. Just take a swing and drop into the net. That freedom of being able to swing and drop into the net is worth everything you go through."

In the days following my "flying experience," even a week later, something had stayed with me, something tangible beyond the absurd elements, something real beside the weird dream. *So I was swinging in the air, and then I was upside down, and a man in striped pants caught me, and then I was bouncing in a net…* Yeah, right. But I'd also caught this itch, a strong wish, an almost overwhelming desire to go up and fly again. It occurred to me that there wasn't very much about trapeze that made ordinary sense, but I felt fortunate to have a senseless, exhilarating, nondestructive activity added to my life.

And a week or so later — believe it or not — I did go up again.

This time, I took another friend of mine, Andrew Burt. He used to be a gymnast. We

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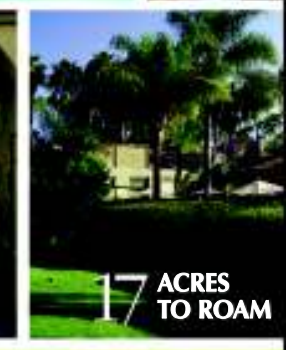
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wanted to take a couple of cute girls with us, but unfortunately that part fell through. We went anyway, though, and had a grand old time. Burt got caught on his fourth flight, and I learned a new trick or two.

I may not ever become an artist of the flying kind, but I'll be damned if I'm not starting to envision a future for the trapeze and me. Call me a casual swinger. For one thing, trapeze could be a real ace in the hole as a dating device. Instead of approaching a potential paramour with this icebreaker: "Do you want to meet me for coffee or something?" — I could come out with "So. You want to come swing with me on a trapeze?"

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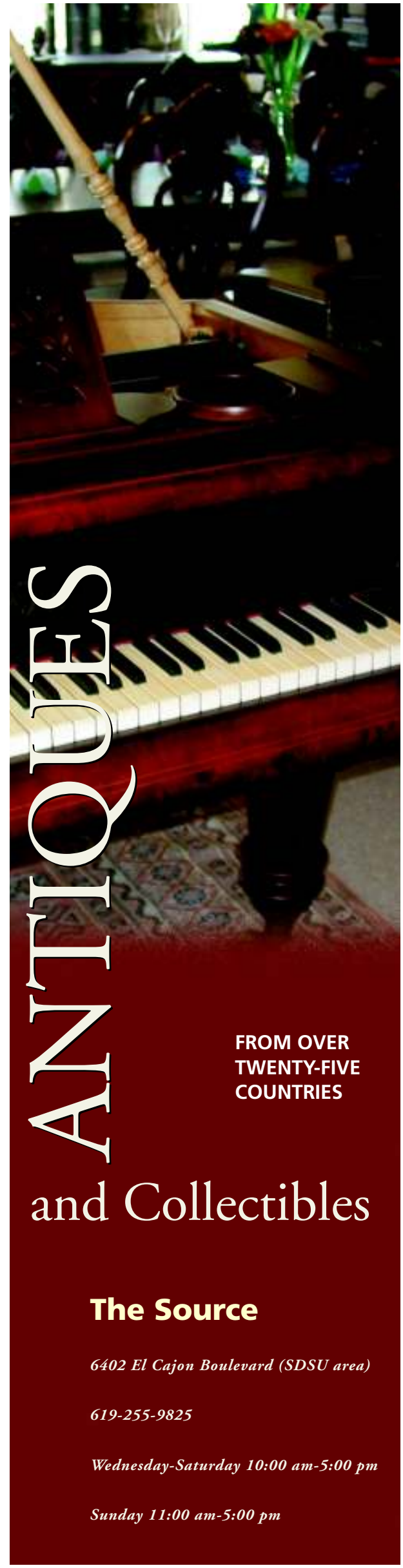
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A wild tangle of curls ran all over my head like jungle vines. I looked in the mirror and realized what I'd been depriving myself of for so long. Since that day, I have become the liberal parent of softened curls and untamed tangles. I discovered why I'd maintained my hair with hairspray and cries for perfection.

Hair is what defines a person. Bozo the Clown, MC Hammer, Cher, A Flock of Seagulls, the guy from *Seinfeld,* and every arena band of the 1980s had all realized it before me: hair is the tool by which we mortals express what is valuable to us. It is the part of our body that is closest to the heavens, the blanket that protects our scalps from pounding rain and fierce sunlight. It can scream of despite for society or whisper of grace and beauty.

PEOPLE LAUGHED BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE A SICK FERRET HAD CRAWLED ON TOP OF HIS HEAD AND DIED.

I had long been one to mock the extreme hairstyles of various generations. The "beehive" of the 1960s seemed only practical if the excess hair was used as a nest for endangered birds. The matted hair of Bob Marley aspirers, I assumed, served as a science experiment. This mockery sprung from the fact that I had yet to experience the freedom of doing with my hair whatever I wanted. I was my greatest roadblock. Always picky with my hair, I never dreamed of letting one single hair out of line; all strands met in a low bun on the back of my head. Then came the day of rebellion.

I let my hair fly free in the moist, salty air on a La Jolla beach. When dry, my hair was curly...very curly. I went 14 years without knowing my hair. Therefore, I plead with you: never neglect your precious head. Don't comb every single hair in the same place every day. See what's possible when you part your hair to the right instead of the left. When you take that less-traveled road, you may find a nice little oasis.

— Mary Lindquist,
El Capitan H.S.

Hair can complement a person's personality perfectly. With one look at a friend of mine, you can guess that he's got an obnoxious, flirty, and funny personality that reflects his curly orange 'fro. He'll come into our group of girls, casually throw his arms over two girls' shoulders, crack a pick-up line, and flash a smile; his unconventional hair fits in with the package.



A few weeks ago, I walked to lunch and got a shocking surprise. My friend's hair was straight and almost reached his shoulders. At first I didn't recognize him, but when he said one of his corny pickup lines, I knew it was him. He explained how it took nearly an hour to tame his frizzy-curly hair. The straight hair didn't work on him, and before long I noticed his personality seemed different. He came off as more serious, calm, and considerate. It didn't fit. When I saw him the next day, back with his frizzy 'fro came his familiar personality. It was somewhat of a relief.

Before long, my best friend started to get tired of her hair, too, and she decided she wanted a change. Soon she will be trying out a new look: purple streaks in her brown hair. She'll use a temporary washout-after-a-week product, however.

I've noticed more and more people want hair they don't have; people with straight brown hair want curly blond hair and vice versa. People should keep one thing in mind, though: make sure your hair matches with your personality.

— Bryanna Schwartz,
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My ten-year-old brother Luke has long blond hair that falls to his collarbone. As he always has baseball practice or somewhere to run off to, he never washes his hair as often as he should. I offered to pay him $20 if he would cut his hair, but he refused! My parents feel lucky that he has not rebelled in more extreme ways. Although, the other day, my mom told Luke his hair was so greasy she could use it to make popcorn! A day later, we persuaded him to cut his hair in exchange for a *Star Wars* Lego he wanted.

Like my brother, my friend's older sister Rose has a unique hairstyle. She has gorgeous wavy blond hair that falls down to mid-calf. Yes, that is almost four feet of hair! She reminds me of Rapunzel because her hair is so long and she has it in a braid to keep it from getting tangled. In all my life, I've never seen anyone with hair that long…well, except at Disneyland, but that character must have had a wig on!

A guy in my class had an awful hairdo last year. He shaved his brown hair into a mohawk. That looked all right, but then, in a fit of what could have only been insanity, he bleached the mohawk part of his hair a yellow color that I'm pretty sure looks good on nobody. To make matters worse, he stopped spiking his mohawk and left it limp on his

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head. People laughed because it looked like a sick ferret had crawled on top of his head and died.

From these three individuals I have learned a valuable lesson: only a few people can pull off unique hairstyles and make them look pretty. So, unless you are going for the circus-escapee look, I recommend looking for a less extreme way to express yourself.

— Emma Seemann, Carlsbad H.S.

My lousiest haircut? I am sad to say that it is the infamous bowl cut, circa 1999, which was right around the sixth grade. Although no bowl was involved in the hair-cutting process, it sure looked like one had been: straight across, no mercy. In addition, I parted it down the middle, dead center. I don't know what I was thinking. I most likely wasn't thinking. My only excuse was that I was young and foolish.

Currently, I wear my hair in a "faux hawk"; not cut like a mohawk, but styled like one, with adequate amounts of gel. A real mohawk, with shaved head on either side, is a bit too rebellious/troublemaker for me. I like my current hairstyle, but I know for a fact that one day I will look at pictures of myself from this time and wish that I could commit suicide. This is a haircut that I will definitely regret. But, in the meantime, I'm lovin' it.

Not too many of my friends make as lousy or bizarre hair choices as me. However, one of my friends went from normal long, brown hair to semi-short and choppy, spiked, vibrant Jennifer Garner–red hair over a summer. Nowadays, her hair changes hues and lengths. Some months it's fire-truck red. Other times, it's the color of red wine or even pinkish red.

Looking back in hair history, I would have to say that the funniest, most bizarre hair era was the age of the powdered wigs. Women wore wigs that were several times larger than their heads, full of gigantic white curls. The men had approximately the same hair. It just doesn't get much better.

— Derrick Sun, Mt. Carmel H.S.

I have never had the guts to get a bizarre hairstyle, but sometimes I wish I could dye my hair hot pink. Maybe just to see what it looks like or to make people talk. I think about it often, but I never dare to do it.

I used to pity people who got bad haircuts because I had never experienced one myself. Recently, I have been trying something new: cutting my own bangs. The first few times, the bangs turned out great, but the last cut was horrendous. Instead of stylish side bangs, they turned out to be chopped little-kid bangs. After three cuts of the scissors, I watched my pretty brown hair hit the bathroom floor. I stood and screamed for a few minutes with what was left of my bangs in my hands. I had cut them about an inch and a half above my eyebrow. My bangs now sit, piled atop my head in bobby pins. I avoid taking them down at any cost; after I shower, I pin them back right away. I have decided not to laugh at anyone's ugly haircuts because I understand that sometimes people have accidents.

If I could live in any time period, just for the hairstyles, I would live in the 1920s. The short, sleek hair looked so clean and romantic. I think that the short hairstyles in the '20s helped most women look elegant. A time period that I would never want to have hair from is the 1980s. The overdone fluffy bangs or giant crimps made most people look ridiculous. An icon from the 1980s that had bizarre hair was Tina Turner. I am glad that the huge-hair style has faded, and I feel bad for whoever had to follow that trend of hideous hair.

— Natalie Venolia, Ramona H.S. ■



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Nightingale



I don't know whether insomnia is programmed in the DNA, but my grandmother, my father, and I all had sleeping problems. From earliest childhood, say by the age of five, I would wake in the middle of the night — wide-eyed — to find my equally alert grandmother beside me. To pass time I would make up stories, one after another. My grandmother named me "A Thousand and One Nights" after the Arabian tales.

Later, I became a night reader, and during my youth I stayed up with my university friends discussing abstruse philosophical issues — a province of the young. New York, in those days, was a city made for insomniacs. There were always safe cafés where you could meet regardless of the hour.

San Diego, however, presents problems for insomniacs who don't want to go home. In this city, late night means midnight; 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. is already considered dissolute. Restaurants that tried to stay open all night failed — even Sheldon's in Pacific Beach, which was open 'round the clock since the 1930s, decided recently to shut down nightly at 11:00 p.m. Gustaf Anders used to keep its lounge open until midnight, and after a cultural event friends and I would go there for fruit, cheese, and desserts. Now we often venture to La Gran Tapa, but it's always so crowded you can't just sit there and hang out. Sometimes, though, when I'm in the mood, I seek out a late-night restaurant *where I can sing*. While I normally hate any kind of music in a restaurant — when I'm dining I like *to talk* — I do love late-night piano bars, singing along with jazz soloists or any vocalist who will carry me along with a strong voice.

I am not, alas, blessed with much of a voice; it's thin, has almost no range, and is extremely limited in what it can do. Nonetheless, it gives me enormous pleasure to use it. My parents sang semiprofessionally (my mother had a poor memory, and I served as her prompter, providing her with the lyrics she needed); as a result, I know hundreds of show tunes. And in one limited, special sense I am a good singer: I know how to deliver the words of a song *with style*. I can render a fairly good Marlene Dietrich

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Recently I saw *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, a play about the life of Billie Holiday. I was an ardent fan of Lady Day's when she was alive. Whenever she appeared on 52nd Street, I was there to applaud her. She was aloof, remote, regal. Sometimes you had to strain to hear her. When she sang "Strange Fruit," everything in the nightclub went absolutely still. After I saw Loretta Devine's performance as the great jazz singer, I was dying to sing, so a friend and I went down to Café Sevilla on Fourth Avenue, which is funky, friendly, and intimate. A guitar player is on the premises Tuesday and Sunday nights, and you can sit around and eat tapas or just listen to music until at least 1:00 a.m. I sang until closing. Not a soul asked me my name.

One night last fall, two male friends and I were having a Russian meal, in celebration of the Soviet Arts Festival, at Maitre D' restaurant in La Jolla. A violinist was playing "gypsy" music, including the inevitable "Dark Eyes." It was late, I was loose, and suddenly, when the violinist began to render old Yiddish classics, I heard a solitary voice raised in song — my own. I did several choruses of "Ofen Pripichuck," which means "on the hearth" — a tale about teaching children while the fire is flickering. This was followed by an old immigrant song called "Rayte Pomerantzen," about a greenhorn who has cheeks like *rayte pomerantzen* (red apples). Along with "Ofen Pripichuck," it was standard fare in Yiddish vaudeville houses and in the Borscht Belt of the Catskill Mountains. I hadn't sung either for decades and had thought they were long buried in my memory. To be singing them in what was once lily-white La Jolla added special poignancy to the occasion. No one knew who I was, and I sang and sang. That night, when I finally went to bed, I slept soundly the whole night through. ■

— Eleanor Widmer

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Replant Myself in My Senses



Clematis



Tree peonies



South African bulbs

As time goes on, my garden becomes more defined. I like flowering trees and bushes, and climbing roses, for example, more than annuals, or herbaceous boarders. I'm sorry, I don't like much color; I'd rather look at overlapping shades of green, a little unkempt. Matisse said that a strong color should be surrounded by gray so that it can breathe outward — I see the point of that.

I fret about adding clematis to a back wall — will the garden become too pumped up? I don't want my garden to be a Hollywood movie on steroids that clobbers me over the head, more like a foreign film from my formative period, slow and considered, allusive, an expression I bring myself to. I struggle against the urge to possess, greed for the unusual and exotic, the desire to add "interest." Should I replace the hard-working, dependable nandina with the tree peonies I crave? I want my garden to have the wisdom to be stupid — a funky wall, a sloping deck, common plants. Still, I look forward to developing a patch of California irises and South African bulbs in the side yard and to the plain gray earth that will be visible during a portion of the year. I'm not afraid of bare dirt.

In Mexico and Italy, I admired courtyard gardens, each one containing the very same potted palms, potted oleanders, lemon and orange trees, geraniums — ancient harmonies, vernacular gardening whose pleasures are akin to the local cuisines that highlight a few honest ingredients. These courtyards are the informal descendants of the gardens of the emirs of Persia and the monks of medieval Europe, and the forerunners of the bungalow courts of Southern California with their stucco colors (called something like Aztec Sand or Desert Mist) and their ferocious surges of palm fronds, banana leaves, and bougainvillea.

But now my back deck is as springy as a trampoline and two of the stairs wobble, so I am confronted by a design opportunity. If I rebuild the deck with a bite taken out of it, I can create a grotto beneath and add a little fountain. A fountain! A bronze bowl, or an old marble tub. (Yes! But where will I find one that has been softened by time, and how afford it?) And a metal pipe will jut out from the cement retaining wall to spill water into the stone basin as it has done for centuries. I can change the deck railing. Now it's just Adirondack camp architecture, but why not recreate the balusters at the Hakone Gardens in Saratoga, California. I have forgotten so many things since I saw them four years ago (I can't even remember a phone number the length of time it takes to dial it), but not the serenely elegant cedar balusters from the loggia of the Moon Viewing House.

THE SCREENS BECOME TRANSPARENT WHEN I FACE THEM AND THEN QUITE BLUE WHEN I SEE THEM FROM AN ANGLE.

But here I catch myself again. Am I buying into an invidious aesthetic program, building my garden to look already old, pretending to inherit some other culture's nostalgia? Is this different from the fake French chateau next to the fake English cottages that line our streets? I rather like them. You could call that hodgepodge of revival architecture an attempt to appropriate the grandeur of someone's past, lacking a past of our own that we have access to. Do I really want to go back to the future?

Okay, okay — I'll build a new fountain, out of Plexiglas, asphalt, and zinc, say, but it will be so unusual that I will transgress my rule against emphatic events. Is there a form of the new that is not unusual?

Are you still with me?

What would be a contemporary garden style? Would it be polyvocal — having many voices — as are other postmodern artistic expressions? Would it be a coalition amongst disparate points of view towards some common goals, as our postmodern politics are turning out to be?

According to *The Poetics of Gardens* (the MIT Press), a book by Charles W. Moore, William J.

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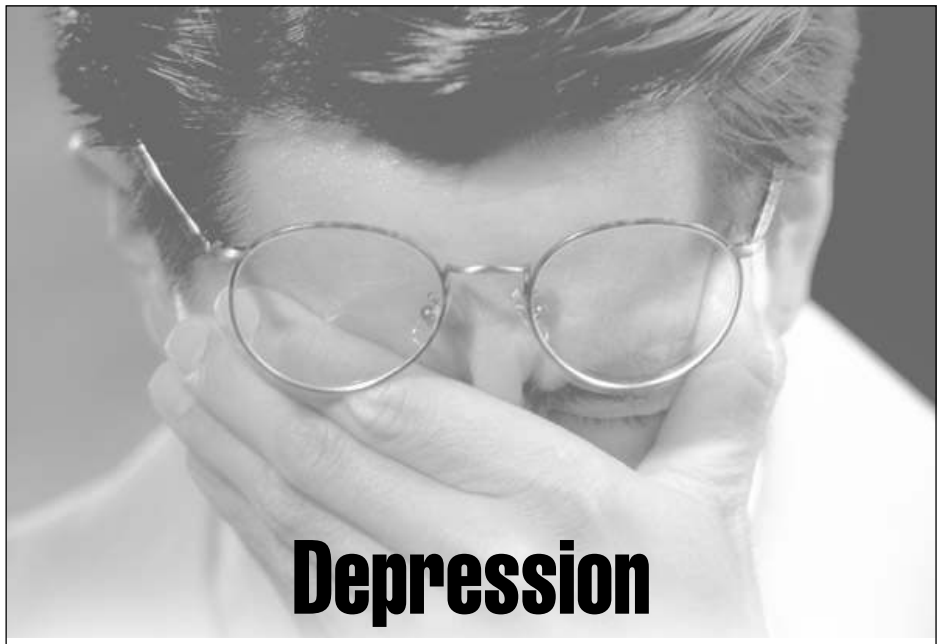
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The Poetics of Gardens deserves a full-scale review. It explores the qualities of 20 or so gardens and extracts their guiding principles, from Hadrian's villa to the court of Ch'ien Lung to Disney's Magic Kingdom. It is full of wisdom, historical matter, and felicitous prose.

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with irony and flirting with whimsy, and finally concluding, somehow, that some particular ideas are right for a particular site at a particular moment."

So, I will persevere with my overlapping complexities and endeavor to keep the final result simple, focused, and a little dumb. *The Poetics of Gardens* cites *Sakuteiki*, an 11th-century book on garden art, which advises us to consider the site, study the past, recall places that were beautiful, and appropriate that which moves us most. As for my South African bulb plan — why not? And I will go ahead with my little grotto.

In my mind I am already sitting on the old bench and enjoying the fountain. The birds are already singing, the water dribbling. And then I look upward to the golden bamboo rustling way above — swaying canes framed by the balusters of a 17th-century moon viewing porch. The raccoons dig up ground cover in the grotto and wash these greens in the water — I can't help that. Instead of the clematis I plant a climbing hydrangea, less common but quieter, a deciduous vine with peeling bark and flat sprays of chaste white flowers. I leave the nandina (whose shapes echo the bamboo) where they are and remain content in their feathery shade. ■

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COWBOY SONGS



Frank Morris

When Frank Morris talks about going to the city — and he tries not to even think about it — it's San Diego he is referring to, though it's a two-hour drive to that city or in the opposite direction to Los Angeles. His home outside Perris, south of Lake Elsinore, is at the end of a winding dirt track on high desert land studded with boulders, chaparral, and coyote brush. His nearest neighbors are some 400 yards away, and that's too close for Morris.Standing by a rock with his address painted on it, Morris seems to be pointing to the fire-stained clouds splayed over the evening sky like iridescent jet trails.

"Up that hill, I used to have a big old gong set up, you know? I'd sit out here on the porch with a high-powered rifle and a loadin' die and just sit there and smack that booger and nobody to bother with it. Then I go up there one day and there's this guy from Orange County. He's up there scraping the top of this hill off 'cause he was gonna build up there. I go up there to get the dinger, and he comes boilin' down off this damn hill, and he says, 'You're trespassin'," and I says, 'Is that right?' He says, 'Yeah,' and I says: 'Well, you're a silly man.' He says, 'How's that?' and I says. 'You carryin' a pistol?' He says, 'No.' I says, 'I am. You lived here all your life? I have. I just came to get my dinger.' He says, 'What the hell's a dinger?' " Morris removes his cap that bears an advertisement for Dan's Feed and Seed, scratches his cornsilk, short-cropped hair, and looks up at the first scattering of stars low on the eastern horizon. "You believe that? Guy didn't even know what it was." He peers at his guest from behind aviator-framed eyeglasses, squints, and crow's feet appear at the corners of his aqua-blue eyes. "The gong." He explains. "The thing I was shootin' at. That's the dinger."

Morris leads the way into his barn. A workbench is situated against one wall beneath a quiver of arrows. Behind him is a black saddle studded with silver and covered with dust, a relic of Two Jump's rodeo days.

Why Two Jump? "Well, it depends on who you ask. I picked it up when I was rodeoin', 'cuz that's about what I was good for on a bronc. I had a real proclivity for usin' m'nose as a manure shovel. They'd knock one out of the gate, and I'd bounce off it on the second jump. My wife, on the other hand, she's convinced it has somethin' to do with my sexual prowess. But she's got two kids.… That's twice in ten years, so I don't know what she's bitchin' about."

It is neither bronc busting nor sexual prowess that has the media beating a dusty path to the 37-year-old Morris's home in the Gavilan Hills. It's his poems. At the recent Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Escondido, sponsored by Andrew's Western and Wildlife Art on El Norte Parkway, poets and singers such as Dutch Bergman from Palomar Mountain, Ken Graydon from Fallbrook, Dottie Andrews (a local), and Janet B. Smith from Chicago all performed their own and others' western words and music. But the name everyone mentioned was Frank Morris: "Two Jump's comin' to the next one in October," the crowd was told. When asked who Two Jump might be, Dottie Andrews presented a clipping from the *Riverside Press*, an article titled "Tall Tales and Wild Yarns" by Sandy Pavicic. The article included one of Morris's poems called "Bull Ridin' ":

> Ridin' bulls is a fools occupation,
> aside from the obvious dangers and hazards,
> it don't quite fit my station.
> Requirements for bull ridin' are only two-fold,
> that is if you want to be good.
> The first bein' a butt made of iron
> and the second a brain made of wood.
> The latter is harder to come by, as most start life
> with some sense.
> But it all liquefies and runs out your ears,
> 'Bout the time your head hits the fence,
>
> Bull riders are all masochists,
> I can prove it beyond doubt's last trace,
> Fer who else would climb up on a vision of death
> and then slap his-self in the face?
> Who else so loves the taste of fear,
> so thick in his mouth
> he could chew it?
> The most unbelievable part is still on the way,
> He pays fifty dollars to do it!

"How long have I been scratchin'?" Morris kicks clods of dirt from his boots and thinks. "I been playin' with it for a number of years. When I was in college,

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which was a short duration kind of deal, I took a lot of writing classes. I was interested in writin' poetry. Like free verse. My tastes ran along the lines of Allen Ginsberg, Sylvia Plath. I wrote volumes of stuff, and then I kind of gave it up. I started writin' cowboy poetry five or six years ago but didn't do nothin' with it. I have a real bad habit of takin' — you know how you're your own worst critic. I'll keep workin' somethin' down, distillin' it.… And I'll finally go, ahh'h, this is drivel, and pitch it, you know? Well, [my wife] Maureen started fishin' that shit out of the trash. I was stuck one day for a story for my book, *Tails of the West* — which I'm told will be ready next week from the printer — and she says, 'Here, go through some of this.' I says, where'd you get this? She says, 'I got it out of the garbage can.' "

Morris's two daughters are named Kaycee June and Cecelia Hope. He spells their names with an unlit Camel filter. They are seven and nine years old, respectively. He studies his visitor's notebook to make sure the spelling is correct. Born and raised "right around here," Morris is somewhat exasperated by the attention he is getting. "Reporters callin' up — don't get me wrong, you seem like a nice fella — agents from Hollywood. Like this one guy calls me up and says," here Morris goes into an uncanny impersonation of a Swifty Lazar-type with a Yiddish accent: " 'Hello, is this Frank Two Jump Morris?' I says yeah, that's me, and he says, 'Leesen, vee have heard you are a talent! Vee vood like to represent you, vee could do great tings vitchoo.' Yeah, well, I says, I think you could do great things *to* me. He says, 'No, you got us wrong, son. Vee could take you a long vay.' I thanked him for his time."

Morris has been speaking at poetry gatherings and to school children, which he enjoys. When he was told his poems were going to be printed and distributed to local schools, he had mixed feelings about it, since no permission was asked and no payment offered. Like many other poets, money is a major concern for Morris. He runs a small landscaping business, which "does all right" and leaves him time to compose.

Among his many influences, Morris cites Baxter Black, author of *Croutons on a Cow Pie*. His father was a baseball player, "a good one," as well as "a pill pusher" (a pharmacist) but was not the influence, in terms of cowboy sensibilities, that his Uncle Wayne was. "Now that man, by God, was a cowboy." Morris lights his Camel filter and goes on. "He run the O Bar N ranch up in Nevada until he died. He had emphysema pretty bad, and the last few years of his life he was runnin' the ranch, drivin' around all this heavy equipment packin' an oxygen bottle with 'im. Son of a bitch could play cards. Taught me how to play…and cheat. He used to cheat all of us when we was kids. There were some casinos in Reno that wouldn't even let him in. Not that he cheated there, he didn't have to, son of a

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bitch could count cards. I still got his hat in the house in there. That was my end of the will. All these vultures were scrabblin' around for his stuff; I said I'd just take old Wayne's hat.

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The image burns in my brain.
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Or makin' a ford across a raging gorge,
brown water surroundin',
the cattle flounderin',
Bein' cold in the snow with a fair way to go.
Midnight, singin' low to keep the herd slow.
Cook's biscuits, coffee and stew.
The brand, in my mind still smokin'.
The day of those men ain't gone yet, my friend.
Though we're down to but a few;
some ghosts, this fire and you.
What becomes of the tale when we cross the pale?
Who will know of those men, with sun-blistered skin.
saddle leather worn thin, empty poke, but still Kings among men.
Our time is not past. We ain't breathed our last.
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"A lot of cowboy poetry," he says, "they take on the rhyming format because the early ones was done in that way. You know, a lot of guys just sittin' around the fire, they didn't have anything to read, so they'd do stories and stuff by rote. It's kind of traditional."

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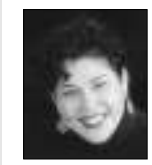
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Wally McRae from Montana, he wrote one of the modern classics, 'Reincarnation.' You ever heard that? Oh, you gotta hear that one." Morris clears his throat and grinds his cigarette beneath a boot heel.

> What is reincarnation? A cowpoke asked his friend. His friend replied. it starts out when your life has reached its end.
>
> They comb your hair and wash your neck and clean your fingernails and then lay you in this padded box. Away from life's travails.
>
> The box and you goes in a hole that's been dug in the ground, and reincarnation starts when you're planted 'neath that mound.
>
> Well pretty soon the clods melt down, just like your box and you who is inside and then you're just beginning on your transformation ride.
>
> Pretty soon the grass begins to grow upon your rendered mound, until there, on your lonely grave, a single flower is found.
>
> And say some horse should wander by and graze upon that flower that once was you but now has become your vegetative bower. Well, the posy that the horse ate up, along with his other feed, makes fat and bone and muscle essential to the steed.
>
> But some is left that he can't use. And so it passes through and finally lays there on the ground, this thing that once was you.
>
> And say someday I wander by and I find this on the ground. And I ponder and I wonder at the object that I've found. And I think of reincarnation, of life and death and such. And come away concludin': 'Pard, you just ain't changed that much.'

As for his other reading habits, Morris says, "I'm a voracious reader. I like Winston Churchill, let's see, Robert Ruark, Elmer Keith, Will Rogers, Jim Carmicheal, Peter Cathaway Hapstick, some of his African stuff, *Death in the Long Grass*, that's riveting. I don't read a lot of history and political comment. I read a lot about religion."

Is Morris himself



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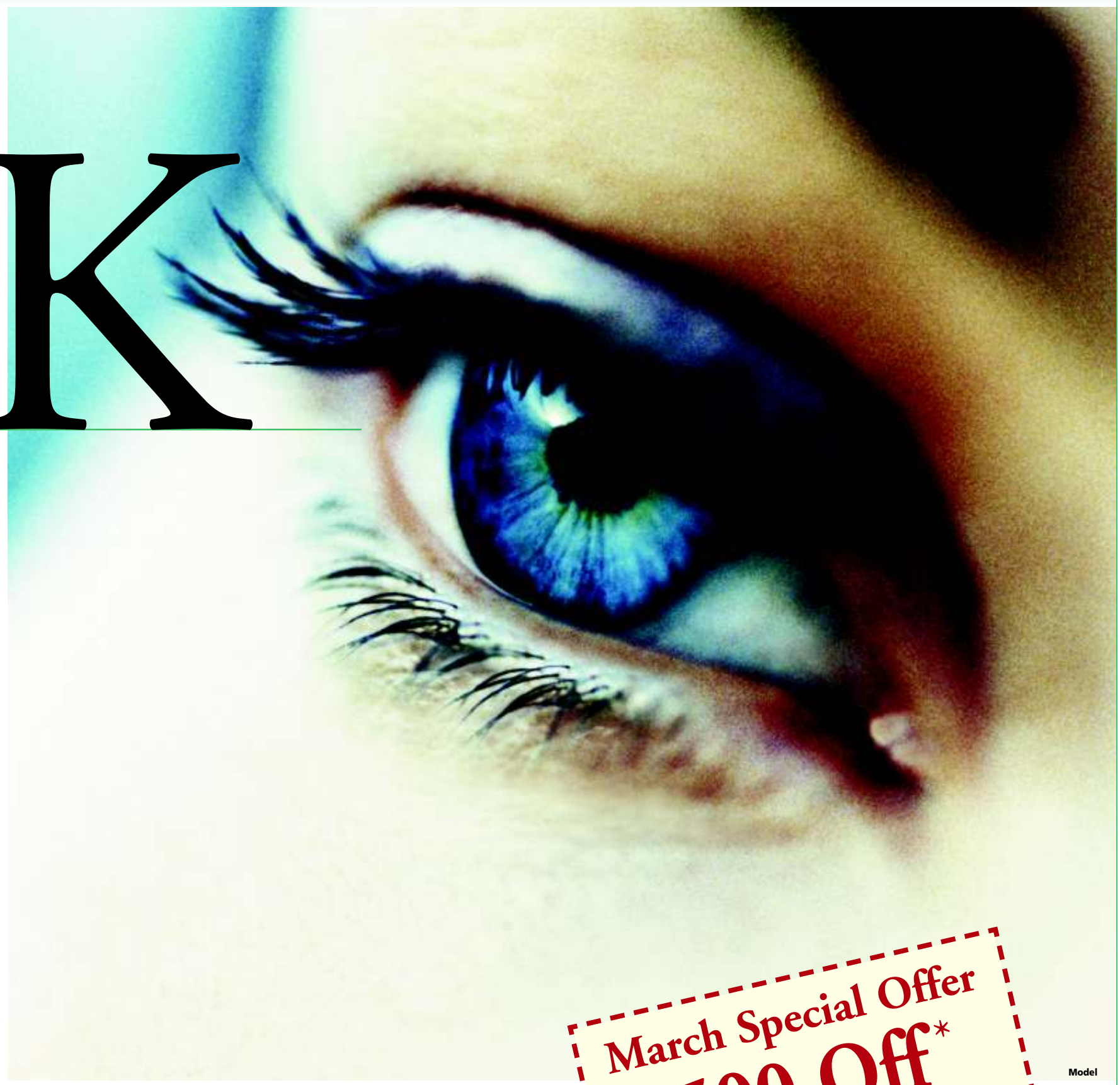


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religious?

"Nah, shit no. I don't believe in that crap. It's just fun studyin'. In fact…" He shuffles through a small stack of typescripts for his book and says, "I've been warned about this one. It kind of puts how I feel about religion, and it's bound to offend someone, though no offense is intended. I don't mean to say I speak for all cowboys or anyone else here. This is just me." Morris reads:

Will Rogers said that religion is better lived than preached. You know, I pretty much think he had it right. Religion, to my way of thinkin' is not so much a way to live, but rather a way not to live. I mean, if you look at most any religion, the Buddhist and the American Indian beliefs being excepted, they mostly all got a hell of a lot more shalt nots than shalls.

I have ever become exceedin' cautious whenever a fella to whom I am talkin' brings up the subject of religion in any but a humorous way. 'Cuz if a guy ain't jokin' about religion, his or anybody else's, then you can bet your last money that he not only believes this stuff but is fixin' to make you a convert if he can. If he can't, bend your ear considerable and by tellin' you how in error you are in whatever beliefs you hold dear, do his dead level best to twitch and hobble you into the right and true faith.

Note: All religions are the right and true faith. Just ask any adherent to any of 'em…the two above mentioned bein' excepted. In fact, I have been told so many times, by so many different religionists that I am bound for perdition, that the idea has got to be some comfortin' to me. Only thing is, that all those folks tell me a different way to go to the good place.

I kind of feel sad for them, though. At least I know where I'm a'goin' and that I'm doin' all the right stuff to get there. If hell, as all the good folks say it is, is a place where one is tormented by the things one fears and dreads most, then I am fair sure that it is a place where all the horses are rank, bitin', kickin', humpy-backed sons-o-bitches, where the beer is of poor quality, expensive and warm on account of all the soggy wood smoke and campfires and that the women are ugly in and out, won't smile, won't dance or give you none of the sweet stuff either.

That bein' the case I ain't too worried. I been to lots of rodeos just like that.

Morris seems to resist the idea of becoming famous for his writing, though many have told him this is inevitable. "I didn't get in this goddamned thing to get famous. I've found somethin' out already about gettin' famous; there ain't no money comes with it. With fame and 50 cents you can get a cup of coffee anywhere you want. If it gets to a point where it's not fun to do, I'll quit doin' it. When it's all said and done and they lay the dirt over me, I'd just like to be remembered as an honest guy, a fair guy who treated his dogs good." ■

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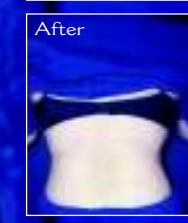
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WE ARE THE NIMBYS

For five years I was part of an inadvertent conspiracy to widen income and wealth differences in San Diego. Because of my actions and those of my overwhelmingly white, upper-middle-class neighbors in a well-off San Diego suburb, we've enriched ourselves at the expense of lower-income groups. This neat redistribution was accomplished at the expense of, among others, the roughly one-half of San Diego's population who rent rather than own their homes.

Our tool has been quasi-veto power over building and land-use changes in our area. For whatever changes that might adversely affect our interests, however slightly, we have an automatic response: Not In My Back Yard. In a word, we are the NIMBYs.

Participative democracy is big in California, a land where initiatives are easy to qualify for the ballot (which can run a dozen pages and more), and citizens' groups are relied upon to make decisions politicians seek to dodge. Such citizen involvement, with its populist roots, sounds innocent enough. But once I became a participant, the hidden toll this system takes on "the other half" slowly dawned upon me.



Six years ago, I joined a community planning group in Scripps Ranch. Consisting mostly of local homeowners, the group reviews and makes recommendations on land-use decisions in our suburb. Several dozen such groups exist in San Diego, as in other big cities. Although our advice is not binding on city planning and zoning authorities or the city council, it is usually followed in great part.

I've always been in awe of our power, considering the millions of dollars at stake as we pass judgment on roads, housing densities, and commercial and industrial land use. But I am also an economist teaching at SDSU, as well as a landlord. These roles give me a different insight into the effects of such actions.

Any collection of local residents has a natural tendency to become parochial in its outlook. We tend to favor whatever enhances our community and our property values and disapprove of that which might hurt us, however slightly. Land-use issues are rife with what we economists call spillover effects, which can be positive or negative to the locals. If the vacant land next to your house is turned into a park or golf course, your home's value may soar. But a high-density apartment complex would clearly depress neighboring house prices.

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Accordingly, our votes favor housing with lower densities, higher-end commercial and industrial development, and more parks, school sites, and other public amenities. Despite the entreaties of developers who appear regularly before us and even make up some of our membership, we have, to a remarkable degree, molded our own development.

Thus sculptured, the suburban enclave of Scripps Ranch boasts of its sylvan advantages: large manicured lawns, forested open spaces, upscale shopping centers, good schools and parks, and an involved citizenry. Our "industrial parks" more resemble campuses, with executive offices and research and development buildings predominating.



Our property values reflect this desirability, having soared along with like suburbs across America in a well-documented trend of the '80s. My house has doubled in value since its purchase seven years ago. Meanwhile, the older, denser, less-expensive neighborhoods of San Diego have not done nearly as well; their rate of appreciation in property values has been far less. So the gap between the two tiers of neighborhoods has grown not only absolutely but relatively.

A recent report by the economic research bureau of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce revealed the extent of this growing polarization. For the three years ending in April of 1989, the housing prices in the neighborhoods of Lemon Grove, El Cajon (East), San Ysidro, and Southeast San Diego increased an average of 38 percent, compounded. In contrast, home prices in the areas of NIMBY strength — Kensington, La Jolla, Rancho Bernardo, and Scripps Ranch — rose by an average of 62 percent, compounded.

Granted, other factors such as crime, drugs, and schools are at work in shaping supply and demand — and thus prices — of the two different kinds of neighborhoods. But the growing power of existing homeowners who lobby for favorable land use in their area cannot be denied. San Diego's recent adoption of district elections for city council gives these neighborhood groups even more clout.

The growing gap between the two categories of neighborhoods has dire implications for income and wealth distribution in San Diego. Too little attention has been paid by economists to the interrelationship between people's housing decisions and their resulting income and wealth over time. Being a homeowner in much of California has thrust many people into a net worth far above the norms relative to their income. It is not unheard of for some fortunate individuals to see their income in a given year exceeded by the appreciation in value of their house.

This auspicious turn of events can be advantageous to the homeowner in several ways. The value of a property minus the debt against it is called equity. One can borrow against a growing home equity in order to invest and increase one's future income stream. In my own case that involved buying rental housing for the growing proportion of San Diego's population that does not own. Some people tap their home equity and plunk it down on move-up housing. They thereby leverage up their appreciation gains with a larger "investment vehicle." One can, of course, borrow in order to consume, although studies show that most people do not do so excessively.

Many borrow to pay for their children's tuition. This is a commendable investment in human capital, which also happens to further widen income disparities between income classes into the future.

Some people simply stay put, enjoying ever-lower housing costs in inflation-adjusted terms for the rest of their lives. This while their income cohorts who do not own must experience ever-rising rents and, in addition, forgo the numerous tax benefits of homeownership.

The haves and have-nots in California's urban areas are increasingly identified by their housing decisions. The haves cluster in like neighborhoods, where they exercise an increasing degree of control over their destiny. They form automatic special-interest groups, which politicians dare not ignore, especially considering their demographic characteristics and voter participation rates. As NIMBYs, they tend to win by invoking environmental or quality-of-life arguments. Conveniently ignored is the fact that fewer new housing units translates into higher prices on existing housing units.

The have-nots in this game are, broadly speaking, all the residents of lesser neighborhoods. They may be renters, squeezed by rising rents due in large part to land-use decisions beyond their knowledge or control. They pay full freight at income-tax time and even unknowingly pay some property taxes that are built into

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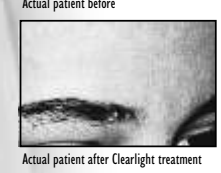
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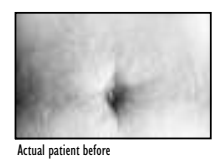
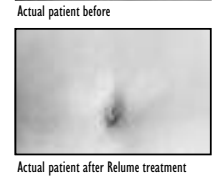
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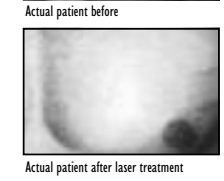
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monthly rents. The have-nots may even be owners stuck in declining areas who will never have the land-of-fat home equity so telling to financial security.

Sharon and Dave are typical of San Diego's housing have-nots. They have been my tenants for four years in an older Santee four-plex building, which they manage for a reduction in rent. With an annual income of around $30,000, they would be homeowners in most any other American city.

But San Diego is America's least affordable city for homebuyers. That doesn't mean our home prices are the highest in absolute terms (Honolulu, Los Angeles, and San Francisco are higher), but the ratio of median income to median home price is least favorable here.

Sharon and Dave have saved up some money for a down payment and every so often search for a house. But each time they look, the prices have ratcheted up another notch. Even in relatively inexpensive Santee and Lakeside, they cannot find a house they can afford. Sharon is worried because her son and daughter are approaching adolescence and must share a bedroom.

Ironically, the have-nots often abet their own economic decline, especially where issues of the environment are concerned. It is widely agreed that new hous-

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ing inevitably entails at least some ecological costs. NIMBYs in the affected areas quickly mobilize, aided by a press sympathetic to any picketers claiming to protect the environment. Developers can easily be painted as villains. Their actual role in lowering housing costs for homebuyers and renters alike by increasing the supply of available units is seldom given more than token voice by reporters. As a result, the have-nots are likely to harm their own interests when voting or signing petitions.

A recent proposal in the Scripps Ranch area to develop 1200 acres for 3360 housing units was stopped cold by local NIMBYs running a thoroughly effective publicity campaign. The new housing would have done much to dampen the rapid rise in San Diego's housing costs. But some of the housing units (about one-third) would have occupied a large hill on the north side of Miramar Lake. Incidentally, the other hills overlooking the lake are partially developed, and the occupants of those houses were prominent in the drive to halt the development in order to "preserve the views for all San Diegans." By mobilizing and artfully calling themselves the "Save the Lake Committee," they circulated petitions and quickly gathered tens of thousands of signatures.

It wasn't difficult. Few hurried shoppers outside a Kmart can resist the appeal to "Help save the lake — sign here to halt the developers." How many people will dig deeper to discover the full effects of their choice?
At one community forum to debate the Miramar Lake development, the one-sidedness of the process became clear to me. The developers explained their planned housing and accompanying public facilities. But the audience of 50 or 60 people was overwhelmingly hostile and vocal. When the press reports these noisy confrontations, the image forms of a fight between the little people and the establishment.

But not represented in that audience was a single black or brown face. Not represented, one can assume, were those who would move into the proposed homes from elsewhere in the city. Certainly not represented were those families who would then move up to the houses and apartments thereby vacated in other parts of San Diego. By thus ignoring the economic ecology of housing markets do we trample upon the budgets of the poorer and younger in our society?

The building of 3360 homes on 1200 vacant acres has been stopped at least for now. Ex-councilman Ed Struiksma, who favored the housing, was soundly defeated in the recent election, which also saw an anti-building tilt in other city races. The Scripps Ranch Planning Group recently elected a far more anti-building slate of homeowners to its membership. Meanwhile, rents and home prices continue their relentless squeeze on the have-nots of San Diego. And Sharon and Dave now plan to move to Michigan, where they can buy a house. ■

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Some People Have Seen His Ghost Here

My friend of many years, Mr. Patrick Lindley, classical harpsichordist, composer, deposed royal, and musical know-it-all, said to me one day not long ago, "Have you ever met Ivor Darreg, the San Diego musical futurist, musical iconoclast, king of the xenoharmonic alliance, and inventor of totally unknown instruments, plus he is a mad scientist?"

"No," I responded, "got his phone number?"

I called Mr. Darreg immediately, only to be told by Vern Luna, who answered the phone, "I'm sorry, but Mr. Darreg passed away about eight months ago."

"He died? Oh, God, I'm so sorry."

"Yes, he died," Vern said, "but he didn't exactly pass away."

"What do you mean?"

"Some people have seen his ghost here in the house," Vern said. "People saw his ghost a couple of times, in the back yard and in the living room."

"What's the address there?" I asked. "I'll be right over." You don't get a chance like this every day. (But first, talk a colleague into going with you; then, in case a ghost does appear, there will be two of you screaming and knocking over the furniture as you bolt for the door.)

Going to visit with Vern Luna at the former Ivor Darreg bungalow in North Park is like walking into a Native American religious service. The air is blue with the smoke of burning sage and sweetgrass, and a flute plays softly in the background. There is a low couch along one wall, where a woman sits making sage bundles and putting them in a basket. She is introduced to us. Her name is Argena. Vern Luna, a disabled half-Maya Native American, with long, wavy black hair that falls forward over his face as he swings along on his crutches, says, "Wait, let me get this hair out of the way."

After tying it back, he leans his crutches against his special chair at the end of the room and seats himself. When he is seated, he assumes an attitude of easy majesty and a most peculiar alertness. You get the unnerving feeling that he's listening to something inside your conversation that only he can hear. During the time my colleague and I visit with him, three people come to the door and he has four or five phone calls.

"This is like being at the pope's," I say.

Vern laughs and says, "All this activity is because of the gathering of native elders in Hillcrest," he says. "I'm one of the coordinators."

We settle down and I ask him about the former tenant, Ivor Darreg. How well had he known Mr. Darreg?

"I met Ivor Darreg one time," Vern says. "He was a beautiful soul, very soft, very intelligent. He left a lot of unfinished projects."

I ask him how he happened to move into the house.

"Well, first I met Jonathan Glasier, who owns this house. Jonathan is a music guy too. He knew Harry Partch. Jonathan was playing some interesting instruments over at the Center of the Sixth Sun on Monroe in North Park. He brought some of Ivor's instruments in, but he mostly played a kind of Mexican harp on Monday night, when Mother Seritas was there for psychic healing."

"So, what about Ivor Darreg's ghost?" I ask.

"From the first," Vern says, "when I moved in here, I could feel Ivor's presence. He walked with beauty. His music came from his heart and his mind, so it was a positive presence that I felt. I had a friend who was staying here. I was gone for a few hours, and I came back, and he said that he saw a spirit while I was gone. First it was in the living room, and then it was back by the garage. It was tall and thin."

I say, "That sounds like Ivor!"

"He saw it twice. I never saw it while I was awake, but I saw it one night while I was sleeping. Ivor was going back and forth, very fast. He was looking down at me. He was trying to get at his papers. He was worried about his papers. That was the message. People at the center who



Ivor Darreg

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are psychic said that Ivor was happy to have me here, because I was into music and electronics. To me it's a blessing."

Then he asks us to go into the bedroom and look behind the door. "There's something very interesting hanging up there. It's Ivor Darreg's Life Plan."

So we go into the bedroom, which has four big filing cabinets against the wall, and there on the back of the door is THE LIFE PLAN. It has an odd, almost magical quality. As if he thought it would happen exactly as he wrote it down.

"He was very innocent," Vern says.

Before we leave, I ask Vern what he thinks of Ivor Darreg's music. He says, "I think Ivor was attempting to find the missing pieces that are in our lives here. He was dividing the notes into all these parts; then he kept hitting these notes. They were so strange. It was like he was channeling these things from another sphere. Intellectually, he understood the surface of what he was doing, but the profundity was lost. He was continually seeking different tonal values and opening up different parts of the brain. When I listen to his CD, I hear the planets, each singing its individual song, and I hear the whales singing too. They all are singing these songs to connect human consciousness."

Next, I invite Jonathan Glasier and his wife Elizabeth to come to my tiny hotel room. I will interview them there. When they arrive, I realize to my consternation that there is only one chair.

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I instruct them to make themselves comfortable on the bed. They immediately do. Being married for more than 20 years, they're used to being in bed together. I turn on the TV to a baseball game. It drones softly during the interview like a stupid person in the room who nobody is paying any attention to.

Jonathan Glasier has a grizzled "beach boy" aspect. He is around 50 but has the enthusiasm of a 14-year-old. He is very obviously a California guy, with a deep, unshakable cheerfulness. His wife Elizabeth is a pretty brunette of about the same age. She is arty and chic.

I ask them to tell me the story of Ivor Darreg's life. Jonathan begins, "Ivor Darreg came from a very Catholic family. His uncle was a bishop. Ivor was very precocious. By the time he was 12 or 13, he knew five languages, including Russian.

"His father was the editor of a weekly Catholic newspaper in Portland, Oregon. The father decided that Ivor should become a monk." Then Jonathan adds, "Oddly enough, Ivor ended up becoming a musical monk!"

"Do you mean sequestered and celibate?"

"Yes," Jonathan says. "His father said then, 'If you *dare* to go into music, I'll disown you.' So when his father disowned him, he changed his name."

"You mean Ivor Darreg wasn't his real name?"

"Oh, no," Jonathan says. "His real name was Kenneth Gerard O'Hare. You see, Darreg is kind of a play on the name Gerard, backwards, and then he took the name Ivor because it means 'man with a bow.' He was a cello player."

"So after his father disowned him, he left home, right?" I ask. Then, ever the hostess *ne plus ultra*, or whatever that French expression is, I walk slowly around to both sides of the bed with a box of white cheddar Cheez-Its and a glass of water.

Refreshed, Jonathan picks it up where he left off. "Yes, at 16, Ivor said, 'I'm leaving. Mom, are you coming?' "

"Oh, no," I say. "Wife stealing."

Jonathan says, "It was an amazing thing. After they left Oregon, his mother changed *her* name to Darreg. What does it usually mean when a woman changes her name to the man's and then moves in with him? He stayed with her until she died, when he was 56. It put tremendous pressure on him!"

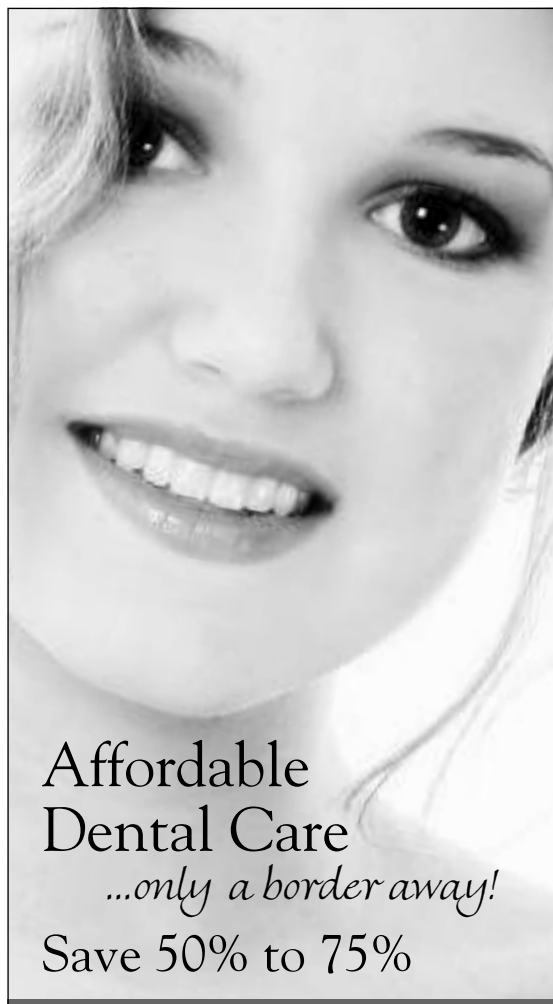
"I heard him speak on one of his tapes," I say. "He sounded exactly like that Johnny Carson character, Aunt Blabby."

"Yes. He had that high, funny voice, and when he died he had been celibate all his life," Jonathan says.

"So how did you hook up with Ivor Darreg and this whole involved San Diego microtonal demimonde?"

"Well," he says, "Harry Partch lived with our family in El Centro when I was three years old. He lived in the garage. He and my father were good friends."

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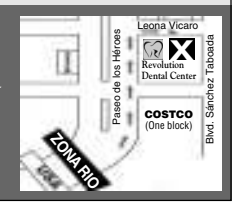
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were using. He used a 43-tone scale.)

Jonathan continues, "I grew up around this. Harry Partch was a wild man; then, when he came to live in San Diego in the '60s, I decided to apprentice with him. I was living with him and helping him to maintain his instruments. Then I performed with him at Royce Hall in L.A."

"Did you meet Ivor Darreg through Harry Partch?"

"Yes, indirectly," he replies. "I knew a guy who had gone to Partch's classes at UCSD. His name was John Chalmers. It was John who introduced me to Ivor Darreg. At this time Ivor was living in this miserable, cockroach-infested house in Glendale."

Elizabeth says, "Yes! He was always just terrified while he was living there. They were building condominiums across the street, and Ivor would say, 'The condomaniacs are coming! The condomaniacs are coming!' Maybe I shouldn't say this, but he was somewhat of a paranoid personality."

"Well, they say in Hollywood that there's no such thing as paranoia and there's no such thing as a rumor. Maybe the same is true in Glendale."

I say, "Then he came to San Diego?"

"Yes," Jonathan says, "and after a year we bought the house on Polk Street in North Park. That was 1985. He paid what he could for rent, and his niece contributed every month too."

"I heard from a man in L.A. who had a great interest in Mr. Darreg that he was something of a pack rat." (I had spoken a week before to Mr. David Hughes, who had at one time an idea to organize Mr. Darreg's papers and instruments. He had left Ivor's house in a state of shock, thinking the disorder was too overwhelming for anyone to effect even the smallest speck of organization.)

Jonathan answers, "Everything Ivor did he did on a broken shoestring. People were always giving him stuff, and he never threw anything away. He'd go out for a walk and bring old junk home that he found on the street. Then he'd put valuable stuff in the same box with the worthless stuff, and everything was all mixed up together. It was a complete mess."

"I hear it was very odd," I say. "Mr. Hughes said that the house was completely filled with wire. He said you'd look down at your feet and you couldn't see the floor at all. You were standing on about ten layers of wire. He said there was wire coiled everywhere. There was no room to stand or to sit down. It was just wire, wire, wire. I really can't imagine a house filled with wire. It's a very strange idea."

Jonathan says, "I took ten truckloads of junk to the dump, and I saved three more truckloads."

"Wow! How come he let you take his stuff away?" I ask.

"He was dead!" Jonathan says. "That's the only way he'd let me go to the dump with all that junk."

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"But what about his instruments? All those instruments he made?" (Ivor Darreg was the inventor of many instruments: the first drum synth, the amplified cello, keyboard oboe, megalyra, tubulongs kosmolyra, amplified clavichord and refretted guitars, and a contraption called the hob-nailed newel post.)

Jonathan says, "Some of the stuff is over at the Sonic Arts Gallery on Golden Hill, and some of it I have, and some of it was just started and never finished."

"Can I hear these instruments?"

Jonathan gives me the Ivor Darreg CD, *Detwelulate!* and invites me to a Friday night concert at the gallery.

We are on our way to the Friday night concert of This Way Out, Jonathan Glasier's experimental music group. We are traveling in the worn little Japanese car and reliquary of my colleague. She has a back seat and trunk full of thousands of yellowed and disintegrating newspapers. As I push the window "down" button, she screams, "No! Don't!"

Too late. The window is now wedged all the way down in an askew, semi-diagonal position, its black rubber bed hanging out on the ledge. We are driving 85 miles an hour on some copless, godforsaken stretch of freeway into the unrelenting mystery of San Diego at night. The wind whips in the wide-open car window. "We're almost there!" my colleague yells over the road of the wind. "I'll fix it when we get there!"

When she jams on the brakes, we're arrived. The little car comes to a complete stop in a corona of burning rubber and leaking brake fluid.

The Sonic Arts Gallery is a very interesting place, stuffed to the rafters with absolutely amazing and little-known instruments. We are invited to inspect the 19-tone guitars, the Godzilla (which is an oil drum, with welding rods attached, that you play by rubbing the surface with a mallet made out of a Super Ball skewered on a stick. It sounds exactly like Godzilla destroying hapless Japanese persons). Then there are two instruments that look like those old bug-spray things that you pump with a plunger. I ask Hirsch, the inventor, what the name of this instrument is. He says, "Oh, just call it an old bug-spray thing." Then he adds brokenly, "I'm giving up on that instrument. I've never gotten what I wanted out of it."

There is Bill Wesley's gigantic thumb piano with a resonator as big as a cocktail table and 180 boingable prongs. There are the elegant water-phones of Richard Waters, looking vaguely like the instruments of some obscure medieval torture, played with a bow and mallet. They can sound like whale calls or violins from Saturn.

There is the beautiful moonscape, a white disc on a dark blue background with bent welding rods; the hum-tube, another Hirsch invention; and there are various odd synthesizers. Then there is the wing. It is a delta-shaped, four-foot piece of thin and

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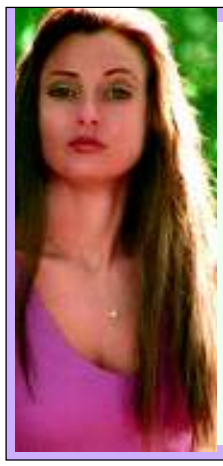
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"Is this anything?" she asks.

They turn the lights off. We, the audience, settle ourselves in the gloom, and the show begins.

I see in my program notes the pieces performed tonight are "Oklahoma" selections, "Integrity of the Note," "Something Else," and "Oh You Distant Universe." As we listen to these selections, I take notes. But since it is dark as the inside of a cow in there, the notes are hard to decipher. Here, to the best of my ability of decipherment, is a description of the music: "J. Glasier whistles 'Oklahoma.' At end makes explosion sound with mouth. Soft mooing. Soft pooing. Hirsch on hum-tube. Then some wobbling sound, like wheel coming off wagon. Guitar strummed in background. Style of 'I Lead an Old Paint.' Weird chords. More

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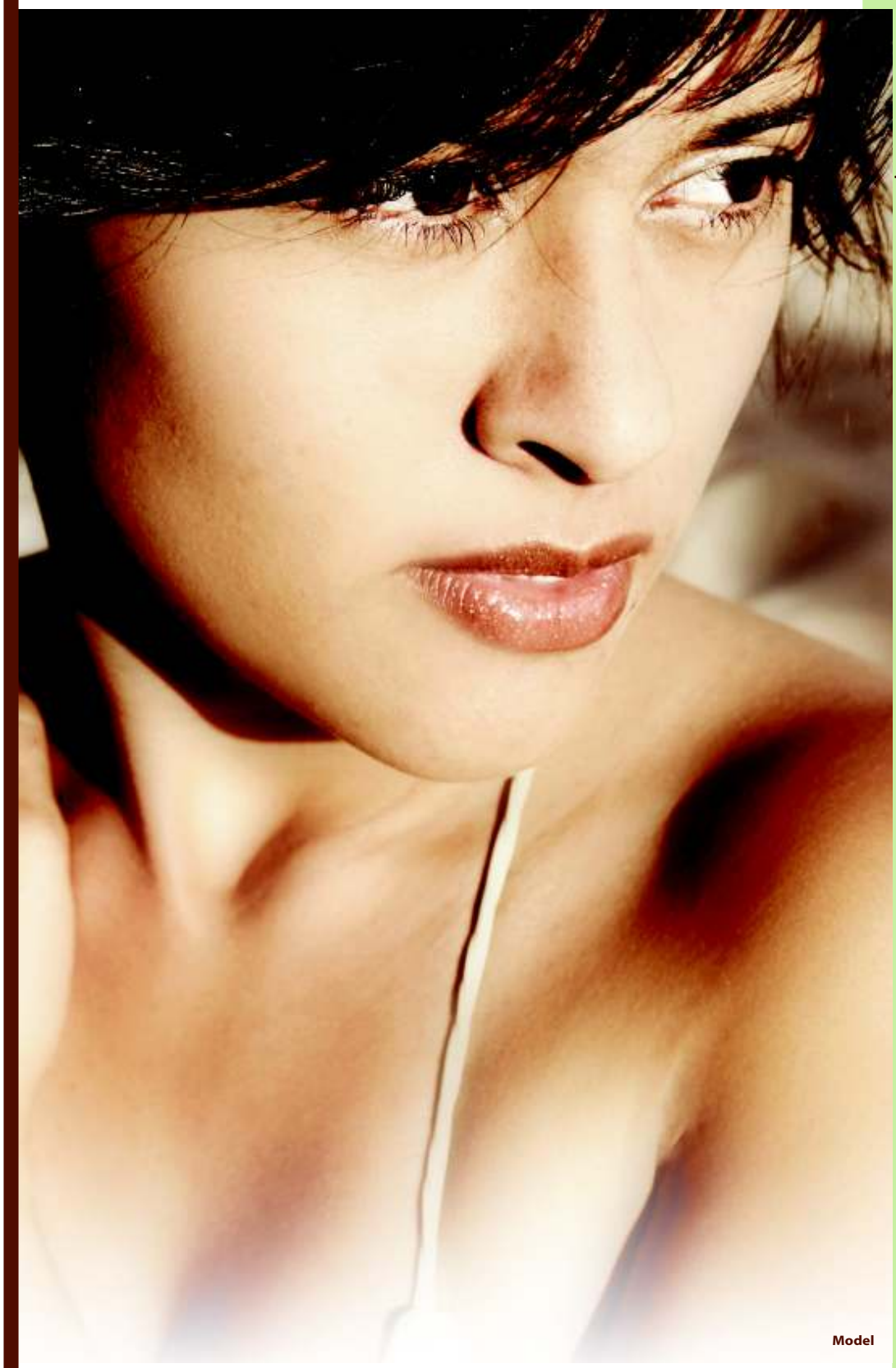
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"Then, cat dancing. Gobbling, gobbling. Flying saucer landing in turkey farm next to a schoolhouse. In the middle of 'Oh You Distant Universe,' which starts to turn into a really cool and swinging outer-space thing, this guy, Hirsch, who's playing the hum-tube, gets up and starts walking desperately around in front of the other two guys (Jonathan and a guy named Brian). Then in a stage whisper he says, 'Hold it!' "

I wonder, is this part of the show? Will it disintegrate like that Aerosmith concert where Joe Perry and Steven Tyler beat each other up onstage and fell into the orchestra pit in a flurry of costume jewelry, hair extensions, and spandex? When I ask Jonathan about it later, he says, "Hirsch is always trying to pull things apart, and I'm always trying to hold things together."

Sounds like the chemistry of a Hit Rock Band.

This experimental music may not be everybody's cup-of-tea-with-ball-bearings-in-it, but it is interesting and you *do* think about it the next day.

However, I would have enjoyed it more if it had been lit. I don't like sitting around in the dark watching a dark stage. It's too much like Stunt Night at Camp Manitou. Claustrophobia and that old primal fear come creeping back. The old primal fear that you left your curling iron plugged in and set on high back at the pensione. Then you remember exactly where it is. It's resting on an open box of white cheddar CHEEZ-ITS.

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Ivor Darreg's CD is odd, to be sure; Rudolf Friml he's not. It's a collection of short microtonal sketches. One or two are surprisingly sweetly melodic, and Prelude #2 for 19-tone guitar is just plain gorgeous. This piece, coming in at 57 seconds, is a little brief for radio play but stands up very well indeed as Ivor Darreg's "minute waltz." Other selections are moody, the lush synthesized strings evoking flashes of Samuel Barber and Gustav Mahler. Still others are murky, some are misbegotten, and some have so many tones per octave that only fans of those alternative music groups that only guys can understand, can understand. There's some really surprising stuff on this CD…the 17-Tone Improvisation #2 is like a glass of ice-cold ginger ale in which a microchip of Spike Jones has been dissolved.

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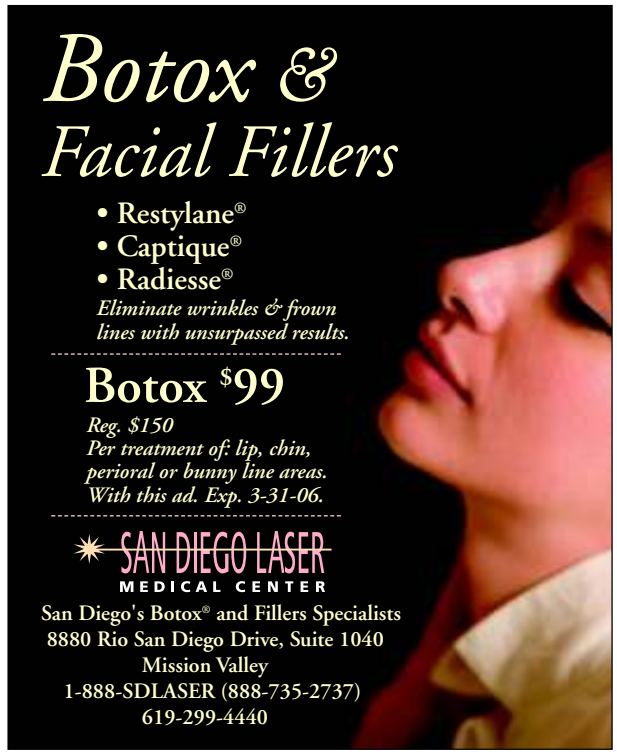
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where. That was the worst short story I've read in years.

Mike
via e-mail

What Would You Expect?

I am the "producer" that Mikaela's Fiend made out to look so shabby in the article in "Blurt" (March 9). First off, I am not a producer. I'm just some chum with a little studio that records singles and EPs for the bands of my friends and my own. I was asked by SAF to spend two days — not three days, as M.F. said — to record, mix, and then master three songs for them and my debt of $250 would be cleared. M.F. showed up in San Diego two days early from the date we had set. This day also happened to be Thanksgiving. I didn't mind them hanging out at my studio and would get to recording them as soon as I was done doing the family stuff that goes along with the holiday.

When I showed up to set things up, they informed me that they now wanted me to record nine songs. That's not what I agreed to, so I complained a lot. I wasn't happy about it. I knew it would take a really long time and I wouldn't be getting compensated for working on an extra six songs. As for my "sleeping," the second recording session took over 12 hours and I was passing out from sitting around for so long. It's not like these guys were one-take wonders. They spent over 25 hours recording their tracks, and they are just guitar and drums! With not much time left after recording, I did a botch job piecing together the CD. It ended up sounding like a good demo. What more would you expect for $250?

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Engineering Clarity, Please

This concerns a letter you published in the March 9 *Reader*. You've titled it "Open Your Engineering Text," and it's signed Name Withheld. Well, I am Name Withheld. I actually called that letter in on the telephone, and whoever transcribed it made a little mistake. There's something garbled there. In the second paragraph of the letter, it says, "…that's called a couple or a momentum," and that's wrong. It should not be "momentum"; it should be "moment."

And in the English system it would be a pound-foot. Couple is force times the distance of the leverage, and whoever transcribed that garbled it and has it saying "Couple is force times the distance times the distance of the leverage." You know, it would confuse the hell out of somebody reading that; either that or think I'm a

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Intrepid And Inaccurate

I noticed last issue that (in his haphazard way) your intrepid TV critic "Ollie" reported that VH1 was going to be airing its five-part documentary on the history of rap music, *And You Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip-Hop* ("Remote Control King," March 9).

Two things. First, he didn't quite get the time right; the marathon starts at 6:00 p.m. and goes to 10:59 p.m., all five episodes aired in order.

Second, although Ollie's "review" wasn't exactly negative, he clearly hasn't seen it. That's a pretty damn good documentary. It's not your regular "Very-Happy-1" stuff.

I think most people dismissed it when it first aired because they assumed it was going to be "We Love Hip-Hop" or "The 100 Best Hip-Hop Moments Ever," or something more VH1-ish. But it's a serious documentary. It's certainly as addictive as their "lightweight" shows, but really fascinating. If you haven't seen it, you ought to at least TiVo it.

That's all. Oh, one more thing, Ollie: great column. Even though it is scattershot and totally uninformative. (Unlike *And You Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip-Hop*.) I especially like the little "stories" — or whatever they are — that introduce each column. Particularly the one in the October 6 column, the one where God turns that guy into a dog. Keepin' the art of the short-short story alive, man.

Name Withheld

via e-mail

Correct The Record

In "Academics Exchange Fire" ("City Lights," March 2), the opening paragraph quotes an unnamed Grossmont College faculty member who claims that Cuyamaca College "is like a business that's not performing," "so the district keeps trying everything to move it along." I was surprised that the author of the piece, Joe Deegan, repeated the claim without substantiating its accuracy. While elsewhere in the article Mr. Deegan quotes Grossmont faculty and students by name, he apparently didn't speak with anyone from Cuyamaca College. Since this is a public-policy issue involving the use of taxpayers' funds, I would like to point out the following, all of which is public information:

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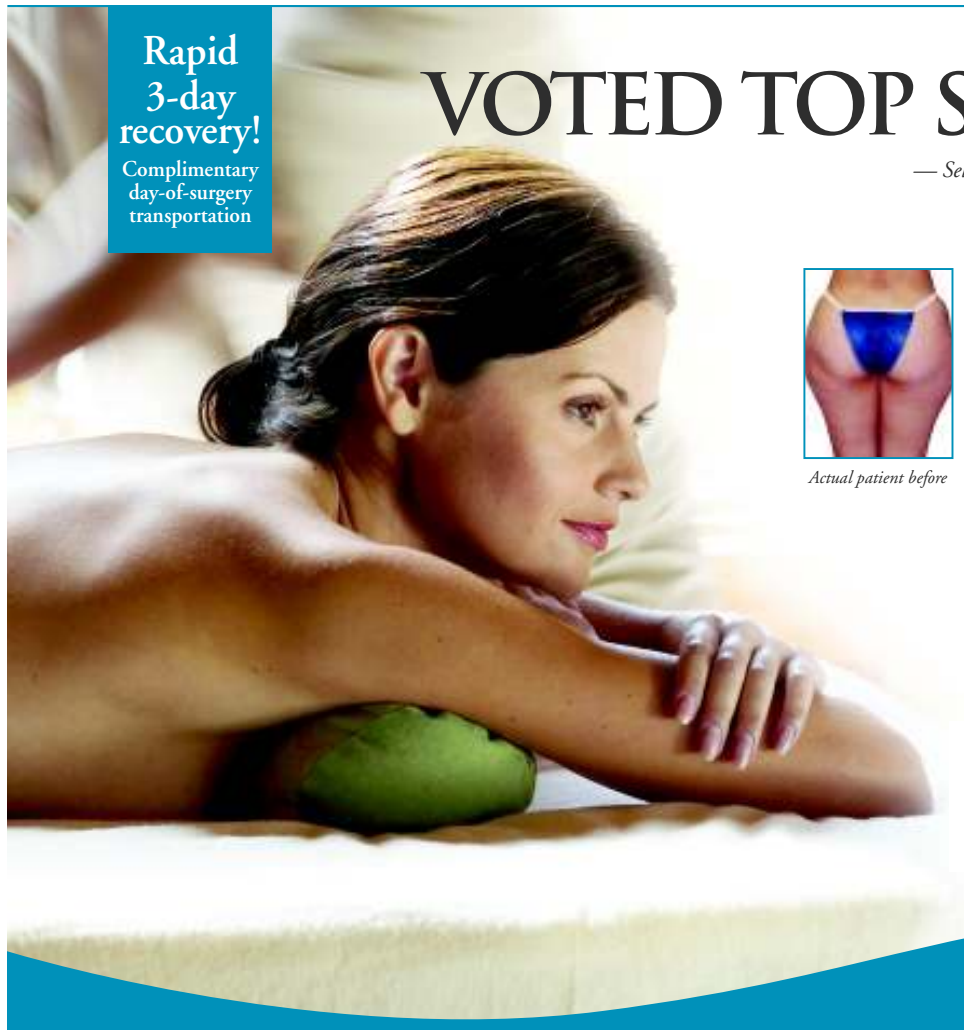
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Thank you for this opportunity to correct the record for your readers.

Pat Setzer
Past President
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Incensed At Disrespect

As a taxpayer, voter, perennial college student, and sometimes chiropractic patient, I was very interested in the article "Academics Exchange Fire" ("City Lights," March 2). I have been taking one or two classes a semester at Grossmont College for the past 20 years and have always found the teachers and staff to be respectful and dedicated to the students. Geography instructor Tim Cliffe is an exceptional teacher and deserves every nickel in pay/retirement he will receive from the "public trough."

After reading of the attitude Chancellor Omero Suarez and board of trustees member Tim Caruthers have towards college president Ted Martinez, student representative Rick Walker, and instructor Tim Cliffe, I wonder where the welfare and respect of the students fall on their agenda.

I don't know Rick Walker, but I was incensed at the disrespectful and belittling (not a pun) ways Walker was referred to in e-mails from Caruthers.

Caruthers shouldn't need to worry about paying "more taxes in six weeks than [Tim Cliffe does] in an entire year" if that is also the way he treats his patients. Would I hear "You can send the fat broad back now" from him? Do we really have to wait until 2008 to vote him out?

Bette Eberhardt
Pine Valley

Ma Mon Yuk!

I recently picked up a copy of the March 2 *Reader* and leisurely read it cover to cover. I enjoy your paper thoroughly and appreciate the diversity of articles and reviews. I was excited to read the review of an undiscovered (by me) restaurant called Asian Noodles ("Tin Fork"). We live in Alpine but were willing to drive to National City to enjoy the fabulous sweet spaghetti. To quote your critic, "This is beautiful. How could I have been so wrong?" I think Ed Bedford needs a taste bud transplant! The sweet spaghetti tastes like nothing more than Chef Boyardee spaghetti with sliced Vienna sausage slices on top with a cup of sugar dumped in it. I would venture to say I have never had a worse meal, *ever!* Instead of Ma Mon Luk I have to say Ma Mon Yuk!

Kim Koke
via e-mail

Wrong Pronoun

This letter is in reference to the movie-review section done by Duncan Shepherd. Once again we are faced with an incident in which the wrong pronoun was used in identifying a male-to-female transsexual individual. The movie *Transamerica*'s main character, Bree (portrayed very well and accurately by Felicity Huffman), should have been referred to as *"her/s,"* not "him" or "his."

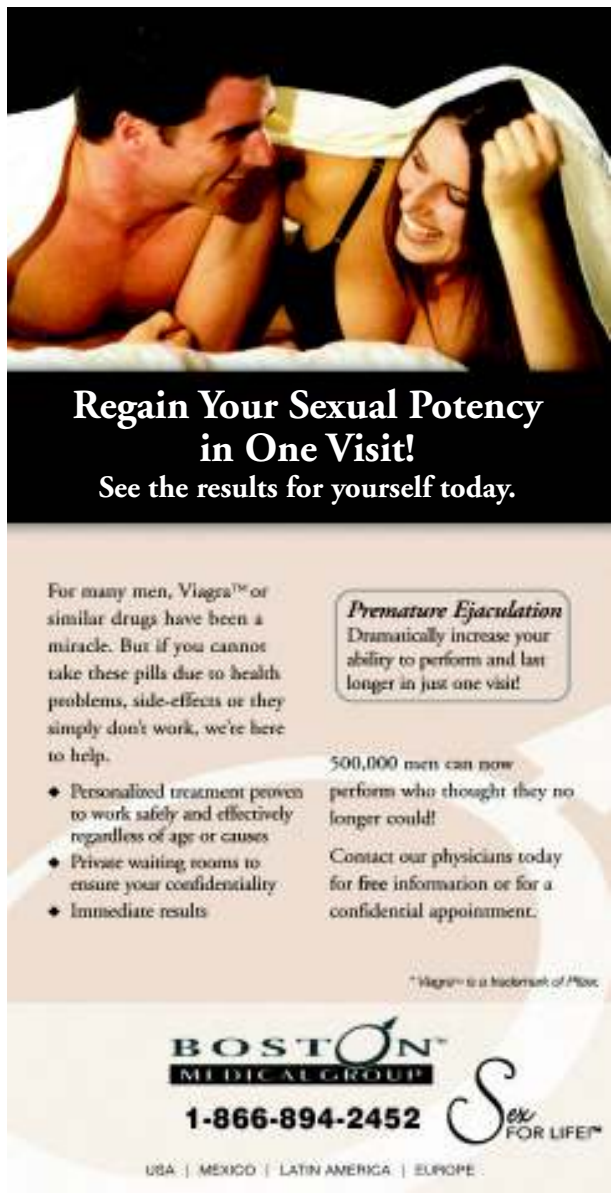
The entire reason that *"she,"* meaning Bree the character, is getting GRS (genital reconstruction surgery) is because *"she"* is a transsexual woman. Bree has traversed through hell and high water to finally realize her true self and to make that person as real as possible as part of her medical therapy. Once again, we are taking this opportunity to help educate the public about transsexual/transgendered people. Misinformation about us, as pushed by such shows as *Jerry Springer,* just does not cut the mustard. Incidentally, the road trip involving Bree and son was not "male bonding" but was a bonding between a parent and child.

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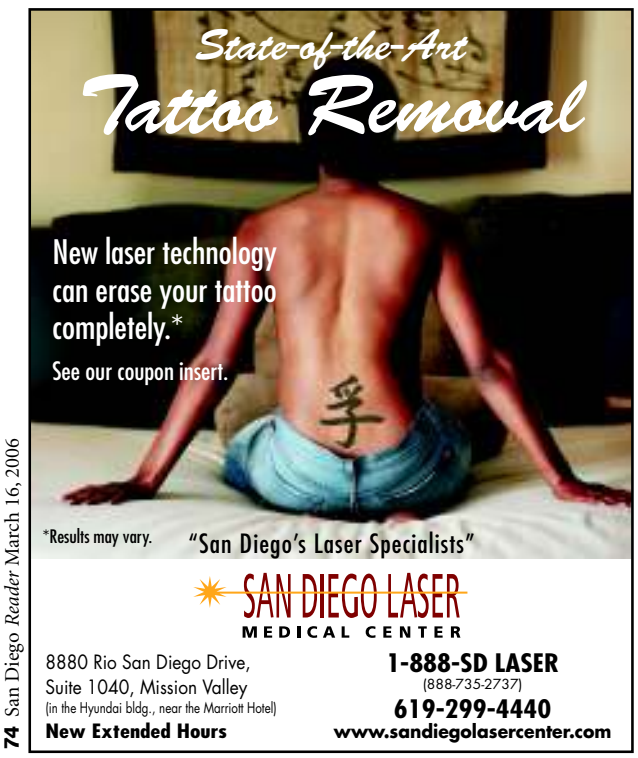
McNeal's Call To Action

The Down Syndrome Association (DSA) has received comments from members both positive and negative in response to the recent *Reader* article entitled "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23). Some of the concerns raised were about the dismal portrayal of the future for adults with Down syndrome and other disabilities, as well as the negative descriptors used to define the people. Most felt, while the story was difficult to read, it served an important purpose in that it brought critical issues to the forefront, raising significant questions about quality of life and human dignity.

DSA encourages families and the community to invest in our children's future prenatal and at birth. We strive to educate families and the community about medical, social, and educational needs so that children and adults with disabilities or special needs will have access to appropriate services and be afforded as full an array of









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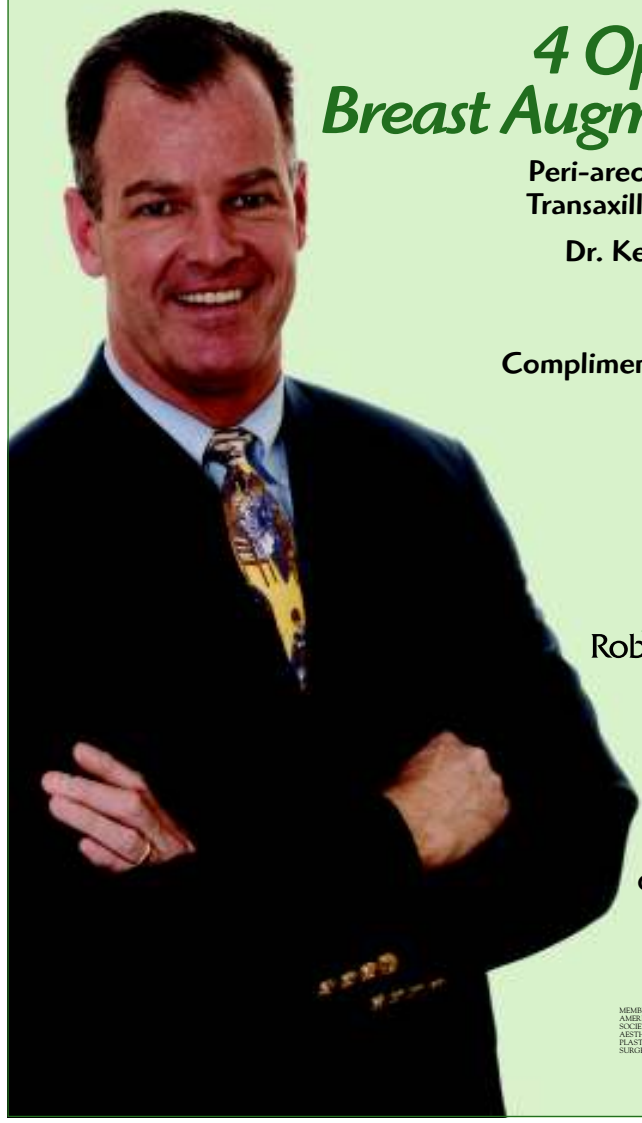
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opportunities as everyone else. DSA values the importance of comprehensive early-intervention services and solid educational programs to ensure that each child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

In order for each child to maximize their potential, there must be a continuum of services throughout the life span. We, society as a whole, must examine the current reality of the well-intended programs and services with brute honesty to determine if indeed they are effectively addressing the needs of our children and adults and, more importantly, preparing them for a future with viable choices and opportunities. We must identify the barriers and challenges that prohibit adults with disabilities from leading anything less than a full and meaningful life.

Ms. McNeal's article is a call to action for each and every one of us. We must be diligent in our efforts to raise the bar and the expectations for our kids' future because they are valuable, capable in every sense of the word, and make significant contributions to the world. While this article was less than "pretty," we encourage people to read the full story, pause, and reflect. It was obvious by the end of the article that Ms. McNeal experienced a transformation in her assumptions of people with disabilities, enabling her to look beyond the physical image or disability. Perhaps with or without intent, Ms. McNeal did us a huge favor by shocking us into action and/or reaction. Our kids do count and deserve better!

The mission of the Down Syndrome Association of San Diego is to enhance the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families through education, support, and social programs.

Joyce Clark
DSA Board of Directors

Anything But Pretty

It is unbelievable that in this day and age there is still such ignorance published about people with disabilities! I was appalled as I read your cover story "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" by Laura McNeal (February 23). It was anything but pretty! It por-

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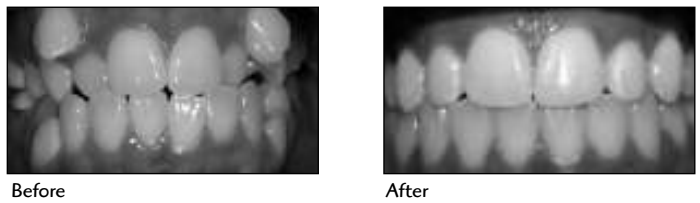
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trayed the prejudiced and negative attitude of Miss McNeal from the very first paragraph. The article rambled on for eight pages describing all the mistakes of the disabled. However, there was no focus on the love, the kindness, and the joy that these disabled human beings *can* and *do* give to the lives of others. I should know because I am the proud mother of twins who both have Down syndrome. I also have two teaching credentials, including a special education credential and a master's in educational psychology. My experience with children and adults who have special needs has been the most joyful of my life. I also witness the unique gift these souls are able to give to others.

I believe you should publish an article that is true to fact and experience, not just one person's personal and biased observation. I hope you do so in the very near future.

Kathleen Kuebler
via e-mail

How Dare You?

I am writing about the story "Let the World See Your Pretty Face" (February 23). I have officially wasted my time reading such garbage. This story was horribly executed and very ignorant. Laura McNeal needs to find a new job. Not only is her writing awful, so are her morals. These people are adults, not children! Referring to Brian as *Blind Brian.* Would you call your overweight daughter Fat Cindy? Would you tell her she has an "oompa-loompa" body? This was done in such distaste. How dare you?

Carrie
via e-mail

Thanking McNeal

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide feedback related to the recent cover story from the February 23 issue of the *Reader* titled "Let the World See Your Pretty Face." We are grateful for the attention the *Reader* has given to the issues related to programs for adults with disabilities. Just as so many citizens look away when they encounter a homeless person on a street corner, they turn their heads and caution their children not to stare when they see individuals with visible disabilities. Fear, discomfort, ignorance, whatever the reasons, it is a reality. We appreciate the fact that the author, Laura McNeal, was not afraid to visit their lives and look into their eyes and share her experience.

Life with a significant disability is difficult at best. Struggling day to day with the challenges inherent with disability is hard enough. Aching to belong, to be valued, to be heard, to be understood is incomprehensible to those of us who haven't experienced it. What does it feel like to be water? We will never know because we will never be water. We cannot know what it is like. We all have days when we struggle with the ordinary challenges of life. Our worst days are likely better in terms of the challenges than their best days. Imagine.

Those of us who have the privilege of knowing and loving someone who faces these challenges on a daily basis are inspired and enriched because of knowing them. They inspire us with their courage, tenacity, and spirit. Not in a patronizing way, but in a deep, profound way. They enrich our lives in ways that are hard to explain to those who haven't experienced it. How do you explain love to someone who has never experienced it? They expand our beings in ways we cannot explain to you. They are invaluable teachers. They only teach the most complex, abstract, and fundamental lessons.

As if their personal challenges aren't enough, they also have to deal with unbelievable hardships imposed by an uncaring society. We felt good when we liberated them from the deplorable institutions. We felt good when we passed special education laws in the 1970s. We have good intentions.

When we encounter adverse situations we take action to protect ourselves, to resolve the problems, to avoid things that cause the problems. What does it feel like to have your anesthesia fail during surgery, to resume consciousness and feel the pain but not be able to communicate with the surgeon, to be helpless? What is it like to be unable to advocate for yourself, for even your most basic needs? What is it like to be blind and go to an Arc day program where the best you can hope for is to be given a computer program where you have to touch the pictures, pictures you cannot see? What does it feel like when out of frustration and pain you break down and ask for a hug and are denied, rejected? Imagine.

The author uses language to describe her impressions and experiences that many who care for individuals with disabilities were offended by. She reaches for words to describe them, often, some would argue, reaching too far as when she described one client's voice as a "groaning, angry voice, like a poltergeist…chills the room. The demon voice comes out of her." Most of us don't describe tall men approaching us with descriptors such as "he could grind my bones to make his bread." It is real. Many view individuals with disabilities in those terms. It isn't right, but it is real. Ignorance. Fear. Prejudice.

One frequent comment we have gotten is that the article goes on and on and on and that the reader has a difficult time reading the whole thing because it just goes on and on. What would it be like to go to those programs every day, every week, every month, every year? On and on and on… The article goes on and on and on, not unlike their daily lives in those programs.

The author quoted a speech Robert F. Kennedy made to a congressional committee: "We visited a state hospital for the mentally retarded on a bright April day when you would have expected all the children to be playing outside. The children were inside, standing in a room bare but for a few benches. The floor was covered in urine. Severely retarded patients were left naked in cubicles, which suggested kennels.… Patients were washed by a device resembling a car wash.… The only toilets for the approximately seventy patients in a large ward were located in the middle of the room, permitting no privacy." We have come a long way, but have we come far enough? What if it was your child? What if it was you? Imagine. Dare to imagine.

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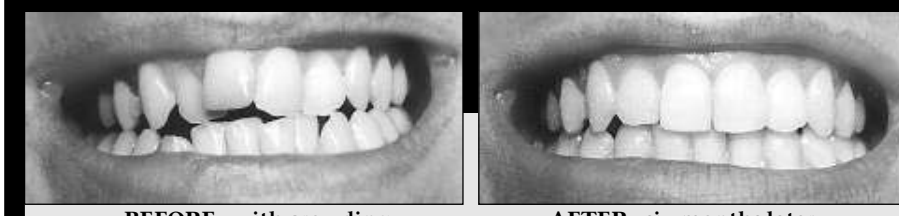
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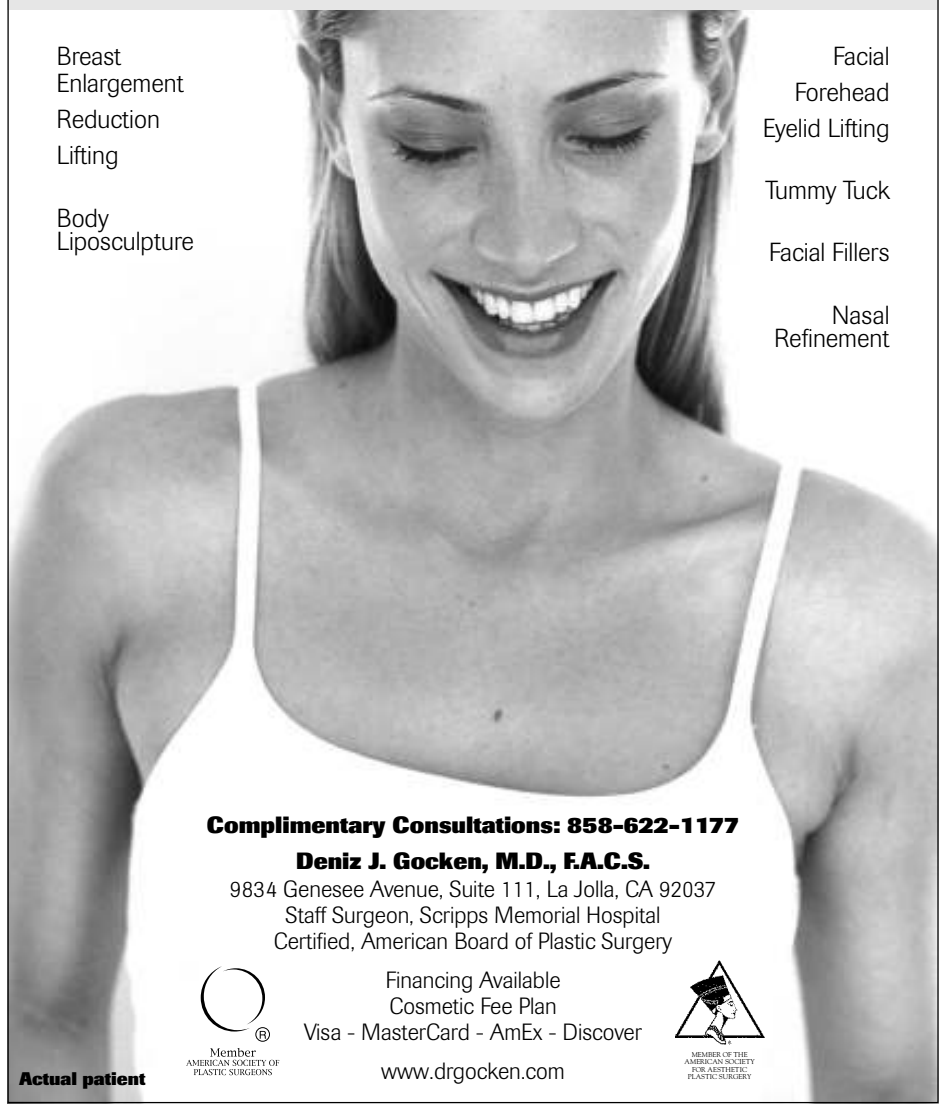
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We appreciate the attention the article gives to these overlooked concerns and issues. We have choices. With our choices we have responsibilities. Will we as a society choose fear, anxiety, ignorance, and indifference, or will we choose to look, to see, to care? Will we do something about this?

We would appreciate a follow-up article to provide another perspective, another reality for adults with disabilities. We would like to provide those who were unable to see past this story another vision of what life could or, we would argue, should be like. There are success stories that can inspire others and may even result in improvements in the system.

We want to thank the author, Laura McNeal, for shining a light into the darkness even if what she was able to see and describe was only a glimpse of what is there. Now we are asking the *Reader* to shed more light on the possibilities. It pained us to face the realities of the adult day programs, but it was also a call for action. Together we can change these realities and give hope to the hopeless. Imagine the possibilities.

Jackie Husson
via e-mail

Dishonest Or Lazy?

Your sneering "City Lights" story (February 23) about "old moneybags" Geoffrey Lipsey tells more about your publication than it does about newly elected councilmember Kevin Faulconer. So Lipsey is 60, a financially secure retiree from the aerospace industry, and is willing to work as a staffer for Faulconer. Does that make him corrupt or stupid? I've never met the man, but I'd much rather deal with him than those twentysomething aspiring politicos you seem to favor.

One of the biggest and most underreported problems with San Diego politics is that council offices are filled with young people right out of college with little or no real-world experience. When their councilmember bosses move on, guess what? These people who know nothing about life except "constituent service" run for council and usually get elected. I just described the career paths of many of the current and recent councilmembers: Jim Madaffer, Toni Atkins, Tony Young, plus the recently departed Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza, among others.

Are these people dishonest or lazy? I dunno, but they're incredibly naïve. Think back to November 18, 2002, when then–city manager Mike Uberuaga presented for approval the infamous second round of improvements to employee pensions together with continued underfunding of the pension plan. He claimed the "fiscal impact" would be $5 million, a simply preposterous number for a pension increase of over 20 percent. Did anyone shout "stop," despite seeing pension trustee Diann Shipione in front of them blowing her stack about the proposal? Nope. Donna Frye asked a couple of questions, and the council rubberstamped the fiasco 8–1, having become used to overriding Frye's objections on many earlier votes by the same margin.

I'd much rather deal with people with real-world experience like Lipsey and Faulconer's chief of staff Steve McNally than those twentysomethings that permeate most council staffs.

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Pretty Bad Race Problem

I just wanted to make a comment on the February 23 story "Caramel Kid"

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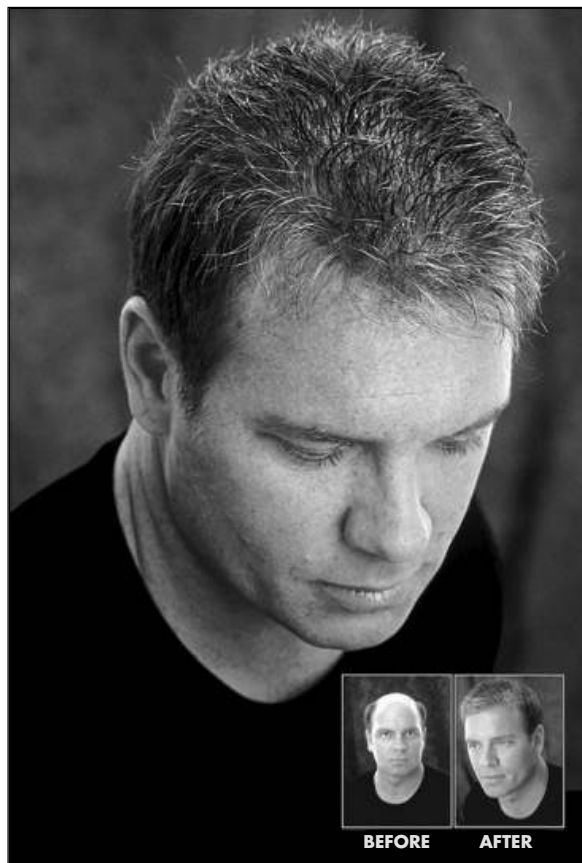
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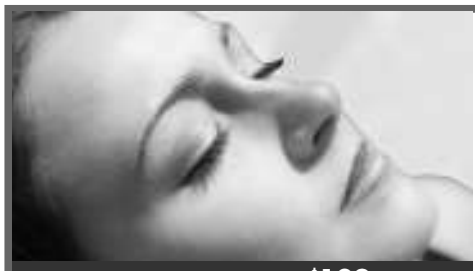
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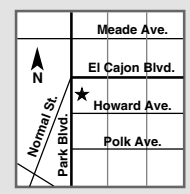
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("Blog World"). I find it offensive. I understand that the mom is making a comment in the story, and that's great. I'm just offended because I'm actually what you would consider caramel, and I come from a family background that is African-American and mixed and biracial and whatever, but I also come from a very eclectic background, where I went to school in New York and I've traveled around the world, and I'm telling you that it's not such a rare and surprising thing that there are people of mixed race. In fact, if you look at other cities around the country, especially New York, Brooklyn, anywhere on the East Coast, Los Angeles, there are a lot of people that are of mixed race, and I just find it offensive that the article is coming from the point of view that that's something rare, that's something that you don't see, or that's something shocking. And I think that's totally wrong. I think everyone should know at this point that that happens and it's completely normal. I don't think someone should stop and write an article about it in the *Reader* and pretend that it's so weird, this doesn't happen.

I also want to add, maybe it's just San Diego, maybe that's why, San Diego is such a strange city in itself. I think that San Diego has a pretty bad race problem, compared to other cities around the world. Compared to other cities in the United States, San Diego is really behind the times. They're stuck in the pre-1960s. It's just offensive week after week to be reading articles in the *Reader*, like "Caramel Kid," that are coming from a completely uninformed point of view. And basically to people in San Diego, maybe that's what they can identify with, and I think it's really sad. Because I think it's about time San Diego wakes up. This is the year 2006.

Christina
Golden Hill

Rewrite Suggestions

It's hard to understand Naomi Wise's restaurant review of the Palm in downtown San Diego ("Palmy Days," February 16). I'm at somewhat of a loss on how to respond to her critique for the following reasons:

First, why did she write a review without even sampling many of the house signature dishes? For example, the Nova Scotia lobster, which she called the "ring the bell" house signature dish. She did not consider breaking her New Year's resolution to sample another signature dish called "half and half," which is comprised of cottage fries with fried onion rings. She resisted so that she could stick to her diet, which appears not to include fatty foods.

Second, her group ordered the 24-ounce rib eye, which was too rare; however, that was specifically the way her group ordered it: "rare." She passed the rib eye to her friend Laurie. Naomi then said that the rib eye was "fatty, beyond the marbling — talk about a heart attack on a plate!" Moreover, she contradicted herself by saying people who frequent high-end steakhouses "don't want their steaks narrowly trimmed — they want to chew the fat to their hearts' content."

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Third, she discounted the Baja-caught swordfish by attributing that it wasn't locally caught; therefore, it was spongy and had milder flavor. Swordfish are considered pelagic, highly migratory, predatory fish. Whether, it was caught (gill-netted or harpooned) off Catalina Island, San Diego, or Baja California, swordfish (steaks) are very similar from these regions. How can she differentiate the taste from local to Baja catch?

Why didn't she list in her summary, "Pick Hits," several of the dishes she really enjoyed? Specifically, Key lime pie, fig bread, and seafood linguini.

Finally, she gave the restaurant two and a half stars (which is good to very good); however, she decided that she would retest the food at home. That doesn't seem a common practice among food critics. I might offer her the opportunity to try some of the signature dishes that she didn't sample and put her New Year's resolution aside (as large and fatty as they are) and at least sample them so that she can give a thorough review. If she's really concerned about leftovers from King Kong–sized portions, she could donate them to hungry children or starving cats of Golden Hill.

Todd Garrett
San Diego

And She's Ugly Too

Regarding your karaoke article, "Everyone Can Be a Star" by Barbarella (February 9), I must say a few words. First, I was there the night she came in. She had them move a table off far away from everyone, after having announced to the DJ and everyone that she was writing an article. She came with a male friend and talked to him solely. She arrived too early in the evening and was only there for a few minutes. Literally about 45, if that.

Secondly, she left before it really got going. It's always slow, and people are shy at first. She captured the first few minutes at the beginning of the evening. I can't even believe she got an article out of that. Too funny.

Third, I wasn't drunk at all; indeed no one is at that time in the evening, anyway. She missed the 50 to 100 people that show up around 11:00. She lied about everyone only singing at their seats. Again, at the very beginning of the evening it's like that until people get more brave. She looked like an old lady, acted like an old lady, and left early like an old lady.

I'm being unkind because her article was outright mean, since she was being so catty about people's looks. And the way she didn't associate with anyone and yet somehow made interviews and an article out of it, jeez. She's too old and stodgy to be out having fun anymore, obviously. And she was fatter than people would think too. If she's going to be talking about people's looks unkindly in her story. I've hung out in Champs on Saturday nights, and the people are nice and friendly and know how to have a good time. Bad singing or not. It's all in fun, and she clearly wasn't there to have fun. She was a pretentious snot, and because of this her story was snotty and inaccurate. Straight-up lying. I can't believe you guys paid her for that and had to wait what, six months to get the story out of her? This was about six months ago, after all.

Seriously, she was only there for about a half hour at about 8:30 or 9:00. Talked to her guy friend the whole time, from a table that she made them carry, move away from everyone. It's funny that she can be so unkind with her descriptions of people's teeth and faces, bodies, etc., when she looks the way she does. Maybe she's insecure and feels better when putting people down. After seeing her I rather think this.

By the way, that photo on the front of the paper: it's all the more funny because of the careful posing that is meant to look like she's having a good time. There are people who take it way too seriously. I like to have fun with it. My complaint isn't about that. Definitely there are people who take it wa-a-ay too seriously. My complaint is that she was unkind and harsh and inaccurate about Champs.

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Trail Volunteers at Cuyamaca State Park



Michael Curtis (left, with shovel)

"The bulk of our trails were laid out by the CCC [Civilian Conservation Corps] during the late 1930s, when they tended to install trails similar to how you would put in a roadway," says Michael Curtis, volunteer coordinator for trail maintenance at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. "Using those construction techniques, trails winded up being too steep and were placed in the wrong places, so over a period of time they caught water and became badly trenched. With close to 100 miles of trails, you'd need a really large maintenance crew in order to keep filling in all the trenches."

LOCAL EVENTS

On Saturday, March 18, Curtis will lead a group of volunteers in trail repair and rerouting older trails. "The first thing you do when installing a trail is go through and remove all the brush, trees, and grass along the trail route." The current routes were drawn with the help of archaeologists, ecologists, historians, and botanists. "We say that we want to put a trail in this general area, and they come back to us and show us sensitive areas on the map. Then we go out and survey the land so that we can install the trail and avoid all the sensitive places," says Curtis. The terrain also dictates where a trail will be drawn. "If you've got a huge rock area, you can't really go through it. Those are called 'control points.' You work your way through control points without getting too steep of a grade into the trail, the way they install highways or railways — slowly gaining in elevation and slowly losing elevation. That way [the trail] is much more sustainable and needs a lot less work."

The next step is to cut into the hillside using the "full bench cut." According to the International Mountain Bicycling Association, "full bench construction means that the full width of the tread is cut into the side of a hill. The entire tread is dug down to compacted mineral soil." All of Cuyamaca's trails should have a four-foot-wide tread. "We normally try to outslope our trails between five to ten percent so that water running down the hill will land on the trail and run directly across it and down the hillside. If the trail is too steep, water will start running down the trail and that will trench the trail," says Curtis.

Curtis prefers modern machinery when it comes to compacting the soil on the trail once it has been cut. "We have a hand compacter, which is just a steel plate with a long handle on it. We also have plate vibrators, [which] you can just start up and it has concentric weight and vibrates to compact the trail. But we recently purchased a trail machine, a mini bulldozer." The SWECO Trail Dozer Curtis refers to is 40 inches wide, 11 feet long, and 6 feet tall. According to *americantrails.org,* "They weigh about 8000 pounds, are powered by turbo diesel engines, and have hydraulic controls with full hydrostatic drive. The six-way floating blade and rock rippers allow for the removal of most rock and roots from the trail bed, leaving a smooth and sustainable finished trail surface."

"A year ago we probably spent two and a half months with fairly large crews working half a day on Saturdays and all day on Wednesdays to install 600 yards [of trail]," says Curtis. "It was very hard work, particularly for the retirees. We lost a lot of [volunteers]. The machine would have done the same thing we did in maybe a week or two."

Curtis works on the trails almost every Saturday. "Eight months out of the year we go out and do brushing — cutting back the plants that are intruding into the trail," he says. "The largest germination we've had since the fire is *Ceanothus,* or lilac." According to *theodorepayne.org,* this California lilac has "thick seed coatings that must be scarified by heat from fire or are germinated by chemicals in the charcoal left after a fire…these 'fire annuals' or 'fire followers' leave seeds that may lie dormant for fifty years or longer."

Other vegetation includes mountain mahogany, scrub oak, live oak, black oak, and manzanita. "Some of that has already gotten overhead, in the eight-foot-tall range. It's thickets, absolutely filled in," says Curtis. "All those plants have grown up in this environment so they're used to fire. When the fire came through, it burned all of the above-ground portions of plant, and those plants didn't really care; their roots survived and they just sent up new shoots." Root bundles deemed too close to the trails must be dug from the ground.

Curtis stresses that it can get pretty cold at an elevation of 5000 feet. "People need good, strong shoes, long pants, and long sleeves." Though volunteers are asked to sign a waiver, the closest thing to an injury reported thus far has been a case of poison oak.

— Barbarella

Trail repair at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park
Saturday, March 18
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Highway 79 north of I-8
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BAJA

Mexican Diva Night with Arinda Caballero (blues, jazz, bossa nova) and Cita (rock, fusion), Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro Universitario Benito Juárez. 011-52-646-176-3005. (ENSENADA)

"Sirenas del Corazón," play presented Friday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Jardín Quinta Real (Via Rápida #10950, Zona Río). Tickets: $25 U.S. 011-52-664-215-0926. (TIJUANA)

The Play *Arsenico y encaje (Arsenic and Old Lace)* is presented March 17 and 18 at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Performances begin at 6:30 and 9 p.m. on Friday, 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: $20, $30, $50 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, March 18. Train departs Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m., returns to Campo at 4:30 p.m. Fare: $40 for adults, $20 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE)

Actor César Bono in *Defendiendo al Cavernicola,* Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21 and 22, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets to the play: $20, $25, $30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchid-like flowers in shades of pink, purple and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona.

India Hawthorn, one of the most common flowering shrubs used in landscaping as hedges and dividers in San Diego, is blooming best right about now. The plant, which has several varieties, covers itself with blossoms ranging in hue from pinkish white to vivid pink.

The Pleasantly Pungent Odor of sage is filling the air wherever native vegetation grows on the county's coastal and lower-foothill slopes. Most common are the black sage, with tight clusters of small, white flowers; the grayish-leaved white sage; purple-blossomed, sweet-smelling Cleveland sage; and California sagebrush, characterized by soft, needle-like leaves.

Celebrate Walkabout's 28th Anniversary with walk on Friday, March 17, starting at 6 p.m. at Bali Ha'i Restaurant (2230 Shelter Island Drive). Stroll along shoreline, climb slopes of Point Loma, over varied terrain. Free. 619-231-7463. (POINT LOMA)

Birding Expert Claude Edwards leads guided bird walk on Saturday, March 18, starting at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. $5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Trail Repair Work at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park takes place "most Saturday mornings" at 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. 858-278-3280. For those 16 and older (with parent). (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Get Skinny on Red Diamond Rattlesnakes when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads 4.5-mile moderate to strenuous hike in Daley Ranch on Saturday, March 18. Hike starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Look for Migrating Shorebirds during bird walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, March 18. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Gaslamp Folklore and Legends Walking Tours offered Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, by tour guide Gino Lizardi, who reveals romantic past and characters of the area. $10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Learn to Identify Wild Animal Tracks during hike with members of San Diego Tracking Team in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. Bring water, good shoes, hat. Find preserve at 19324 Santee Lane; 760-749-5320. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Soaring Hawks and Old Rocks can be seen on nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, March 18, 19, 22, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on March 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, March 18, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Where's South Park? Explore neighborhood, replete with Craftsman architecture during walking tour hosted by Patty Fares for Urban Safari, Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. $10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (SOUTH PARK)

The Wild Babies Are Here and often need help from Wildlife Assist volunteers, who help rescue wildlife in trouble. Recruiting session/orientation: Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). 619-921-6044. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Tour of Bancroft Creek Canyon with Sierra Club and Lookout Mountain Advocates, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. Learn of endangered creek habitats and species, water quality issues, recreational value. Wear close-toed shoes. Free. Outing starts in cul-de-sac near 2042 South Barcelona. 619-697-4902. (SPRING VALLEY)

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Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers to maintain plants at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway), Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Putting the Neighbor Back in the 'Hood, bring a broom, dustpan, gloves to help Hillcrest Clean TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) keep community clean. Clean-up events planned on first and third Sunday of each month, including March 19. Gather at 10 a.m. at Hillcrest sign (at Fifth Avenue and University Avenue). Free. Requested reservations: 619-261-5617. (HILLCREST)

Vernal Equinox on Monday, March 20, at 10:26 a.m. Pacific standard time heralds the beginning of the spring season for Earth's northern hemisphere. At the instant of vernal equinox, the sun lies in the plane of Earth's equator. As a consequence, days and nights are of equal length (12 hours each) everywhere on our planet. Another consequence is that the sun rises due east along the horizon and sets due west. During the next three months, as the sun shines more and more directly on our hemisphere, daylight hours will lengthen and the rise and set positions of the sun will gradually shift toward the northeast and northwest, respectively.

DANCE

Luna Flamenco performs Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Featured dancer and artistic director is Lakshmi Basile, along with performers Richard Chavez, Jesus Montoya, Jeff Basile, Gabriel Osuna, Joaquin Gallegos, John Martin III. $25. 619-446-8642. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Ranting Banshee makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradance on Friday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. $8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Lead-Follow Basics of vintage dancing covered, Friday, March 17, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. Beginner friendly. (BALBOA PARK)

Pasacat Salinlahi Concert with 14 dances by 125 dancers from eight high schools, Saturday, March 18, 2:30 p.m., at Educational Cultural Complex (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). Tickets: $10, $12. 619-477-3383. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Bellydance Dinner Show — Jasmina, guests and live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner. Reservations: 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

USA Dance Party, Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m., at Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Wide variety of music for singles and couples of all ages, skill levels. $7. 760-525-5124. (PACIFIC BEACH)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Judee Pronovost calls on March 19. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. $6 per class; $20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

"Gallery Dances," collaboration between five dancers from Mojalet Dance Collective and visual artist Hope Smith, with choreography by Faith Jensen-Ismay, showcased on Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

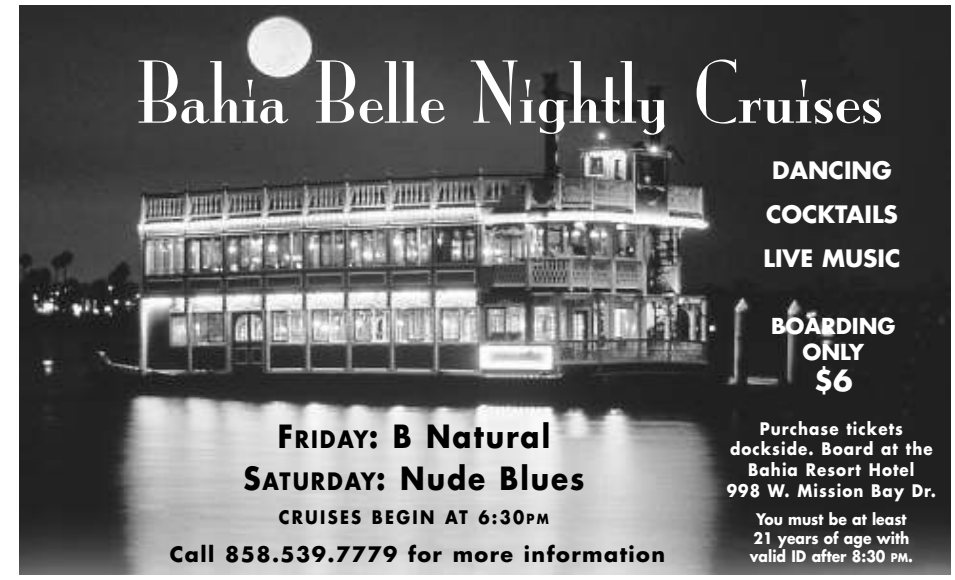
Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including March 21, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. $5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Wednesday-Night Club, dance break for West Coast swing, New York hustle, plus ballroom and social dance mix, March 22, 7–11 p.m., at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (upstairs above Valley Tavern, 875 Hotel Circle South). $8. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

FILM

The "Director's Label" Program on offer on Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes Romanekian, NotNa, short film by Sednaoui, "taped commentaries from U2's Bono, the late Kurt Cobain," others. $7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Shadow Factory," new 30-minute silent film by UCSD student Rodrigo Reyes premieres with live music on Thursday, March 16, 9 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Li-



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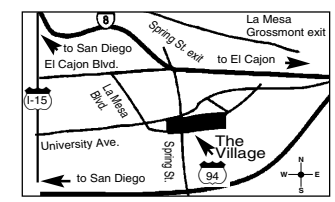
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The 13th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival continues through March 19, celebrating "the best in Latino cinema from around the world," at UltraStar's Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Expect more than 100 film screenings, concerts, art exhibitions, workshops. Films include *Favela Rising, Batalla en el Cielo, El Viento, Duck Season, Take the Lead,* many others.

Tickets: $8.50 general, $6.50 for students and seniors. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

Casually Imposed Injustice is explored in Jessica Sanders's film *After Innocence,* screening for Sunday Matinee on March 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film examines seven imprisoned men exonerated after DNA evidence proves their innocence, and their journeys back to society. Discussion follows, moderated by SDSU criminal justice professor Alan Mobley and California Innocence Project assistant director Jeff Chinn. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a "Plucky Valentine to Desperate Housewives"? Julianne Moore, Woody Harrelson, Laura Dern star in *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio,* screening for Film Forum on Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

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

The Documentary *The Darkside of Cancun: The Trafficking of Mayan Children* explores the "worldwide" trading of women and children for sex, labor, and marriage. See film on Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: $3–$5. 619-475-8227. (EAST VILLAGE)

Banff Mountain Film Festival screens Thursday, March 23, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-436-7469) and Friday–Sunday, March 24–26, at San Diego Natural History Museum. Featured films this year include *Cavewoman, The Hatch, The Khumbu Mighty-Mites, Harvest Moon, Grand Canyon Dreams, Balancing Point,* many others. Programs begin at 7 p.m. Tickets: $10 in advance, $12 at door. Details: 619-283-2374, 619-255-0203. (ENCINITAS, BALBOA PARK)

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

LECTURES

"Myths of Style and Nationalism: American Art Potter at the Turn of the Century" examined when historian, author, Tiffany glass and art nouveau authority Martin Eidelberg speaks for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, March 16. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. $12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Car Culture — A Historical Perspective of Lowriding" offered by Victor Ochoa and Rigo Reyes for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum, March 16, 6 p.m. Both have been influential in local art and cultural environment. $5. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

Pet Dental Issues covered Thursday, March 16, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SCPA (5500 Gaines Street). $10. 619-43-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Sift Series," exhibit of new sculptures by SDSU professor Richard Keely — who uses scavenged materials to build complex artworks that are manufactured sculptures, rather than assemblage — continues at Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Keely plans walkthrough discussion of his work, March 17, 6 p.m. Free. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Comparing Collections: SDMA and the Kimbell Art Museum" explored by Kimbell curator Malcolm Warner (formerly a curator at SDMA), Friday, March 17, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. $10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Into Romance Conference hosted by Romance Writers of America, March 17–19, at Marriott Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). Workshops on variety of topics, editor and agent appointments. $100. Registration: 858-449-5551. (MISSION VALLEY)

"U.S. Federal Census: Tips and Tricks for Searching Online" highlighted when Debby Horton addresses Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.–noon, in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

"Bringing Density Back to Neighborhoods" is topic when Allard Jansen speaks Saturday, March 18, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: $3. (DOWNTOWN)

"Making Dead Ancestors Come Alive" is theme for spring seminar hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Carlsbad Senior Center (799 Pine Avenue). Seminar features genealogist, author John Phillip Colletta. Fee: $30 general. Recommended reservations: 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

"Beneficial Insects to Keep Your Garden Healthy" discussed by entomologist Jim Davis on Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs" presented by Davis for Solana Center, Wednesday, March 22, 6 p.m., at Brengle Terrace Recreation Center (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Free. 760-436-7986 x211. (VISTA)

How Does Sound Healing Work? Iasos, described as "leading exponent of celestial music and sound-healing," plans workshop, Saturday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., at Temple of Higher Consciousness (16512 Old Guejito Grade Road). $33. Registration, directions: 760-749-9749. (ESCONDIDO)

"Introduction to Knotting" presented by Carol Lang, Sunday, March 19, noon–5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Explore sculptural form using simple knots. $70. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ancient Astronauts" presented by Jason Martell for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) on Sunday, March 19, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Brain Day is promised for "Weekend Talk" series at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Sunday, March 19, noon. Learn how brain is organized, how it sends signals to body, how it can be changed. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Economics Nobel Prize–Winner (2005) Thomas Schelling delivers keynote address for conference on future of global conflict and cooperation, Monday, March 20, 7 p.m., in Hojel Auditorium at UCSD Institute of the Americas. Free. 858-534-3120. (LA JOLLA)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course taught for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, six Mondays,

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

The Agua Tibia Wilderness covers an obscure section of Cleveland National Forest, just east of Temecula, straddling the San Diego-Riverside County line. Agua Tibia's pillowy, steeply plunging, chaparral-clad slopes look austere from a distance — and they are without question not a great place to visit on a hot day in summer or fall. This month, however, the weather remains on the cool side, and the slopes are greening and flowering in response to the somewhat anemic but significant recent rains.

Agua Tibia's only convenient entry point lies along Highway 79, ten miles east of Interstate 15. On the right (south side) of the road you'll find the Dripping Springs Fire Station, the currently closed (reopening in June) Dripping Springs Campground, and a trailhead parking lot for Agua Tibia Wilderness visitors. A National Forest Adventure Pass must be posted on your car here. Entry is free. A camping permit from the forest service is required for overnight stays in the wilderness area. Even if you're hiking for only a few hours, it's critically important that you carry plenty of drinking water. Early spring temperatures can easily reach into the 80s here. Call Cleveland National Forest, 760-788-0250, for more particulars.



Arroyo Seco Creek

After walking south through the campground, you hop across Arroyo Seco Creek on stones, pick up the Dripping Springs Trail, and begin a switchbacking ascent through sage-scrub and chaparral vegetation, liberally sprinkled with a dozen or two kinds of wildflowers. After only 0.1 mile, there's a trail junction. Choose either way: the Wild Horse Trail, on the left, gains elevation relatively slowly. The Dripping Springs Trail, ahead, begins a steady and very crooked ascent of Agua Tibia Mountain's north flank. The "mountain" is actually the westward extension of the long ridge commonly known as Palomar Mountain.

The 20-mile-round-trip hike to the crest and back on Wild Horse Trail and its extension, Crosley Trail, is obviously too far for casual hikers. Perhaps better (and highly recommended if the air is transparently clear) is the shorter, steeper summit climb on Dripping Springs Trail — 14 miles round trip. Don't let this distance deter you; just climb as far as you like. The higher you go, the better the view. At two to three miles up, you're treated to a spectacular northern vista of Southern California's highest mountains — San Antonio (Old Baldy), San Gorgonio, and San Jacinto — each wearing a snowcap well into the spring season.

At 4.5 miles, the trail descends a little and you'll spot the white dome of the 200-inch Hale Telescope at Palomar Observatory gleaming on a ridge about nine miles southeast. Many hikers turn back at this point. The pine- and oak-fringed summit ridge of Agua Tibia Mountain lies in view ahead — fair game for energetic day hikers and backpackers.

AGUA TIBIA WILDERNESS

Explore the flowering slopes of Agua Tibia Wilderness, east of Temecula, at its seasonal best.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 68 miles
Hiking length: 14 miles round trip on Dripping Springs Trail (shorter options available)
Hiking difficulty: Strenuous to moderate

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



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beginning March 20, 7–8:30 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Attend any or all sessions. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Seventy-Five Years of Rock Art at the Museum of Man" illuminated by anthropologist and rock art research editor Ken Hedges for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, March 20. $6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Examine *Carmen* during opera preview examining music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker is pianist, composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at San Diego Opera. $8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Days of Dialogue sponsored by National Conflict Resolution Center include conflict resolution workshops throughout county, March 20–24. Free. Locations, details: 619-238-2400. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Learn About Bizet's *Carmen* when USD music instructor Ron Shaheen lectures on Monday, March 20, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street; 619-298-9978). $2.25. (HILLCREST)

"Native Grasses for Landscaping, Restoration, and Water Quality" is topic when Point Reyes National Seashore range manager John DiGregoria addresses California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Hints and How-To's on Microsoft Windows offered when Rob Cohan speaks for Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, March 21, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Donation: $5. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

The Future of Air Transportation in our region discussed during town hall meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 6 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Busy on Tuesday? There's also a meeting planned, Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m., at La Mesa Community Center (4975 Memorial Drive). Free. 619-400-2470. (HILLCREST, LA MESA)

Secrets of Moroccan Tagines Revealed when Casablanca-born cookbook author Kitty Morse presents cooking demonstration on Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at Sur la Table (1915 Calle Barcelona). $55. Reservations: 760-635-1316. (LA COSTA)

"Through Many Eyes: The 21st-Century Role of Women in Religion and Society" — panel discussions with representatives from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Unitarian-Universalist faiths examining women's contributions and leadership at CSU San Marcos. Program begins at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, in Academic Hall 102.

Also on 21st at CSU San Marcos, Katherine DeGrow presents "I'm Not Eve: Woman's Role Redefined," 4:30 p.m., in Clark Field House. Free. 760-749-3445. (SAN MARCOS)

Ultralight Backpacking is subject for clinics on Tuesday, March 21, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); Wednesday, March 22, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Birding San Diego: The Mystery and the Magic" offered by Barbara Moore when Buena Vista Audubon Society meets on Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Learn tips for meeting "your own personal birding challenges." 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Why? It's the question asked in pathology department of San Diego Zoo, which Dr. Bruce Rideout chronicles for Special Speakers series, Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m. in zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. $14. Required reservations: 619-557-3962. (BALBOA PARK)

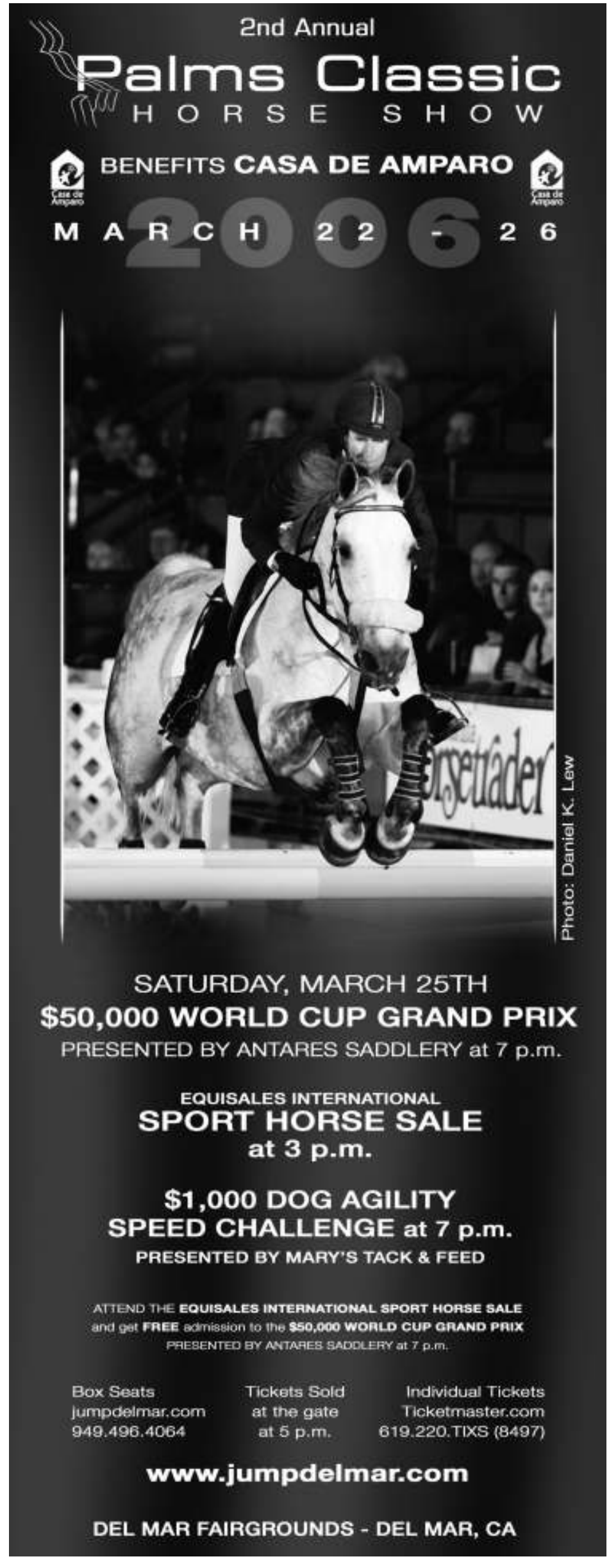
"Children and Gender Identity" is subject when SDSU associate sociology professor speaks for "A Is for Art" lecture series, Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-5000. (SDSU)

British Research websites explored by Fred Spong for England-Wales Interest Class, Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-469-1677. (MISSION VALLEY)

Struggles of Indigenous Women for Human Rights examined when panelists sharing experiences working in Zapatista communities in Chiapas, Mexico, convene, Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m., in KEL 4400 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-3500. (SAN MARCOS)







Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

"Viennese 18th-Century Theatrical Costume and Fashion" presented by Bonnie Kruger, Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Talk is in conjunction with exhibit of eight 18th-Century opera costumes on display through March 24 in reading rooms of SDSU Library's Special Collections. Free. 619-594-1242. (SDSU)

IN PERSON

Alice's Restaurant Massacree Tour — Arlo Guthrie and company celebrate 40th anniversary of the song in concert, Thursday, March 16, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). He's joined by Abe Guthrie, Gordon Titcomb, Massacree Band. Tickets: $30–$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Award-Winning Suspense Author T. Jefferson Parker discusses and signs his newest Robbie Brownlaw novel, *The Fallen: A Novel,* Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Our Stories from the Great Depression," community storytelling, Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Grease" Is the Word at Mount Carmel High School (9550 Carmel Mountain Road), with productions planned at 7 p.m., March 16–18. Tickets: $10 students, $12 general. 858-484-1511. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Darol Anger's Republic of Strings performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 18 ($18, $22). Anger and company follow the Syn, described as precursor band to Yes, planning a (rescheduled) concert on Friday, March 17 ($25). The Syn was co-founded by Chris Squire and Stephen Nardelli; group has reformed with Squire, Nardelli, Alan White, Gerard Johnson, Paul Stacey.

The Waybacks commit "acoustic mayhem," Thursday, March 23 ($18, $22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Conscious Comedy Explosion, comedian/actor/poet Shang performs Friday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Program includes comedian Donavin, Bennie Herron, others. $10 in advance, $15 at door. 619-819-7838. (NORTH PARK)

Faith and Begorra! The 27th annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Read your favorite passages from Joyce, Yeats, Swift, Shaw, Wilde, others. As always, "Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings." Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Irish Pleasures, Niamh Parsons, guitarist Graham Dunne, and Fearon O'Connor Irish Dancers perform Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., at Solana Beach Library (at Earl Warren Middle School, 157 Stevens Avenue). Requested reservations: 858-755-1404. (SOLANA BEACH)

Tuvan Throat Singer Steve Sklarr and "sound healer" Diane Mandle team up for concert with singing, Tibetan bowls, didgeridoo, planetary gong on Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). $25. (ENCINITAS)

Concert is followed by beginning *khoomei* workshops by Sklar, Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Free Spirit House (1658 Honeysuckle Court). Fee: $200 for both days, $125 for Saturday only. Registration: 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

The World Harp Orchestra plans St. Patrick's Day relief-aid benefit concert, Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., at Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (2270 Hotel Circle North). Over 100 harpists will participate. $50 general, $35 for seniors, children. 619-473-0008. (MISSION VALLEY)

"It's Not Your Fault That You're Overweight," Merilee Kern signs her book examining childhood obesity, Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Who Is "America's Comedy Sweetheart"? Karen Rontowski, whose act "is full of the funny," performs for North County Funnies, on Saturday, March 18. Monthly "PG-rated" comedy show combining sketch comedy and stand-up comedy commences at 8 p.m. at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). $18 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

"Rent" Singer Anthony Rapp discusses, signs *Without You: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and the Hit Musical Rent,* Saturday, March 18, 3 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Books purchased at venue will be signed. Admission: free. 619-459-3247. (NORTH PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

DAROL ANGER'S
Republic of Strings for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 18.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Sue Palmer Trio is joined by a cappella group Pieces in concert boasting Ray Charles tunes, blues, and swing, Saturday, March 18, 8:30 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). $10 before 9:30 p.m., $15 afterwards. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Stand-Up Comedy by Mark Gonzalez, Cate Muscat, Quartez, Naro Mak, and Brian Dowell promised Saturday, March 18, 8:30 p.m., Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite b). Free. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Gemini Soul, Ajamu Akinyele (bass) and Jon O'Bergh (piano/keyboards) plan Mama's Kitchen Cyber Jazz benefit concert, Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). $5. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

Irish Harp and Songs in Gaelic and English promised in concert by Kathleen Hartshorne, Saturday, March 18, 3:30 p.m., at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). 760-631-7055. (VISTA)

Mountain Gospel and Open Sing hosted by San Diego Choral Union, Saturday, March 18, 5–7:30 p.m., at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Learn to sing gospel, spirituals, shape-note hymns, sacred bluegrass, and "songs of the spirit." Free. 619-889-6594. (KENSINGTON)

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Oceanside Society Orchestra plays songs of big-band era, Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). $7. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Up Close and Personal," meet romance authors Catherine Coulter, Jennifer Crusie, Bob Mayer, Julia Quinn, over 15 other authors during booksigning, Saturday, March 18, 5 p.m., in Pavilion at Marriott Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). In conjunction with Romance Writers of America festival. Free admission. 858-449-5551. (MISSION VALLEY)

Shambhala Arts Festival featuring local artists; poetry by Jerome Rothenberg, Rae Armantrout, Eileen Myles, and Pasquale Verdicchio (8:30 p.m.); Buddhist filmmaker Dzongsar Khentse Rinpoche's *Words of My Perfect Teacher* (5:30 p.m.), all on Saturday, March 18, noon–10 p.m., at 4040 Adams Avenue. Admission: $7 donation for film, $7 donation for poetry, musical performances. 619-504-1955. (KENSINGTON)

Cookbook Author and chef John Q. Humphreys talks about his book, *The Ramos House Cafe,* and his work and life at the restaurant in San Juan Capistrano, Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Medical Thriller Author Mike Abrams signs, discusses *Lethal Remedy,* Sunday, March 19, noon, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Latin Jazz promised when Yavaz performs Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m., for Winter Concert series in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Baseball Authors Bob Chandler (*Tales from the San Diego Padres*), Rob Goldman (*Once They Were Angels*), and Wally Wasinack (*Lost in the Sun: Roy Gleason's Odyssey from the Outfield to the Battlefield*) will sign their books on Sunday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-702-7420. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Ellsworth on Iraq," unique perspectives on Iraqi War offered by former Deputy of Defense, Ambassador to NATO, and Republican Congressman Robert Ellsworth, Sunday, March 19, 9:15 a.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Southern California Mystery Author Joanne Fluke visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign, discuss *Cherry Cheesecake Murder,* Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Author, Professor, Artist Patricia Justiniani McReynolds discusses her work and book *Almost Americans: A Quest for Dignity,* Sunday, March 19, 4:30 p.m., in House of Philippines International Cottage. Free. 858-538-8706. (BALBOA PARK)

The Master Scottish Fiddler and the Cellist! Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas plan concert for San Diego Folk Heritage, Sunday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). $15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Classical Jugalbandhi — northern and southern Indian classical traditions presented by Purbayan Chatterjee (sitar) and Shashank Subramanyam (bamboo flute) in concert, Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m., in Price Center Theatre at UCSD. $15 general. 858-342-5783, 858-578-2705. (LA JOLLA)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with A.J. Peacox, Andrea Reschke, Ben Henry, and Heather Baker on Sunday, March 19, 4–7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: $3, benefiting Ten Points Coalition. 760-747-1882. (ESCONDIDO)

Spirituals Festival 2006 concludes with concert on Sunday, March 19, in Brown Chapel on Point Loma Nazarene University campus (3900 Lomaland Drive). Performers include San Diego Master Chorale, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir, MADA Choir, Michael Morgan (bass). Free. 619-846-0361, 858-715-1864. (POINT LOMA)

Distinguished Author Series continues when "former teen idol and recording artist" Tab Hunter discusses his new book, *Tab Hunter Confidential,* Tuesday, March 21.

Faye Kellerman, best known for her Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus detective stories, discusses *Straight Into Darkness* and how "she combines her writing talent with her deep faith" on Thursday, March 23. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). $12. 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)





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LOCAL EVENTS

What's Truth behind Pay Gap Truth? Find out when Warren Farrell signs, discusses *Why Men Earn More Money,* Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

"Blue Ducks: Conversations About Cancer" — Patricia Loughrey's new play exploring how family members communicate the journey through a terminal illness has staged readings March 21–23 and March 30 at San Diego State University's Scripps Cottage. Reading also planned Tuesday, March 28, at Moores Cancer Center at UCSD. Free performances begin at 7 p.m. 619-594-2946 x3. (SDSU, LA JOLLA)

"Menopause the Musical" performed in benefit for National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). $45, $50. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Award-Winning "New York Times" Reporter Michael R. Gordon discusses his new book, *Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq,* Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). $5. Reservations: 619-687-3580. (POINT LOMA)

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

"The Beatles Experience" performed by Rain, Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Music is performed live, with no prerecorded tapes or sequences, with "ultimate goal of delivering a perfect note-for-note performance." Tickets: $41.50, $48.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Daily News Coverage of Kristin Rossum murder trial was turned into *Poisoned Love* by *Union-Tribune* reporter Caitlin Rother, who will discuss and sign books on Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Music Man" is current production for Young Actors Theater, with performances at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through March 25; 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays, March 18 and 25. Tickets: $12 general, $10 seniors and children. Jean Isaacs Pavilion, 2778-D Sweetwater Springs Boulevard. 619-670-1627. (SPRING VALLEY)

OUT & ABOUT

SECRETS OF MOROCCAN tagines revealed! Kitty Morse cooks, Sur la Table, Tuesday, March 21.

(SEE LECTURES)



SPORTS

SoCal Scorpions are holding open tryouts for their Women's Professional Football League team, Saturdays, March 18 (1–5 p.m.), and March 25 (8 a.m.–noon), at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center (6845 University Avenue). Fee: $50 in advance, $75 at gate. 858-453-6424. (ROLANDO)

Ford Ironman 70.3 California triathlon is Saturday, March 18, 6:40 a.m., at Oceanside Harbor. Event boasts 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, 13.1-mile run, with more than 2000 athletes competing. Best place to watch competitors is on North Pacific Street north of intersection of South Harbor Drive and North Pacific. 888-280-9097 x27. (OCEANSIDE)

Signature I County Horse Show, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Admission is free. 760-753-0431. (DEL MAR)

World Baseball hits Petco Park for semifinals at noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 18; championship game on Monday, March 20, 6 p.m. The 16-team event brings players from all over world together in "Olympic-type competition." Tickets: $15–$70. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

Coastal Breakfast Bike Ride planned by Knickerbikers bicyclists on Sunday, March 19. The 28-miler starts at 8 a.m. at Cottonwood Creek Park (at Vulcan and Encinitas Boulevard). Participants ride to Jolly Roger at Oceanside Harbor for comestibles. 858-453-3687. (ENCINITAS)

Scripps-Lakeside Express Ride led by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, March 19. Expect steep grade and brisk pace during 40-mile ride starting at 9 a.m. in Miramar Lake parking lot. Two challenging uphill climbs, long stretches without traffic lights. Bring money for mid-ride snack. 858-483-5877. (SCRIPPS RANCH, LAKESIDE)

San Diego Siege professional women's basketball team hosts Colorado Chill on Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m., in Harry West Gymnasium at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Tickets: $10 general, $7 students. 619-398-8399. (DOWNTOWN)

SPECIAL

Fred Hall's Fishing Tackle, Boat, and Travel Show runs March 15–19 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to see boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Hours: 1–9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: $10 general, free for those under 15. 805-389-3339. (DEL MAR)

Be Brave, Get Bald! Celebrate "St. Baldrick's Day" by shaving your head to raise money for childhood cancer research, Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar Street). Live music by Nards, Cash'd Out. Donation. 619-993-2278. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Orchids on Parade," 60th annual orchid show and plant sale, March 17–19, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del



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ShamRock 2006 is Thursday, March 17, 4 p.m.–midnight, on F Street (between Fifth and Seventh Avenues) and on Sixth Avenue (between G and E Streets). Live music by Shamrockers, David Linquist Traditional Irish Band, the Fenians, others; Irish dancing, food, and drinks. $20. 619-233-5008. 21 and older. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Music, Books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals on offer during sale on Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street); 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Ponder *The Ancestor's Tale: A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Evolution* by Richard Dawkins with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

"Art and Intrigue," celebrate opening of "Through the Looking Glass" and "Shifting Baselines" with music, food, Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum (340 North Escondido Boulevard). $10. RSVP: 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

California-Friendly Plant Sale, Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Gardening clubs, vendors; kids' activities, entertainment. Admission: free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Civil War Re-Enactment at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Hundreds of uniformed combatants "from the North and South clash in raging battles"; encampment of historians, entertainers, food vendors, merchants.

Find museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Admission: $10 general, $8 seniors, $5 for kids 11 and under, free under 5; parking $2. 760-941-1791. Event was postponed from March 11 and 12. (VISTA)

Eleventh Annual English Tea fundraiser for Community Resource Center, Saturday, March 18, 1:30 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club (17025 Avenida de Acacias). $45 fee includes comestibles, live classical music, silent auction, fashion show. Reservations: 760-753-1156 x304. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Guacamole Bowl," head to Balboa Park Club on Saturday, March 18, when police officers and firefighters square off to determine who makes best guacamole, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. $5 donation includes bag of tortilla chips, voting for semifinalists. 619-283-6100. (BALBOA PARK)

XM Satellite Radio Hot Import Nights, Saturday, March 18, 4 p.m.–midnight, at Qualcomm Stadium. "Lifestyle car show" promises hundreds of show cars, three entertainment stages, DJs, video game tournaments, dance competitions, more. Tickets: $25 general, with extra fees for drag racing. 949-789-7439. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Spring Is Here" is theme for 38th annual Ikebana International spring show, Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Practitioners from different schools present demonstrations each day. Japanese arts and cultural exhibition: Sunday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., in room 102. Free admission. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Ostara Celebration hosted by Networking North County Coastal Pagans and Circle of the Heartbeats Drum, Saturday, March 18, at San Dieguito County Park (1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive). Children's activities (noon), potluck (1:30), ritual (3 p.m.), dessert (4 p.m.). Donations encouraged; bring food to share. 760-434-4424. (DEL MAR)

Mark Third Anniversary of Iraq War during peace fest and rally hosted by San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice, Saturday, March 18, 1–5 p.m., at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Performers include Los Able Minded Poets, Danielle LoPresti and the Masses, Los Karma, Pete and Betty Anderson, and Ground Zero Players. Information booths. 619-263-9301. (BALBOA PARK)

Sky Surfers Kite Expo and Earth Day celebration, Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Aviara Community Park (at intersection of Poinsettia Lane and Ambrosia Lane). Kite-flying demonstrations, arts and crafts, conservation information, food and drink vendors. Admission is free; fee for crafts, food. 760-602-7511, 760-602-7512. (CARLSBAD)

Step Back 100 Years during fourth annual farm day at Stein Farm (1808 F Avenue), Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tours of Victorian farmhouse, antique tractors, petting zoo, bean and potato planting, washboard laundry, more. Donation. 619-426-5109. (NATIONAL CITY)

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

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, noon–6 p.m.,



at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. $20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

House of Mexico hosts Sunday lawn program at International Cottages, March 19, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Antique Street Faire, Sunday, March 19, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., on La Mesa Boulevard (between Spring and Fourth Streets). More than 125 booths of antiques, collectibles. Admission: free. 619-466-3003. (LA MESA)

Free Admission for Twins of any age (and other multiple-birth siblings) promised on Sunday, March 19, at San Diego Natural History Museum, in conjunction with "Genome: The Secret of How Life Works." Twin scoops of Baskin-Robbins ice cream will be offered (free). Regular admission: $9. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, March 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. $7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Dance Class taught on Monday, March 20, at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). *Doumbek* drumming lessons for all levels with Frank Lazzaro (6 p.m.), followed by Turkish bellydance class by Dilek with live drumming (7 p.m.). $12 per class, $60 for full series. 760-703-1467. (BALBOA PARK)

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

"Understanding the Canadian Medical System" is goal during discussion, on Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Canstruction! During third annual Canstruction competition, 14 architecture and engineering firms attempt to build "most bodacious super-sized structure" using only canned foods, tape, and foam core. Participants work from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street).

Public viewing is March 23–26. Hours: 2–6 p.m. on Thursday; 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: one can of food. Organizers hope to collect 40,000 pounds of food for local charities. 619-235-4100. (DOWNTOWN)

Religious-Themed Artist John August Swanson introduces his latest serigraph, *Take Away the Stone,* Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., at Casa Guadalajara (4133 Taylor Street). Reservations requested.

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Gerard Manley Hopkins

Not, I'll not, carrion comfort, Despair, not feast on thee;
Not untwist – slack they may be – these last strands of man
In me ór, most weary, cry *I can no more*. I can;
Can something, hope, wish day come, not choose not to be.
But ah, but O thou terrible, why wouldst thou rude on me
Thy wring-world right foot rock? lay a lionlimb against me? scan
With darksome devouring eyes my bruisèd bones? and fan,
O in turns of tempest, me heaped there; me frantic to avoid thee and flee?

Why? That my chaff might fly; my grain lie, sheer and clear.
Nay in all that toil, that coil, since (seems) I kissed the rod,
Hand rather, my heart lo! lapped strength, stole joy, would laugh, chéer.
Cheer whom though? The hero whose heaven-handling flung me, fóot tród
Me? or me that fought him? O which one? is it each one? That night, that year
Of now done darkness I wretch lay wrestling with (my God!) my God.

– Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)

Swanson will be on hand in Gallery at Bazaar del Mundo shops 10 a.m.–9 p.m. on Friday, March 24, and 10 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Free. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

Water for Life, fundraiser presented by United Nations Association, Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m.–1 a.m., at On Broadway Event Center (615 Broadway). Surf films by Poor Specimen, live music by the White Buffalo, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Spoken Gun; DJs, art exhibit and sale. $25. 619-233-3970. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Audre Lord Day celebrated Thursday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Lecture by Pat Washington, music by Women's World Beat Jazz Ensemble, poetry, film presentation. Free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art-at-6," monthly showing of art, showcasing paintings created by young artists of A Reason to Survive, Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m., at Hotel Solamar (435 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-295-8232 x109. (DOWNTOWN)

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

"Clara Breed — 100th Anniversary," exhibition celebrates librarian who worked to help interned Japanese-Americans during World War II and publicly criticized injustice of camps. On display through March at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"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)

FOR KIDS

"Irish Lullabies" presented by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, March 19, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Really Hot Jungle Show* by Puppet Express, March 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)

"The Wizard of Oz" presented by Thespian Society at Point Loma High School, Thursday–Saturday, March 16–18, 7 p.m. Find campus at 2335 Chatsworth Boulevard. $7. 619-223-3121 x4509. (POINT LOMA)

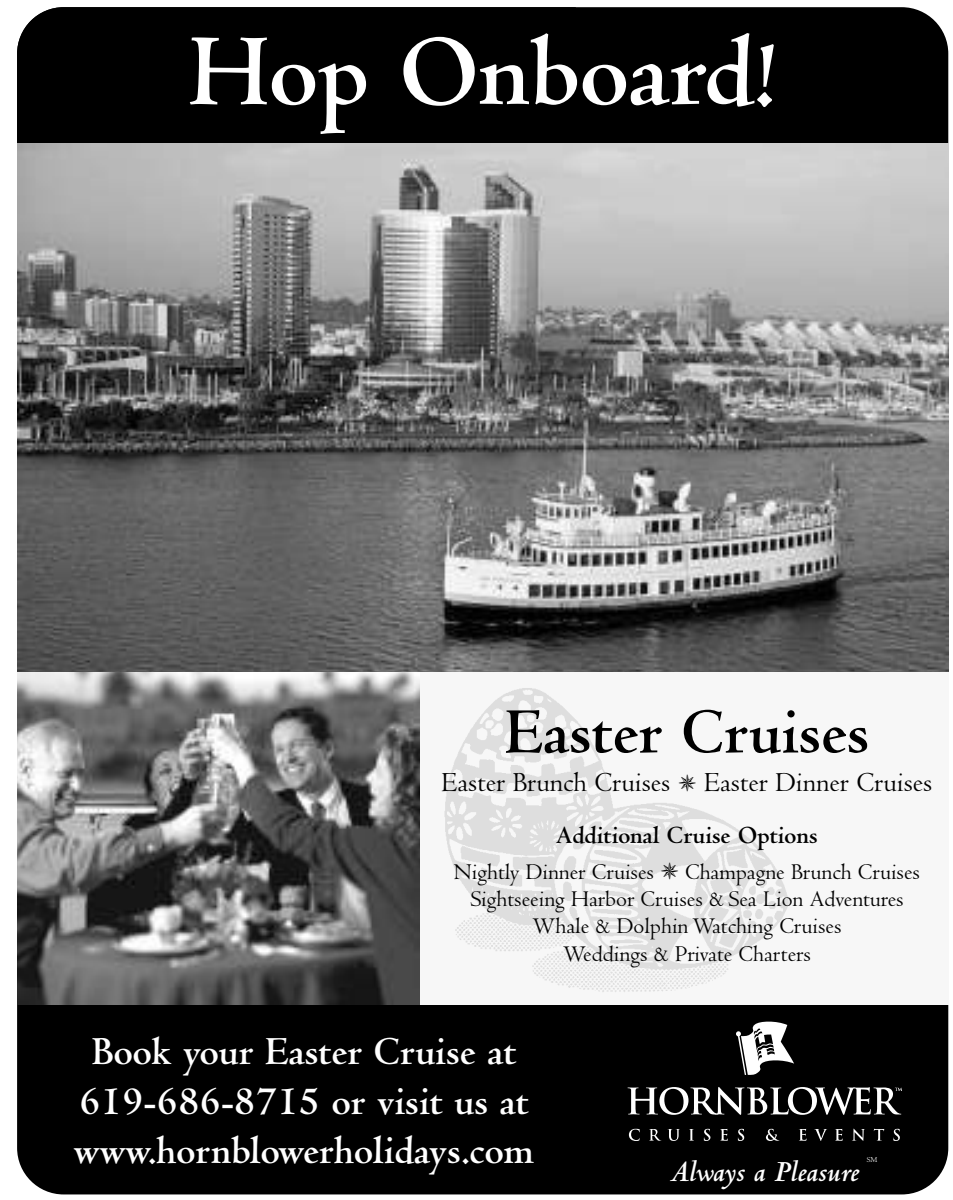
"Alice: Wonderland" presented by San Diego Ballet for Young Audiences of San Diego, Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Free. Ticket availability: 619-269-1540. (ROLANDO)

Stroll Down Klickitat Street with *Ramona "the Pest" Quimby* when San Diego Junior Theatre presents the tale of this rambunctious third-grader from Beverly Cleary's stories through March 19 in Casa del Prado Theater.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on March 18 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: $9–$12 adults, $7–$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

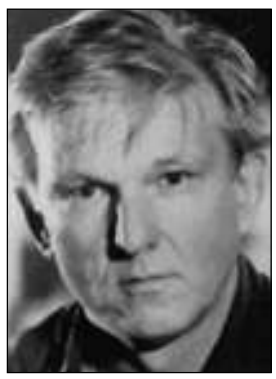
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Reading

A Primitive Heart: Stories



David Rabe

By David Rabe
Grove Press, 2005; $24; 287 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:
David Rabe is one of the finest playwrights in America, possessed of a muscular voice, singular gift for dialogue, sly wit, and fearlessness in depicting the savage side of humanity. *A Primitive Heart* is a powerful book, a collection of stories that moves into areas untouched in his previous work, cutting to the quick of American manhood and revealing the distance within the most intimate relationships. *A Primitive Heart* shows David Rabe to be a fiction writer of range and versatility. Whether he is writing about a marriage shadowed by the unacknowledged discord of a risky pregnancy, about a group of men whose attempt to settle an account launches them toward unexpected violence, or about a young journalist who believes he's escaped his Catholic roots, but is forced again to confront them by a priest who once was his mentor as a writer, Rabe's strong, true voice tenders an inimitable portrait of America and offers a benediction to her struggling souls.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
From *powells.com*: The primitive heart of the title refers, literally, to the not-yet-fully-formed organ of an ill-fated fetus, but all the characters in playwright David Rabe's story collection are suffering from emotional malfunctions that render them less than fully human. Take Daniel, the father of the unborn child, who always did the sort of things male characters ensconced in "muscular prose" do (in a flashback, pre-pregnancy confession of infidelity, he "demanded details, received them, then broke several pieces of furniture"). But with his wife's pregnancy imperiled, he goes beyond garden-variety alienation, turning from her to the comforts of scientific fact and lucrative stock trades.

From *Publishers Weekly*: Playwright Rabe (*Hurlyburly*, etc.), in this collection, navigates the troubled lives of men set adrift by economic hopelessness, traumatic childhoods, and their own inability to connect. "Veranda" describes both the failed beginning of a new relationship and a failed attempt to make amends to a child for the end of an old one. "Holy Men" and "Some Loose Change" stand out as powerful evocations of contemporary manhood, the former in a successful writer's fraught reunion with the Catholic priest who mentored him, the latter through the attempts of a group of boozy dot-com casualties to even an old financial score. "Early Madonna," the only story with a female protagonist, features an aging club kid attempting to escape the shadow of her brainy younger sister.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:
David Rabe was born in 1940 in Dubuque, Iowa, to a father who worked as a teacher and meatpacker and a mother who supplemented the family income with a job as a store clerk. Rabe, raised in the Roman Catholic church, received his B.A. in English from Loras College in Dubuque and his M.A., also in English, from Villanova University in 1968.

"Did you go to Vietnam?"

"I did. I was drafted in '65. I was taking deferments to stay out, and I thought, 'Well, I'll go in.' I was in basic training when the drill instructor started talking about Vietnam. I remember people saying, 'What? Where?' I was not in an infantry unit. I was in a hospital unit. So, relatively speaking, I had it easy [Mr. Rabe has written three plays about the Vietnam era]." Rabe is author too of *In the Boom Boom Room* (1973-74) and *Hurlyburly* (1984).

"You got to see the damage."

"I got to see a lot of damage. But I wasn't in that terrifying fog in the jungle."

Mr. Rabe's second wife and mother of the couple's two younger children (Mr. Rabe is father to three) is actress Jill Clayburgh. The family lives in Connecticut.

"Did your parents read to you?"

"Not all that much. Some," said Mr. Rabe. "It came pretty much on my own. Although years later, certainly there was some reading to me, yes. But we were poor; there wasn't much money. At one point in his life, my father taught high school history and that's when he was happiest, I think, but he couldn't make a living, and one thing led to another. He worked in the meatpacking house, which was far from his dream.

"It was a rough life. He was college-educated but had stepped right into the Depression. Got knocked around for years and was part of the WPA [Works Progress Administration]. He was working as a surveyor when he met my mom."

"He must have been lonely. Your dad."

"At one point he certainly was. He was a secretive guy on some level. We had a lot of communication in and around sports, and later when I started writing, he started telling me that he had written earlier in life, but I didn't know that, at least consciously, when I was in college and started writing."

"He must have been enormously proud of you."

"He was. It was difficult to share because I wrote things that were not his cup of tea. There was tension between us, because he loved the sort of success and acclaim that came early in my career, and I was a little troubled by the fact that I didn't think he appreciated the actual work. But we were pretty close. It was all tricky, though. As I'm getting older myself, I sympathize with how

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> "All the characters in playwright David Rabe's story collection are suffering from emotional malfunctions that render them less than fully human."

March 17–26, in theater at Mission Hills United Church (4070 Jackdaw Street). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, at 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $9 at door. 619-920-2838. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Fool of the World and His Flying Ship" and *The Snow Queen* presented through March 19 by Patio Playhouse Youtheatre. Performances of these Russian folk tales begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $10 general, $7 for youths under 16. 760-746-6669. (ESCONDIDO)

Children's Book Illustrator Derek Anderson presents and signs *Little Quack* series, Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Anderson will demonstrate his drawing techniques. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Earth Rocks!" Uncover latest about ocean geology, marine rocks, and how the Earth quakes during family program, Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Activities, crafts, more. Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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

Create Arts and Crafts from 1800s on Saturday, March 18, noon–3 p.m., in Plaza del Pasado in Old Town State Park. This month: St. Patrick's Day–themed crafts. Free. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

"Sea Ms. Frizzle Lion Around," time for the Friz and Magic School Bus performance, Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun during Animal Tales story time on Sunday, March 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)

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 March 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)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Music, Music, Music" is on exhibit through March. "This, Our Beloved Valley" exhibit focuses on Sweetwater. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John



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Reading

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hard it must have been for him to work in that place, when he aspired to be elsewhere."

"And," I said, "handling that cold raw meat all day."

"It's a brutal world to be in. I'd go down sometimes and pick him up after work, and you can smell it, and he lived in it, day in and day out."

When Mr. Rabe asked me how I'd come across his book, I explained that I recently interviewed Deborah Eisenberg about her new short-story collection, *Twilight of the Superheroes*. As our talk ended, I asked what she currently was reading. "David Rabe's new book," she said, and went on to praise its subtleties and depths.

Mr. Rabe allowed as how he'd known Ms. Eisenberg and her companion, playwright and actor Wallace Shawn, "fairly well, but I've known her a little better, off and on for many years." Mr. Rabe said he was pleased to hear that I was interested in his book. "It's been hard to get any kind of notice for it – you know, it's a book of stories and..."

"And who cares?"

"Exactly."

"Also," I said, "the stories' subjects are difficult. In the story, 'Holy Men,' where a student visits his Catholic priest/teacher, the student discovers, 'You may think you've left the Catholic church, but you've only gone somewhere else.'"

"I'm afraid that's true."

"Your stories have high moral expectations."

"You do what you do. It's not that I expected them to be bestsellers, but it's been hard to get anybody to pay attention. Several reviewers wrote what I thought was not just favorable, but they really seemed to grasp what I was trying to do."

"I'm amazed at how publishing houses now put books out and don't even buy the smallest advertisement."

"No, they don't do anything. I think that what's happened is that I have a long history in the theater, in the arts, and the publishers felt that would guarantee me some notice in *The Times,* both in the daily and in the Sunday *Book Review*. It doesn't seem it's going to, so I thought that once that happened, if I got something good in either or both, then I could pressure the publishers to do something. But it doesn't seem that may happen. Anyway, that was my little dream."

"The stories," I said, "moved me, as did Ms. Eisenberg's, perhaps more deeply than I wished for them to do. So many people who attend MFA classes tend to write stories where two characters, or even one, appear on the page and something small happens. A minute psychological shift occurs from page one to the last page. Then sunshine gilds a green hill. And that's it – a manufactured epiphany, a lump of cheap grace. In your stories, characters struggle and suffer and rip at their guts to get at the change and/or discovery between or among them. The action rides out not as much from a psychological base as it does from a philosophical or metaphysical center. As in the first story in the collection, 'A Primitive Heart,' the reader encounters human behavior of the kind that happens in houses in, say, Connecticut, rather than on Broadway stages."

"In all the stories I made a personal effort to come to grips with something I know. I've only had a couple published for that very reason, because they're long and difficult in that way. For the most part, even the shorter ones are a bit difficult."

I said that I admired the way in which Mr. Rabe bored deep into other minds and revealed those minds' thoughts on a page. These revelations arrive in the reader's mind as whispered secrets, as fans opening. This way of telling a story is so different from the way in which stories are told on theater boards. "How do you manage such different ways of writing?" I asked.

"I don't know. I think it's partly why I am leaving the theater, or whatever I've done. It's a long story, but I think part of the reason I am less interested in the theater at this point, is that I've wanted to do this kind of thing and can't really.

"I had started some of the stories over the years and other ones too. I started a novel or two and never finished. I finished one but...I just decided that it was time, I'm better focused, and so I've shifted. I was drawn to try to do what you simply can't do in the theater, effectively, or at all.

"I'd written a play, many years ago, and I can't get it done. It's a play, but it's kind of an inner drama of somebody. So, that is something I've wanted to try to do or felt pulled to do whenever I sit down to write."

I read to Mr. Rabe from his story, "Veranda": "You write here, 'I'm trying to grasp her interior, as one would read an animal through its gestures, or the eyes of someone speaking a foreign language. Content is there, but it is blocked by my ignorance. I'm trying hard, though, and then I feel I am about to uncover what I need, or be uncovered myself. I sense an omniscient, looming, unrelenting spotlight rolling over the ocean, moving through the black of the surrounding city. It haunts the creases of the streets and alleys beneath the trees, probing into other bedrooms, corners, hallways, seeking me.'"

"A minute psychological shift occurs from page one to the last page. Then sunshine gilds a green hill. And that's it — a manufactured epiphany, a lump of cheap grace."

Mr. Rabe laughed. "That's good. It's fun to hear. To hear someone read it, isolated like that. I may do another play in my life and I may not. I can keep going. I've always had to make movies to make a living, so that I'll probably have to keep doing them off and on."

"You have to send the kids to school."

"I'm almost done with that, actually. I have one to go for two more years. It's brutal. So much money. I had two of them going for a while to a private school or college, just mind-boggling. We managed, but it was hard. Fortunately I can throw my hat into the ring in Hollywood. It's a waste most of the time; most screenplays don't ever get made, but I do get paid well. I had to do more of them than I wanted, but it's brutal with two of them going like that. The private schools are almost as much as college."

I asked, "If we were sitting around and you were talking with intelligent people, and someone asked you to explain the difference between writing for the theater and writing for the intimate interior of a book, what would you tell them?"

"L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

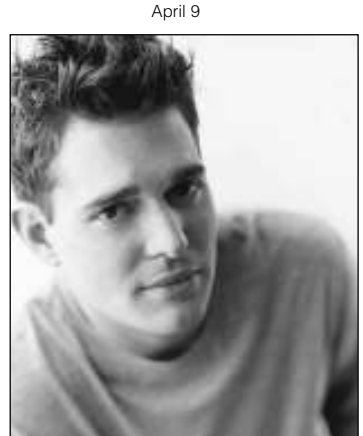
Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900–1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Enchanted Museum: Exploring the Science of Art" is said to "unlock the science hidden in a work of art." Hands-on activities explore world of art from different perspectives and "unseen relationship between art, science, math, and ancient history." Through April.

"Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as

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"I think I'd have to be extremely personal. My own theatrical work was never 'realistic'; it always had a kind of metaphor at the center. It was a metaphoric, unifying factor, plus a theatrical thrust. I was trying to figure this out, and I said to someone recently that in my case the theater – even if it was an intimate set of characters and scenes – was a place where I felt I would yell, or, speak loudly, whereas the stories are hushed and quiet. No matter how crazy the stories might be, they are intimate and almost whispered. I never had an impulse to write a play and then said, 'No, I'm going to make a story out of it.' Or vice versa.

"These stories have always occurred as stories. No way, I thought in the aftermath of 'Holy Men,' did I say, 'Could you make that into a play?' You'd have to do a stylized thing, so much of the stuff is unspoken, or got spoken in a stylized way. It couldn't be done really. It would become something else. I think that's probably true of all of them."

"A play's success," I said, "is dependent in part on the response of the people around you. How you perceive the play, and how you take it in – if the people laugh, if they sigh, if you smell their sweat.... It's a group experience. A novel, and even more a short story, is an individual experience."

"I think that aspect of the theater has always been hard on me. Something I was never comfortable with was the presence of the audience. I used to always say, 'The fun stopped when the audience showed up.'

"People say, 'Why aren't you sitting in the audience watching?' Because I don't. I have to find some sort of bomb shelter to sit in, whether it's up in the balcony or in the booth, with a person calling the show, or the stage manager, or I have to find some little corner, or standing way in the back if there's no corner. Being in their presence, in their midst, is almost intolerable. When I was younger, it was intolerable."

"When did you start writing plays?"

"I was drawn to it and I loved it for many years, although I didn't ever like production. I never liked audiences much. In 1971 I had my first play done in New York."

"Your beginnings, in church, seem to have stayed with you. When one reads your stories, one recognizes that the questions the Catholic Church poses have stayed with you."

"Well, that's probably true. I have no interest in removing that part of myself – the questions. It's the answers that need to be removed. It's the answers they – the Church – gave, and the certainty of their answers, and the sort of guarantees of punishment and whatever. It's also possible to say that it was just my nature, which is why the Church had such a hold on me; it was my nature to be imaginatively drawn to those questions. It's possible that that's why the Church was my life, because I was, in fact, prone to wonder about those things anyway.

"There are times that I wish I had more certainty. I spent one-third of my life in an ashram and was drawn to that. I still am, to some extent, drawn to that point of view, of the meditative Eastern solution."

I said, "That's a lovely few paragraphs when they arrive in the darkness of the story ['The Holy Men']."

Rabe writes, "The only consolation I knew of the kind he meant had found me in a place antithetical to the church, a place the church would have condemned as an occasion of sin, the working of the devil. In the ashrams of an Indian guru there had been strange but undeniable events that seemed to bring with them upon occasion a kind of spiritual embrace, a kind of mysterious acceptance of my entire being."

"And that was comforting and helped me actually, I think," said Mr. Rabe. "I don't quite have the same allegiance to it I had back then but I've never fully lost it either. But, it's not built in the same punitive way. It doesn't have that side to it. At least the part I ran into and the experience I had was much more openhearted and generous and welcome."

"Did you know a priest like Fr. Lilius in 'Holy Men'? You must have."

"I did. Yeah. He was in fact, instrumental in my life and helped my life early. As a creative writing teacher he was wonderful."

"The first story, the title story, 'A Primitive Heart', seems filled with rage. The words burn the page."

"Someone else was saying this to me. I don't see it that way. I wouldn't quarrel with that interpretation, but I don't see it that way."

"How do you see it?"

"I don't know exactly, but it's not rage to me as much as it's an attempt to negotiate difficult terrain and hold onto a sense of self. I feel like the keys to the story are in the moments where there are events where the characters feel certain as to what they're up to, and then parallel or accompanying that, there are pre-conscious thoughts."

"Hence the title? 'The Primitive Heart'?"

"The way that that stuff is so ephemeral and so important to who we are in ordinary and extreme circumstances is what the story is about to me – and how it functions, suggests or leads to an awareness of that in how we live."

"There's so much suffering."

"Subliminal, hidden suffering, yeah."

"You must live a lot in that part of your mind, where the stories are."

"Yes, that's true."

"Your narrator's thoughts in 'Holy Men' inhabit interiors and drawers, those book cases in the back of that convent, where dwells a covey of women, separate from the world of men.

"It's not so much in my life now, certainly, but when I grew up as a Catholic, we were separate. They might be in the same classroom, but you had nothing to do with them – girls. Even as a teenager we were divided. As a child, all through school, we had nothing to do with the girls. We were organizationally divided. You might be in the same classroom but you did nothing together. You didn't do recess together. You didn't do gym together; you did nothing. We boys spent a lot of time out in the woods."

"Hunting?"

"Yeah. At a certain point I got sick of that, but I did it for a long time."

– Judith Moore

> "I never liked audiences much."

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

"NASA Accomplishments: In Space and On Earth" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

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

San Diego Archaeological Center, 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, "Bajito y Suavecito… Lowriders of Southern California," continuing through Monday, March 27, showcases cars that "tell a story of personal and cultural history," artifacts from '50s to present, original car club jackets, as well as work by Chicano artists David Avalos, Eddie Galindo, Richardo Islas, Gilbert "Magu" Lujan, Victor Ochoa, others.

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Getting Lost

"Those early photographic subjects were still in that virgin territory."

REVIEW
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Years ago I read a profile of Barbra Streisand written by novelist Harold Brodkey. What impressed him was the steely control Streisand exercised on how she looked. Not how she herself looked but how her image would appear on screen. Like many performers, she strove for something both intimate and imperial. Entertainment image-making is what made the exhibition of Jeff Bridges's photographs I reviewed here last year so compelling, because we got to see a gifted actor, normally preoccupied with his own screen image, preoccupied with the off-screen images of other actors. His most memorable image was of the great Nick Nolte, between takes, looking like a wasted soul.

Musicians are as self-aware as actors. They certainly pay attention to costuming, whether it's silk doo-wop threads, garage-band grunge, or hip-hop XXL leisurewear, but musicians' lives are so nomadic, the "road" a purgatory (as I imagine it) of play-dates, that their lives can be especially chaotic and improvised. And music of any kind — rock, opera, jazz, you name it — is closer to madness, to that wild possession by Dionysus the ancients wrote about, than any other art. It's about getting lost. Until seeing the generous exhibition currently at the Museum of Photographic Arts, *Eye to Eye,* I didn't know that Graham Nash, of Crosby, Stills, and Nash, has been a serious photographer since childhood. His mature pictures, many of them, are about getting lost.

Born in 1942 in Salford, a working-class town near Manchester in the north of England, Nash was fortunate to have a father who was a passionate amateur photographer. Nash senior jump-started his son's obsession when he let the ten-year-old watch him develop, in the boy's bedroom transformed into a makeshift darkroom by a blanket nailed over a window, a picture of zoo elephants the boy had taken. By the mid-1950s, though, the son was already making music and by the early 1960s would be part of the Hollies. In 1967, Nash sang informally with David Crosby and Stephen Stills for the first time, and they were soon on their way to a 30-year career together.

The boy, it turns out, had a sharp photographic eye. His elephants aren't the cute or homely creatures you'd expect a child to depict. They look rather noble, and the composition is tight and congested: young Mr. Nash crammed the space with lumpy, wrinkled hide that ripples across the picture's surface. He's been taking photographs ever since, and unlike Jeff Bridges, he has tried a broad range of subjects and styles. Early on, he took as his guides the American working-class image-maker Lewis Hine, Diane Arbus, Weegee, and Henri Cartier-Bresson, whose notion of "the decisive moment" — that instant of concentrated visual energy a photograph aspires to be — became Nash's working principle.

As you'd expect, given his profession, Nash has made portraits of the usual suspects — Dylan, Bill Graham, a transported Taj Mahal, Neil Young, Johnny Cash (the Man in Black's head all inky silhouette), and, lest we forget, Twiggy. Some of these images are as starkly iconic as the pictures of jazz musicians Lee Friedlander made in the 1960s and 1970s (now available in the book *American Musicians*). Unlike Friedlander's hip but reserved pictures of even the hottest performers, Nash's portraits are edged with personal feeling for his subjects. Graham, wearing a jaunty cap and Star of David pendant, looks impish, angelic, and ruthless, all at once. Not a man you'd want to have angry at you. The most striking pictures are of a youthful Neil Young. In a 1969 open-grained close-up, glaring at the camera, he looks transfixed in an Orphic trance. In a later picture, his taut, simian skull gives us an up-from-under look while he wraps himself around his guitar as if trying to squeeze some as yet unfound truth from it.

The famous personalities in these photographs are not just aware of being photographed, they're aware of being aware. A smug Dennis Hopper exhales smoke after picking a winner at the Kentucky Derby. Joni Mitchell's visage materializes in a looking glass like a sibyl caught in a reverie. But Nash sometimes manages to slip inside the membrane of self-awareness. He has always been fascinated by the Daguerreotypists of the mid-19th Century, because, he writes in the exhibition catalog, "those early photographic subjects were still in that virgin territory of experiencing for the first time their own likeness and images of a world they had never seen. And the photographers didn't have the awareness yet to bring their own subjectivity into the picture."

Nash's ambition has been to find such unself-consciousness. It sounds unlikely — a rock star cultivating innocence — but he sometimes pulls it off. In their private lives, performers can be shy, but their work is exhibitionism of a particular kind. Because Nash the photographer hung around so long and often, he managed to crack the exhibitionism and unveil intimacies. Bob Dylan, performing at the Concert for Bangladesh in New York in 1970, is as concentrated on whatever's going on inside his head as he is caught up in performance. The faces of the un-famous contain stories, too. A caption identifies a sweet 18-year-old, her face slightly pinched by suspicion: "My girlfriend Amy Gossage in 1973. She was later murdered by her brother." The most troubled story, threaded through many pictures in the exhibition, belongs to "Croz," David Crosby, seen as a sensitive contemplative prince in 1969, an overweight aging hippie in 1987 (looking up at a blurry bird as if watching his own soul flee the body), and finally a helpless, spooky negative outline in a hospital bed following a 1994 liver transplant.

I kept waiting for the exhibition to become a soft saunter down memory lane, and sentimentality certainly dulls some of Nash's pictures, especially those of his family. But he doesn't let himself get trapped in his own history. He's been diligent in pursuing new subject matter and technical finesse, even if the results are pretty uneven. He *has* made a particular contribution to photographic technology. In the early 1980s, he was one of the first to take an interest in digital imagery and began to print his pictures from digital files. ("The pixels were still the size of dinner plates," he says.) With his road manager, R. Mac Holbert, also a photographer, he soon founded Nash Editions, a groundbreaking fine-art digital printmaking studio.

Because *Eye to Eye* is larger than it needs to be, its energy thins out, and Nash's limitations show. Tonal effects become repetitive: he's too enamored of coy out-of-focus exposures, negative imagery, and the kind of filigreed abstract shadow-play derived from Paul Strand and André Kertész. The most self-conscious pictures in the exhibition, in fact, are his self-portraits, which become cloying because they are all mediated by reflecting surfaces like mirrors and windowpanes. When looking away from himself and his musical cohorts, however, he can surprise us with oddball images, like the one of several figures seated at a lunch counter staring blandly at the camera, all wearing Mickey Mouse masks. ■



Joni listening to music, *1969*



David and Christine listening to the first playback of "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes" at Heider Studios, Hollywood, *1969*



Girl with an Uzi taken at the hamburger stand opposite The Alley rehearsal studios in North Hollywood, *1998*

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GALLERIES

"César Chávez: His Soul and His Spirit" explored in photographs by Victor Alemán on view through Saturday, April 15, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Reception for artist is Saturday, March 18, 4:30 p.m. 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

Russian Surrealist Painter Vladimir Kush visits Exclusive Collections Fine Art Gallery (7007 Friars Road #683) for receptions on Saturday, March 18, 6–9 p.m., and Sunday, March 19, noon–5 p.m. 800-599-7111. (MISSION VALLEY)

"AWE — A Woman's Expression" by Terry Farrell is currently on view in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Reception for artist: Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. 760-473-2701. (BALBOA PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Therman Statom: Through the Looking Glass" mixes interactive, site-specific installations composed of bridges, towers, and mazes with "the collection of painterly large-scale plans for these works." Statom is known for his "innovative use of glass."

Work investigating "memory, identity, and the ephemeral nature of existence through light projections and the physical transformation of matter" showcased in "Judit Hersko: Shifting Baselines." Hersko explores transformation of matter by experimenting with dissolution of sculptures made of calcium carbonate.

Both exhibits open on Saturday, March 18, and conclude on Sunday, July 2. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino." Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time. Closes Sunday, March 19.

"Norway — Art of the Land and the People" celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, *bunads* (festival costumes), textiles, *rosemaling* (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

View "Art of Adornment — Jewelry from Five Continents" through August. "Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias,* and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

"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: James Drake: City of Tells" continues through April. For this monumental drawing, Drake composed a Renaissance tableau, incorporating portraits of his family and friends, as well as diverse historical and contemporary influences (Diego Rivera, Dante, Bruce Nauman, Homer, Herman Melville, Sherrie Levin).

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

"La Dolce Vita: Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection," continuing through Sunday, May 7, features a broad range of works by Southern California artists including John Altoon, Baldessari, Vija Celmins, Robert Therrien, Irwin, and "a seminal 1958 painting by Ed Ruscha."

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Eye to Eye: Photographs by Graham Nash," on view through Sunday, April 30, includes works from the rocker's recent book (*Eye to Eye*) and new additions from his current work. Nash is considered a "pioneer innovator in the world of digital photography and printing."

Color photographs of rural America "both intimate and monumental" on view in "Mike Smith: You're Not From Around Here." Work depicts "places where the forest stops and agriculture begins…combined with more ominous images of what may have taken place out behind the shed." Closes on Sunday, May 7.

"John Gutmann's Century," also on view through May 7, features the German-born photographer's focus on "America's joie de vivre, its parades, billboards, cars, and sports" during the 1930s.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, "In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite" — 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" 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.

"Horrors of War," drawn largely from museum's print collection, includes works by American and European artists from 17th to 20th Centuries, including pieces by Jacques Callot, Käthe Kollwitz, Pierre Daura, Arthur Segal, George Bellows. Closes Sunday, May 14.

"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.

"American Ceramics 1884–1972" demonstrates depth of museum's holdings, with examples from key firms associated with American Art Pottery movement, such as Rookwood, Newcomb, Grueby, Van Briggle. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical *The King and I* is next production for Lyric Opera San Diego, March 17–April 2. Baritone Ronald M. Banks is cast as King of Siam, with Kathleen Halm as the American governess Anna Leonowens, who helps the Eastern king come to terms with modern world.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 23 and 30, and on Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: $26–$40. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Violinist Min Lee joins San Diego Symphony for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, March 17–19. Program boasts pieces by Liadov, Tchaikovsky's "Concerto for Violin in D," and excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet* by Prokofiev. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: $20–$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, March 17, with guest conductor Cathe Sobke leading group (7:30 p.m.). Beginner 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 Andrew Paul Holman is Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Holman is organist at Epworth Methodist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Symphonic Orchestra Concerto Competition Finals take place Friday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Admission is free. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

"From Rio to Helsinki," music from Brazil, Poland, and Finland promised when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus are joined by flautist and composer Harvey Solberger in performances on March 18 and 19. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. $26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

"Josquin the Master" — program highlighting music of Josquin des Prez promised when 16-member Pacific Camerata a cappella vocal ensemble performs Saturday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrews By-the-Sea (1050 Thomas Avenue). Also planned: pieces by Jacobus Clemens non Papa, Giaches de Wert, Robert Parsons. $10 general. 619-527-4457. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Old and New" presented by 103-voice MiraCosta College North Coast Chorale and Chamber Chorale, March 18 and 19. Program includes music by Mozart, Scarlatti, Brahms, Kean, Dello Joio, more. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). $10 general. 760-757-2121 x6527. (ENCINITAS)

Voice Master Class Students plan recital, Saturday, March 18, 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830 . (LA JOLLA)

"Walk on the West Side," Palomar Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*" on March 18 and 19. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Tickets: $12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Organ Music for Two, Barbara Baird and Julia Brown perform organ solos and duets from Renaissance to romantic periods on Sunday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394 x13. Donation: $5. (POINT LOMA)

Old Masters in Music and Art, Courtly Noyse presents instrumental and vocal renditions of Renaissance music on Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Trumbull High School Chorus joins civic organist Carol Williams for concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Evening of Classical Jugalbandhi — northern and southern Indian classical traditions presented by Purbayan Chatterjee (sitar) and Shashank Subramanyam (bamboo flute) in concert, Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m., in Price Center Theatre at UCSD. $15 general. 858-342-5783, 858-578-2705. (LA JOLLA)

"Border Crossing" — this collection of Latino works is performed by Marian Liebowitz and Richard Thompson for mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 20, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Russian Pianist Mikhail Pletnev performs 14 works by Chopin for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: $25–$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

The Russian National Orchestra, led by Mikhail Pletnev and joined by pianist Alexander Mogilevsky, performs works by Shostakovich, Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky for La Jolla Music Society's Celebrity Series on Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: $20–$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series continues with concerts by Altenberg Trio, March 23–25. Program boasts Mozart's "Piano Trio (Terzett) in C," "Trio in E," and "Piano Trio (Sonata) in G."

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Church of the Nativity (6309 El Apajo Road) and at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Ticket prices, reservations: 619-239-0100. (RANCHO SANTA FE, LA JOLLA)

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Fresh Pie Some fans at the recent Cult show at House of Blues left with a live recording of the band's performance. A table manned by a Live Nation employee took $25 from patrons during the sold-out show; ten minutes after the last song, those people got a CD.

Live Nation was created four months ago in a joint venture between Napster and Clear Channel Entertainment. According to Live Nation general manager Stephen Prendergast, his company is now independent.

Unlike Ticketmaster, which makes recording arrangements with venues, Live Nation makes deals with artists to accompany them on tour. Prendergast won't divulge sales figures. He says the income from live CD sales (priced between $11.88 and $29.95) has to be divvied up between the artist, music publisher, record company, and possibly the venue.

"They are individually numbered, so they also have collectible value," says Prendergast. The Cult concert was the second Live Nation production at House of Blues San Diego; the Echo and the Bunnymen show in December was the first. Prendergast says Live Nation has accompanied tours by the Decemberists, the Black Crowes, and Yo-Yo Ma.



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Casbah co-owner Tim Mays says, "We tried ["instant" live recordings], and it didn't work out.… [E Music] had trouble getting the bands to do it." But Mays says the Casbah allows bands to make such arrangements on their own. The Supersuckers had Live Nation record their February performance at the Casbah. "This way it's their deal, and they keep all the money. Steve Poltz does it all the time."

Soma owner Len Paul says a company expressed interest in recording at his venue, but "We wouldn't let them do it.… They wouldn't give [Soma] a percentage. We felt we were entitled to a percentage. But I'm not saying it isn't something we would never do in the future."

Paul says he won't cut any such deal now because "We have an exclusive agreement with [TV music channel] Fuse for them to produce ten one-hour live shows here." Paul says the series will start production once a sponsor is secured.

— Ken Leighton

Skinheads Can't Read No San Diego bands played the British Invasion concert in San Bernardino on March 4. Veteran SD punker Mike Virus (of the band Cheap Sex) was in the audience at around 7:30 when the music stopped and the mayhem began.

"The outdoor stage had the American bands. The British bands played on the indoor stage.… The Nazis started chanting white-power chants outside. A fight broke out, and one of the skinheads got stabbed. I saw cop cars get hit with rocks. They teargassed outside, then they teargassed inside. There were thousands of people inside, which led to people rushing out of the building. Some kids got trampled. That's when the helicopters started circling the premises and dropping teargas bombs.

"That's when the full-scale riot broke out and people spread throughout the city. Certain kids took it upon themselves to destroy businesses and private property.… I saw restaurants and stores get completely trashed and Dumpsters lit on fire.… Everyone is to blame, including the venue. They had a private parking area you paid $10 to park in. The venue instructed the cops to barricade off the parking area. I asked if I could just get my car and leave, and the cops just pushed me away.…



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC RIFE

BRITISH INVASION CASUALTY

"I couldn't get to [my girlfriend] for five hours. She kept calling me hysterically, saying they were shooting people with pellet guns. I told her to find a place to hide. She's standing there in a mini-skirt, tube top, and fishnet stockings in the middle of a riot, and it's freezing. While I was trying to get to my girlfriend, a cop pointed a gun at me and told me to get back."

Once Virus found his girlfriend, they couldn't drive away.

"The venue had all the cars towed away. It cost me $200 to get my car back and 48 hours to track it down. The whole night put me out $500.…

"Certain bands [at the show] attract skinheads. Last Resort draws a Nazi crowd even though they themselves are not Nazis. The Adicts draw skinheads because they dress up like *Clockwork Orange*. The skinheads are attracted to Red Alert, who certainly don't write Nazi songs. But these skinheads can't read. All they see is the skinhead, and that gets them going."

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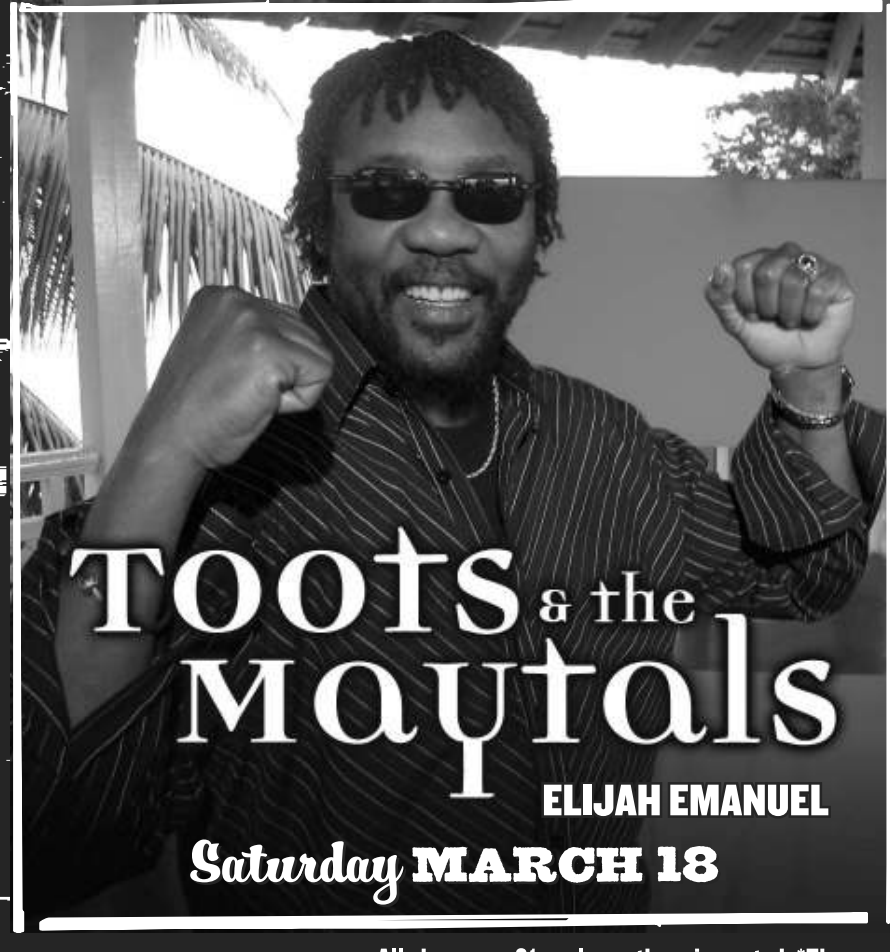
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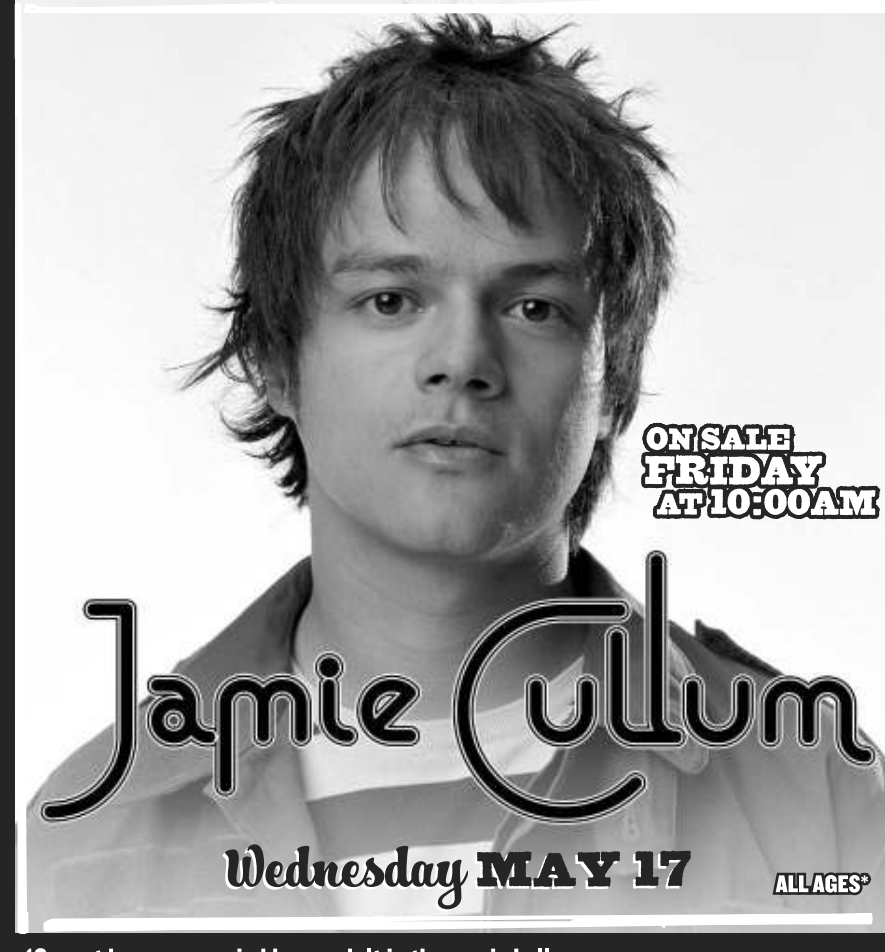
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reported, and the mayor of San Bernardino said live rock shows would be suspended at the Orange Show Pavilion.

— Ken Leighton

Subverts One of the people who campaigned for the cancellation of Seattle's Summer Nights concerts this year is Mike Silva, brother of longtime local concert promoter Bill Silva. Mike lives near Gas Works Park, where the event was to be held. He accuses concert organizers of trying to get around city restrictions.

Mike, who used to work for Bill Silva Presents, referred to his affiliation when he told the *Seattle Post* on March 6, "We tried to subvert public process, too, until the [San Diego] mayor stepped in and said, 'You've got to help out here. Work with people. Negotiate in good faith'…we thought it would negatively impact our business, too."

Bill Silva left San Diego for L.A. in 1999, merging his company with Universal Concerts (later House of Blues Concerts) and heading up HOB/Hewitt/Silva, LLC. He left that venture in March 2003 to re-form Bill Silva Presents and launch Bill Silva Management, which represents Jason Mraz.

— Jay Allen Sanford

We're an All-Vegan Band "I wouldn't eat a dog or cat, a seagull or parrot, and I wouldn't eat a horse," says singer Christopher Greenslate of the all-vegan band Tamora, "so why would I eat a pig, chicken, fish, or cow?" The group has taken part in about 15 animal-cruelty protests at Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises in cities they've played.

"We did one [protest] in Jasper, Alabama, a town whose main focus is chicken farming. A bunch of old farmers were there to 'greet' us and try to scare us off. One of them threw a rock, another poked his cane at one of us. The cops were there and didn't do anything."

Veganism is frequently referred to in Tamora's songs,



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such as "It's Hard to Eat Meat with Broken Fingers," told from a farm animal's perspective ("I'm tired of being beaten. I'm waiting for the grass") and "Stop Putting Dead Bodies in Your Mouth" ("Will your life be the knife that cuts their throats?").

Greenslate says vegan food is easy to find on the road. "When worse comes to worst, there's always a Subway where you can get a veggie delight [sans cheese and mayo] on a white roll and a bag of chips."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Super Open-Minded "Some of the songs [I wrote] for Fuel TV are on my new CD," says Superunloader drummer Chad Farran about his recently released second solo album, *Another Ride*.

"Fuel TV is one of Fox Network's affiliates," says Farran. "They are based out of L.A. and are available on most cable and satellite providers.… The show that I create the music for is called *On Surfari*. It is a travel/surf show.… The music plays an integral part of the show, taking sounds and instrumentation from the countries the show travels to.

"For the India show, I had a friend from India, Debu, play some sitar and sing some melodies.… On the Italy show, I had my friend Karen Reavis play some accordion, mixed it with some Italian opera samples, and made some rigatoni rap.… For the Caribbean show, [the host had me] dress up as a Taino Indian boy and dance around in the San Diego brush to exemplify the late Taino Indian traditions. He had me strip down to my briefs, dressed me up in scraps of leather and some of his wife's jewelry and makeup that was laying around the house. Then he gave me a drum to beat on as I grunted out in my pathetic Indian tongue the words he had scribbled on a sheet of paper.…

"[The show host] also learned that the Taino invented a version of the red rubber ball we see in our grade-school playgrounds. So he decided to have me dance around, dribbling this big rubber ball in the sagebrush like some extinct Indian basketball buffoon.… These scenes were good for some laughs, but I can't help wonder if we insulted some Taino relatives that happened to be watching.…



FARRAN DRIBBLES IN SAGEBRUSH

"I will be releasing the soundtracks for these shows on Superunloader reCorDs, but for now you can hear some samples on the Superunloader website."

What's going on with Superunloader these days?

"Superunloader is still a band," says Farran "although we haven't been playing much. We plan to record our fourth CD soon, and we'll have some gigs coming up."

— Edwin Decker

George and Jack At the Coaster Saloon at 1:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning, Mike Tyler drank Jack and Cokes and checked out the small jukebox mounted on the wall. I asked him what song he was looking for.

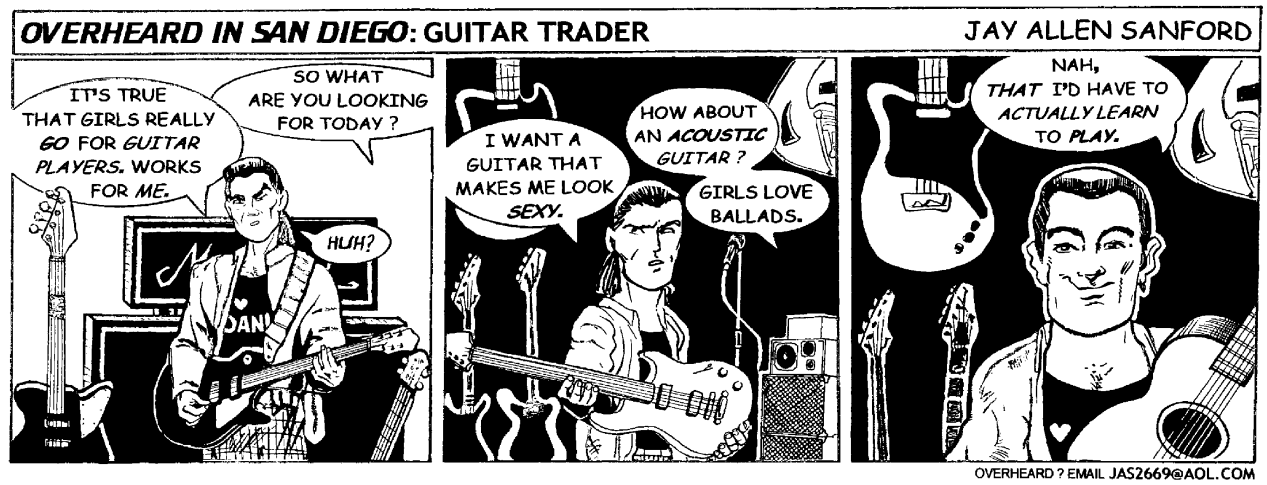
"George Jones, 'Corvette Song.' I love it. When I was driving back from Columbia [South Carolina], this guy Eddie created this game.… You had to switch [radio] stations, and if it was your turn, you had to sing eight words in a row of the song that was on. If you did, you got a point. If you couldn't, it went to the next person. We played this game for an hour and a half, driving back from St. Louis. Three of us were sitting across the bench seat in the [Chevy] S10. And we're all pretty good at this game.

"Every so often [we'd] come across a country song. One time it was a George Jones song: 'She's hotter than a two-dollar pistol / she's the fastest thing around / long and lean / every young man's dream / she turned every head in town.' That song came on, and I started singing it. Ed said, 'How do you know this song?' I was, like, 'Dude, I grew up on this shit.' He was amazed. When you get Eddie's respect, that's good times right there."

— Josh Board



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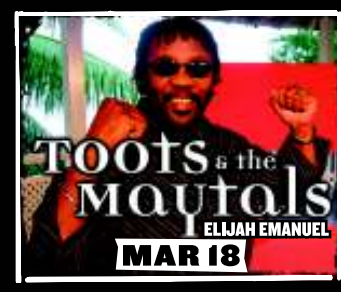






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DAVE GOOD

Kellie Davis lives in Normal Heights in a studio apartment with her boyfriend Tom and their dog Phoenix. Kellie is a recent UCSD graduate with a film degree and works as a production assistant for Liberty Studios in Mira Mesa. "Preproduction," Kellie says. "I'm mostly responsible for casting all the extras — taking care of a lot of the random things like renting equipment that we're gonna need on location, reading the script. On location I check in the extras every morning, get them in and out of wardrobe, makeup, get all the paperwork filled out for the day, and do whatever the AD [assistant director] wants me to do." Kellie is 25. She owns an off-brand MP3 player. "It's a cheap little one I got at Wal-Mart. Muvo, or something like that."

Since June, Kellie has also been a member of the San Diego Derby Dolls. "I saw an ad on craigslist [*craigslist.com*]. It said, 'Any girls in San Diego wanna do roller derby?' And I thought, 'I like to skate. Sure.' I knew it was a rough sport, but…I used to play in-line hockey when I was [a senior] in high school."

She explains that a roller derby team is made up of jammers and blockers. "The jammer scores a point for every blocker on the opposing team that they pass." The sport, she says, comes from the blockers trying to prevent the jammer from getting through.

"In the past few years roller derby has kind of just popped up [again] in all the major cities across the U.S. There's no national league or set of rules that they all adhere to. So, like, there are a lot of them that are really theatrical, WWF-like. They do all the fake hits and overexaggerate everything, whereas in L.A., they make it a proper sport. You can't just punch somebody. There's limits to what you can do. You can block them, you can knock them out with your body, but no deliberate hands-on kind of thing. I think it makes it more of a skilled sport that way.

"There's no, you know, big old muscular chicks, weightlifters out there. One of our best skaters is tiny. She's maybe five feet [tall] and maybe a hundred pounds. She's really fast and she's kind of bony. She *hurts* when she hits." I ask her why roller derby seems to be, for the most part, a woman's sport. "There's an appeal to the broader public when girls do it," she says. "There's sex appeal." While wearing helmets and pads? "There's that too," she says, "but we're skating around in our skirts…fishnet stockings. In the costuming, there's a bit of camping it up.

"I've thought about using my MP3 player when I've been at practice. Sometimes you have to just skate around a hundred laps, and it gets a little boring. Music helps you concentrate less on [the fact that you are] getting extremely cramped up or whatever and just skating in circles. I've got various things downloaded. Rock. Oldies. Anything with a beat, really.

"I have…I don't know, hundreds of songs. I usually download." Kellie favors LimeWire. "Some of them are [ripped from] CDs. Musically, I like anything that's danceable, upbeat, fast." The Muvo goes everywhere Kellie goes. "I used my MP3 player while I was on set last week. I had my walkie-talkie in one ear," she says, "and my headphone in the other."



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE GOOD

Kellie Davis

Kellie's Top Ten:
1. "Black Betty," Spiderbait
2. "Switch," Will Smith
3. "Video Killed the Radio Star," the Presidents of the United States of America (cover version)
4. "Jump Around," House of Pain
5. "Let's Get It Started," Black Eyed Peas
6. "Hey Mama," Black Eyed Peas
7. "Pump It Up," Elvis Costello
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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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The Kottonmouth Kings *[129]*: House of Blues, Thursday, March 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

The Syn: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Kottonmouth Kings *[129]*: House of Blues, Friday, March 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Toots & the Maytals *[752]*: House of Blues, Saturday, March 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Darol Anger's Republic of Strings: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Young Dubliners *[571]*: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Rincon Casino, Saturday, March 18, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

SUNDAY

Cesária Évora *[885]*: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach *[608]*: Pala Events Center, Sunday, March 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

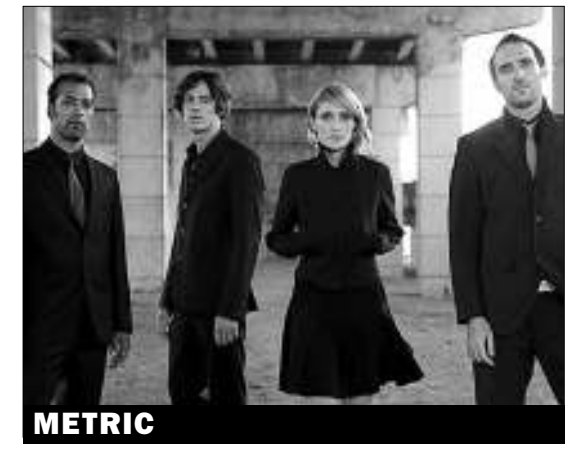
David Gray *[610]*: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, March 20, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Guster *[282]*: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN


METRIC

Metric has set up camp in Toronto, New York, Montreal, London, and Los Angeles and apparently made important friends in all those places. (One report had the band sharing a Brooklyn apartment with the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.) But Metric, led by **Emily Haines** and **Jimmy Shaw**, really owe their reputation to hometown Toronto, which has lately been the scene of a remarkable — and much-hyped — music community. Haines and Shaw have collaborated with the critics' favorites in the Toronto collective Broken Social Scene, and Haines has also worked with Montreal band the Stars.

If this is a little confusing, not to worry: Metric's music is easy to understand. The band's full-length debut *Old World Underground, Where Are You Now?* was something of a new-wave revival album, while last year's follow-up *Live It Out* opts for looser song structures and more guitars.

It's good stuff, but nothing you haven't heard before. The press release for *Live It Out* cites Sonic Youth and Pink Floyd as influences, but it's hard to hear any evidence of either in the album, which wouldn't sound out of place on *The OC*. Metric's catchiest song, "Combat Baby," bemoans the state of commercialized "faux-punk fatigue," but if Haines and Shaw think they're the new Clash, they need a reality check. In a time when even Green Day can make an explicit protest record and go platinum with it, defenders of old-school punk really need to come up with a new criticism. Still, there's something compelling about Metric. Haines's vocals are strong, feminine, and enigmatic, and the music hints at the great places she can go with them.

METRIC, House of Blues, Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

Kem: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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RBD: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, March 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Steel Pulse *[730]*: 4th & B, Saturday, March 25, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Particle: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ghostface Killah: House of Blues, Sunday, March 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Eyed Peas *[533]* and **Pussycat Dolls:** Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, March 26, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Botti *[689]* and **David Sanborn:** Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, March 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Samite: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Pretenders *[558]*: House of Blues, Monday, March 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

UB40 *[737]*: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 28, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders *[558]*: House of Blues, Tuesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Strokes *[200]*: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, March 28, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Dilated Peoples: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Stereolab *[116]*: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chamillionaire: House of Blues, Thursday, March 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Donald Fagen: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, March 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Dionne Warwick *[567]*: Rincon Casino, Thursday, March 30, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Train: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, March 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

The Alkaline Trio *[345]*: House of Blues, Saturday, April 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Fall Out Boy, All-American Rejects, and **Hawthorne Heights:** Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 1, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Queen and Paul Rodgers: Cox Arena, Saturday, April 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Floetry: House of Blues, Sunday, April 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Kirk Franklin: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, April 3, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald *[605]*: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, April 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Jesse Colin Young *[614]*: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Wednesday, April 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Frampton *[523]*: Rincon Casino, Thursday, April 6, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Chimaira and **Arch Enemy:** House of Blues, Thursday, April 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jeff Beck *[569]*: 4th & B, Thursday, April 6, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House of Blues, Friday, April 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Richard Butler: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Taking Back Sunday *[553]*: House of Blues, Sunday, April 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel *[617]*: Cox Arena, Sunday, April 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.



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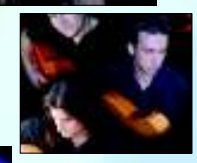
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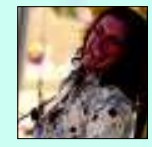


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John Pizzarelli: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Sunday, April 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

The Limeliters *[881]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 9, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Umphrey's McGee: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Vanessa Williams: Rincon Casino, Thursday, April 13, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Ronny Cox: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, April 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Better Than Ezra *[118]* and **Sister Hazel** *[475]*: House of Blues, Sunday, April 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Yellowcard: Cox Arena, Tuesday, April 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie *[476]*: Soma, Friday, April 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield *[529]*: House of Blues, Friday, April 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 22, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Yonder Mountain Sting Band: House of Blues, Sunday, April 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Buckethead: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Devendra Banhart: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Taj Mahal *[941]*: House of Blues, Friday, April 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Avenged Sevenfold *[561]*: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Case *[817]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Wiggles: Cox Arena, Friday, April 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Louis Walker *[953]*: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, April 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Cheap Trick: Rincon Casino, Saturday, April 29, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

David Wilcox *[824]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 30, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MAY

Jaguares *[301]*: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 1, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The John Butler Trio: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Aterciopelados: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

R. Kelly: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, May 5, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Wishbone Ash *[110]*: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, May 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Eric Benet: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Boyz II Men *[620]*: 4th & B, Thursday, May 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Lee Roy Parnell: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

John Tesh *[623]*: House of Blues, Sunday, May 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ministry *[572]*: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns *[263]* and **Bob Schneider** *[252]*: House of Blues, Friday, May 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Bo Diddley *[938]*: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Slayer *[405]*: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, June 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Leon Russell *[951]*: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Neko Case *[509]*: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 22, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Lower Definition: Epicentre
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Mower *[239]*: House of Blues
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Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat: Surf N'Saddle

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Subdudes: Belly Up Tavern

The Syn: Acoustic Music San Diego

Tapwater: Shenanigans Irish Pub

34 Below *[437]*: Belly Up Tavern

Unsteady: The Kensington Club

West of 5 *[505]*: Mira Mesa Inn

Wicked Relish: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Cory Wilkins: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Wonka Bar: Tiki House

The Young Dubliners *[571]*: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Disco Pimps: Moondoggies

Javid: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The New Breed Orchestra: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Belly Up Tavern

Novamenco: Humphrey's

Richard Samuels: The Calypso Cafe

Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective *[678]*: Thrusters, Magnolia's

John Cain *[703]*: Bahia Resort Hotel, Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos *[667]*: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Richard Elliott: California Center for the Arts

Will Faeber *[635]*: South Bay Fish and Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

Gemini Soul: Kung Food Express Cafe

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Janet Hammer: The Inn at the Park, Catamaran

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

!OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

If an appearance on *The David Letterman Show* is a mark of success, so be it. **Cesária Évora** made that trip to late night, though by then (1991) much of her career was behind her. One wonders if she wore her shoes on *Letterman.* She's called "the barefoot diva" due to her penchant for performing shoeless in a vote of solidarity for the poor on her island home of São Vicente in Cape Verde. She was a hometown celebrity, although her music rarely escaped that small gravity. Broke, Évora retired from music. After a 15-year layoff, she was tapped to contribute to some recordings of island music. These sessions led to her revival as an artist and her ultimate breakthrough in Paris, where Évora recorded a few solo albums and became an international star. By 1995 she had booked her first major tour in the U.S.

Unless you're deep into world music, Cesária Évora's Grammy-winning *morna* is a cocktail of musical influences so polycultural that in trying to pin it down a listener might toss it off as bad imitation French bistro. It is not. Évora does sing like a raspy Edith Piaf, but in a confounding blend of Portuguese and Creole. Her weapons are acoustic guitar, *cavaquinho* (a Portuguese guitar-like instrument), violin, clarinet, and accordion played in a bluesy mishmash of Portuguese, Brazilian, English, and African rhythms.

While Évora may not register on one's download radar as being of this time or place, the message of her music, the sorrow and the romance of it, comes through loud and clear. Like most folk singers, Cesária Évora is a battle of contradictions: childlike but complex, simple yet dignified, an anchor in a crosscurrent of emotions that linger like the aftertaste of a first kiss. Hers is the music of the human heart, recognizable as such even if you can't understand a word.


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Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet *[660]*: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Jacqui Naylor: Humphrey's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar and Grill

Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: Fresh Seafood Restaurant and Bar

The David Patrone Quartet *[647]*: Croce's Jazz Bar

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar and Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar

The Jaime Valle Quartet *[704]*: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar and American Grill

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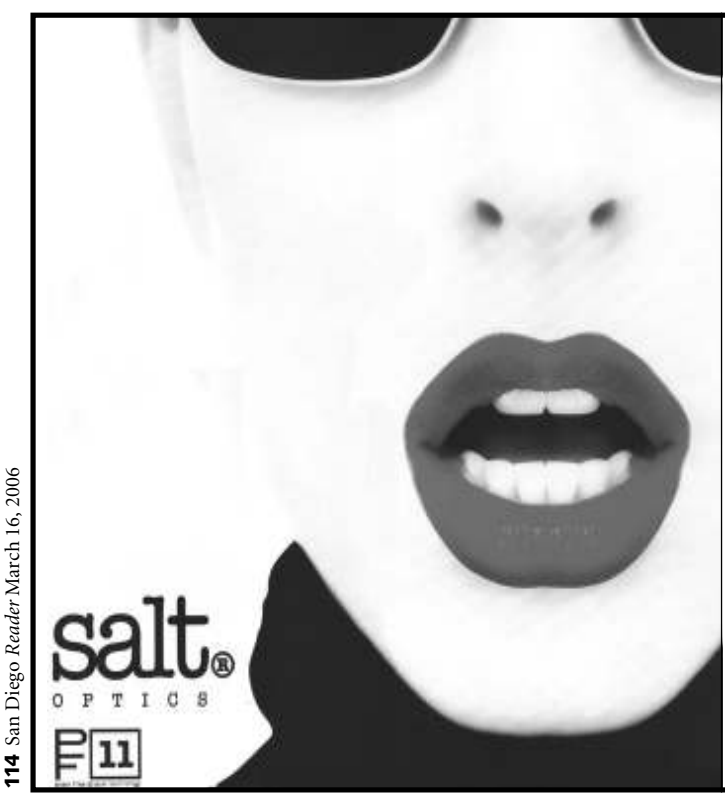
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REGGAE / SKA

The Devastators *[731]*: Winstons
Dr. Israel: Blind Melons
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56 Hope: 'Canes
Gadfly *[738]*: Dreamstreet
Heavyweight Dub Champion: Blind Melons
Hightide: Longshot Saloon
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The Mayan Kings: 'Canes
Stranger: 'Canes
Toots & the Maytals *[752]*: House of Blues
Tribal Theory: The Bonita Store

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Les Allen & City Limits: Ron's Red Eye Saloon
Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge
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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Abbey: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Acoustic Underground: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Afterglow: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Darol Anger's Republic of Strings: Acoustic Music San Diego
B'Dale: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)
Bass: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Berkley Hart *[857]*: Seaside Church
Brax: The Ould Sod
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
An Carrig: Shenanigans Irish Pub
The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Christopher Cohen: Spring Valley Community Church
Lee Coulter: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub
Shannon Curfman: Brick By Brick
Jerry Demint: Spring Valley Community Church
Tina Dico: The Casbah
Rheanna Downey: Spring Valley Community Church
Jim Earp: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)
The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Cesária Évora *[885]*: 4th & B
4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Ted Friedman: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Ian Gallagher: Spring Valley Community Church
Rob Grad: The Hot Java Cafe
Gully: Whistle Stop Bar
Eric Himan: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Kristian Hoffman: The Casbah
The Incase Trio: Jimmy Love's
Jackson & McCarty: Island Sports and Spirits
Kevin Klein: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Levi Kreis: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Greg Laswell *[813]*: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Le String Band 5000: Turquoise Cafe
Christie Leigh: Blind Melons
Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Julie Mack: Blind Melons
Terry Matsuoka: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
Dawn Mitschele: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
The Moods: Ocean House
Tim Mudd: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Shawn Mullins: Lou's Records, Belly Up Tavern
The Northstar Session *[886]*: The Kensington Club
Carlos Olemeda: Dizzy's
Tommy Price: Island Sports and Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The Rathburn: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Andrea Reschke: The Metaphor Coffeehouse, Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), The Hot Java Cafe
Skelpin: Humphrey's
J. Turtle: The Hot Java Cafe
Marina V.: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley
Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Diane Waters *[847]*: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Coles Whalen: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)
Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Nena Anderson: Belly Up Tavern, Old Venice Cafe
The Bayou Brothers *[948]*: Patrick's II

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Blue Four *[943]*: Patrick's II

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The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Invaders: Pal Joey's

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Bluescasters: Fannie's Nightclub

Tommy Budd & Windy City *[957]*: JP's Pub

The Charles Burton Blues Band *[931]*: The Kraken

Chet Cannon & the Committee: Humphrey's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters *[932]*: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Robbie's Roadhouse, Turquoise Cafe

The Cradit Union: Ocean House

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: House of Blues, Henry's Pub, The Casbah

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen *[912]*: Croce's Jazz Bar, Blind Melons

Anthony Gomes: Humphrey's

The Iron Workers: The Jumping Turtle

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Grill

The KY Blues Academy: Blind Melons

Little Frank & the Premiers: Belly Up Tavern

The Bill Magee Blues Band *[947]*: Patrick's II, The Kraken, Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Mardi Gras Gypsies: Coyote Bar and Grill

Gregory Michael: Bully's

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors *[910]*: The Kraken

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Plato Soul: The Kraken

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players *[921]*: Patrick's II

S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

The Soul Persuaders *[945]*: Humphrey's

The Swinging Kings: Patrick's II

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Billy Thompson: Coyote Bar and Grill

Torpedo Betty *[972]*: Winstons

Triple Shot *[933]*: Beaumont's

Billy Watson: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Coyote Bar and Grill

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde *[985]*: Princess Pub & Grille

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Manny Cepeda's Ritmo Caribe: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Crash Carter *[991]*: The Calypso Cafe

End of Fashion: House of Blues

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Kathleen Hartshorne: Palomar Unitarian Fellowship

Kjell Holmes *[994]*: Edelweiss Restaurant

HR: Blind Melons

The Islands: House of Blues

Joint Response: Dreamstreet

Gordon Kohl *[983]*: Edelweiss Restaurant

Bradley Leighton *[987]*: Game Time Tavern

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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 Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

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 Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, 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.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, funk, classic hip-hop, and '80s dance hosted by Mr. Riddles and guests. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.; high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

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.

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.

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Album: *High Rolling Loners* (2006)
Artist: High Rolling Loners
Label: self-released
Where to buy/price: *www.highrollingloners.com* for $10
Songs: 1) Walking Away 2) Treetops 3) That Sound 4) She Can Love Me 5) Mexico
Band: John Verruto, vocals, guitar; Ryan Bartell, guitar, vocals; Eric Boone, drums; Nat Disaster, bass, vocals
Website: *www.highrollingloners.com*

Simple rocking country, similar to Robert Earl Keen, is what High Rolling Loners play. The guitar ranges from growling to twangy. There's an occasional harmonica, and the lead vocals wear a Southern drawl like a pair of boots. That's it. That's what you get.

The tempo of most of the songs is upbeat but not poppy. "That Sound" is a bit quicker with a rockabilly punk rhythm similar to slower tracks from Tiger Army. "She Can Love Me" is a little slower, and the vocals are clearer. That track is the sentimental account of a woman's (sometimes confused) affections: "She fills my cup before it gets empty / She draws my bath when I'm tired and worn," but "She don't love me."

I'm keeping this CD to play on my next road trip to Vegas. The dusty desert track "Mexico" will match my straw cowboy hat, and "That Sound," with its lyrics about "bourbon and dice," might bring me some luck.



High Rolling Loners

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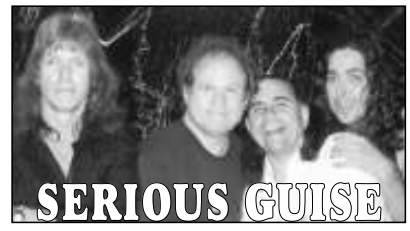
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Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band,* pub rock.

Tomiko Bar and Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell,* blues/jazz.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Saturday, *Loose Canon,* classic rock.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Triple Shot,* blues.

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Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *Split Finger,* rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross,* jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Disco Pimps.*

Old Venice Cafe, 2910 Canon Street, Point Loma. 619-222-5888. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Nena Anderson,* blues/jazz/rockabilly.

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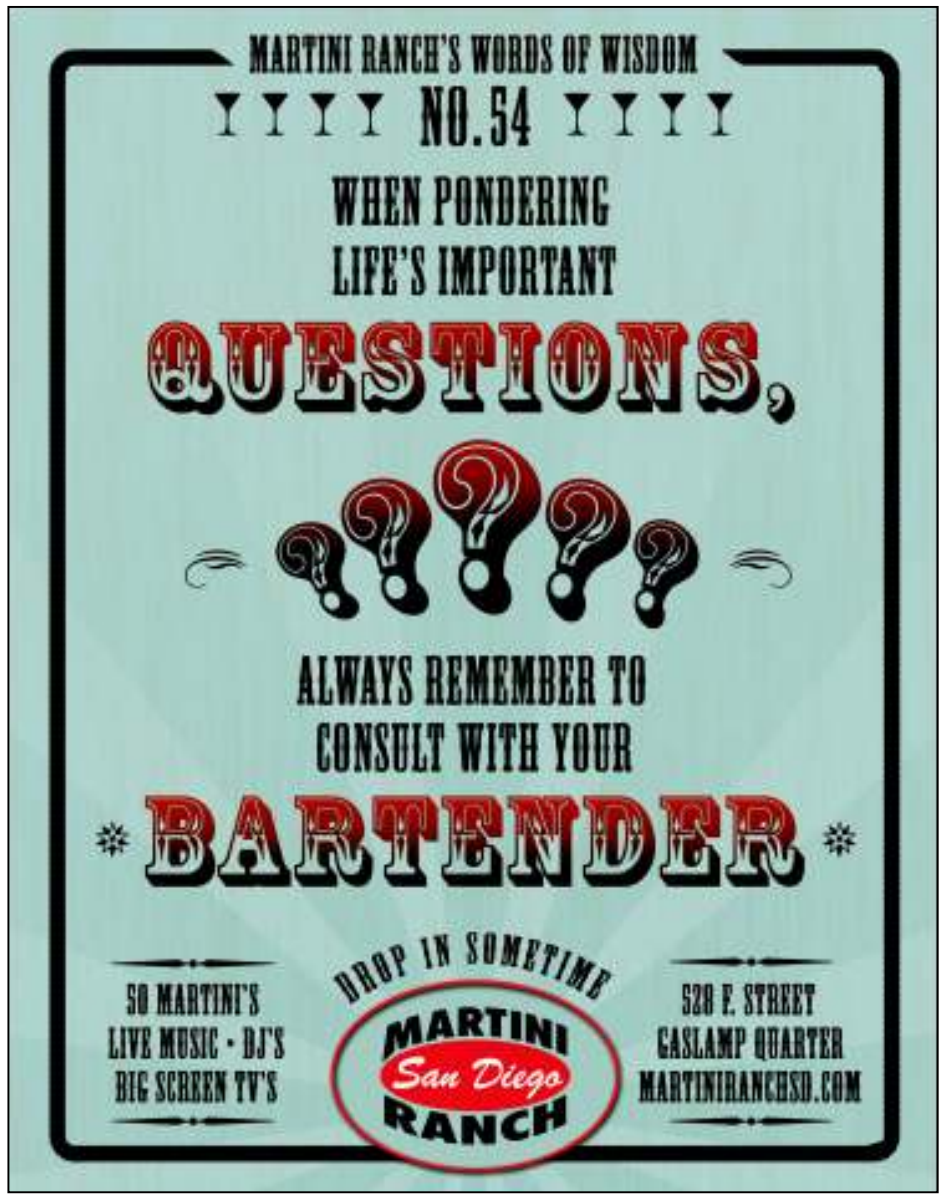
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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Robert Walter's Super-Heavy Organ.* Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Fish Out of Water* and *K32,* rock, 9 p.m., *the Devastators,* reggae. Saturday, *the Beautiful Girls* and *Mishka,* alternative/rock. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday, *Parallel 23,* rock. Wednesday, *Torpedo Betty,* swing/blues.

SAN DIEGO

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural,* Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues,* classic rock.

The Bean Bar, 3111 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-299-3241. Music is alternative. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Park, Take the Crown, Amity, Head to Wall,* and *This Holiday Life.* Friday, 7 p.m., *Shining Through, Audrye Sessions, Weatherbox, Cavil at Rest,* and *Street to Nowhere.*

The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *A Northern Chorus, Hypatia Lake, SIANspheric, Dreamtiger,* and *Swan Dive,* dream pop/alternative.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins,* Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Marina V.,* folk.

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *A Flock of '80s.* Friday, *DJs Tony Aguilera* and *Nick Shakes,* dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* jazz/blues.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Friday, 8 p.m., *VIII Fraud,* metal/rock. Sunday, 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Manny Cepeda's Ritmo Caribe,* salsa/merengue/Cuban music.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jacqui Naylor,* jazz/pop. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Skelpin,* Irish folk, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Detroit Underground,* Motown/dance. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Novamenco,* flamenco, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Goldfish,* funk/disco. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time,* jazz. Monday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Anthony Gomes,* blues guitarist. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders.* Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Chet Cannon & the Committee,* blues.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon,* pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Janet Hammer,* jazz/light pop.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City,* blues.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. All music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Northstar Session, the Dirty Kings,* and *Vitro.* Friday, *Manganista, Unsteady,* and *Skydiver.* Saturday, *the Creepy Creeps, Thee Corsairs,* and *the Embalmers.*





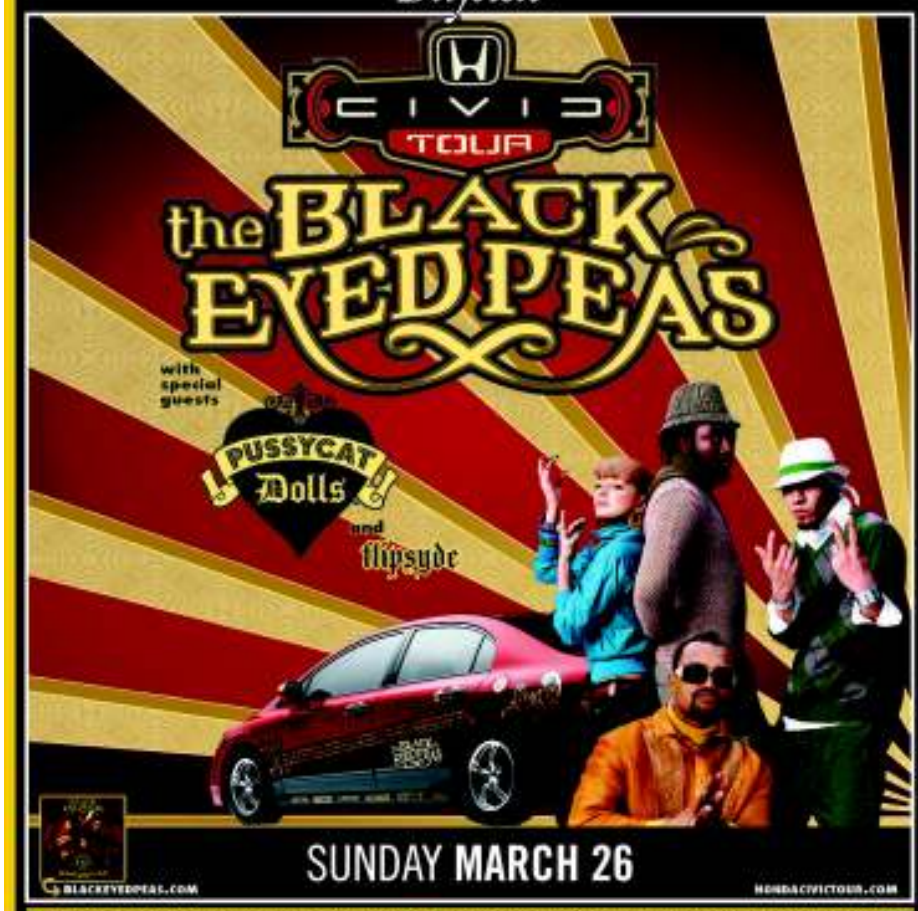


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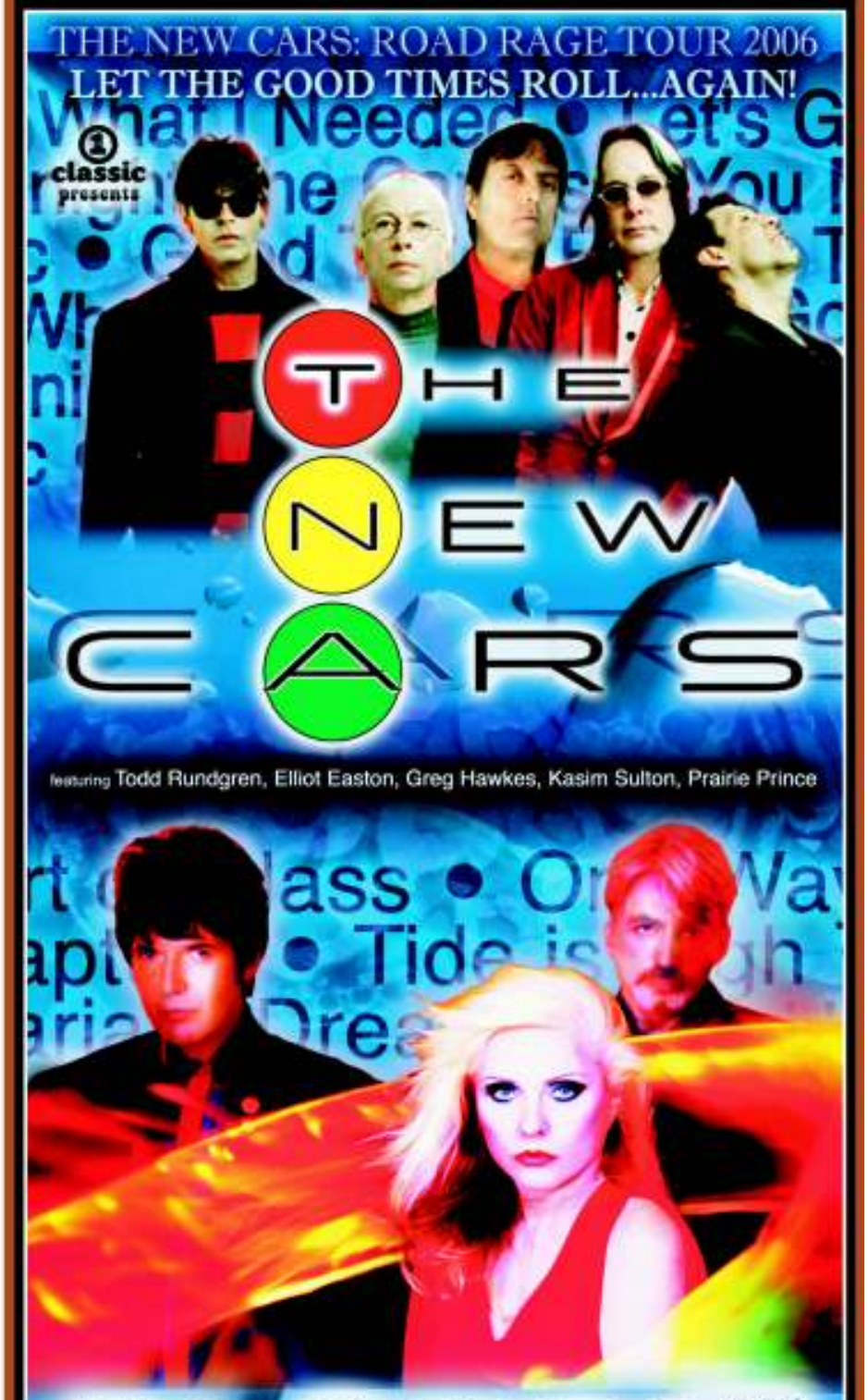


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Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio.*

Kung Food Express Cafe, 2949 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-7302. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Gemini Soul,* smooth jazz.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Acoustic Underground.* Friday, *the Rathburn* and *the Beldock Band.* Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale* and *Greg Laswell.* Sunday, *Gregory Page.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, blues show.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective,* jazz.

Mira Mesa Inn, 11261 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-578-3969. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *West of 5,* classic rock.

Mister A's, 2550 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-1377. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Jason Weber,* jazz saxophone.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Wise Monkey.* Saturday, 9 p.m., *Guerilla Transammo, Junkies & Thieves,* and *Wicked Relish,* alternative/rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Cory Wilkins,* rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Americans, Headtrip Superstar, Johnny Different,* and *Firethorn,* hard rock/punk/metal. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ed Cosica, Harmonious Remedy, the Forsaken Truth, RDG,* and *Animal Style,* rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax,* folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, live blues/classic rock/swing.

Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, live blues. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *DJ D2,* old-skool/dance mix.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, classic rock. Friday, reggae. Saturday, *Nels Beam.* Sunday, *Club Sueños.*

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Dirty Kings,* grit rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis,* classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/R&B/rap.

Shenanigans Irish Pub, 7030 University Avenue, La Mesa. 668-1256. Friday, *Tapwater,* rock, and *An Carrig,* traditional Irish folk.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, *Throwdown, Black Dahlia Murder, the Red Chord,* and *the Agony Scene.* Saturday, *the Starting Line, Copeland, Gatsby's American Dream, Cartel,* and *Prize Fights.* Wednesday, *Emery Anberlin, Far Less, the Classic Crime,* and *Jonezetta.*

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Big Rig Deluxe,* country/rockabilly. Friday, *the Joey Show,* acoustic/rock. Saturday, *Abbreviated Daylight.* Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band.*

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert,* piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet,* classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet,* Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Dawn Mitschele, Eric Himan, Levi Kreis,* and *Ted Friedman.* Friday, *Abbey, Afterglow, Lenny Ave., Shannon St. John,* and *Summer.* Saturday, *Aaron Bowen, Bass, Diane Waters, Kevin Klein,* and *Lee Coulter.* Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble.* Wednesday, *Tim Mudd.*

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four* with vocalist *Halina,* jazz.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, 9 p.m., *Gully,* acoustic/folk.

DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Main Room: Thursday and Friday, *Rags.* Saturday, *DJ Palash, Boris MD,* and *Austin Scott.*

Red Room: Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *DJs Xcite, George O'Connor,* and *Kyle Pound.* Saturday, *Rags.*

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer,* acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Terry Matsuoka,* pop.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *lowcloudcover, the Secret Fun Club, Pilotram,* and *Airport 81.* Friday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* blues. Saturday, *Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys* and *the Farmers.* Sunday, *Tina Dico* and *Kristian Hoffman.* Monday, *the Sounds, Goldspot,* and *the Reputation.* Tuesday, *the UV Tigers, Grand Ole Party,* and *the Power Chords.* Wednesday, *Clap Your Hands Say Yeah* and *the Brunettes.*

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1901 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *S.D. Blues,* blues.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet.* Friday, *Yavez.* Saturday, *Primo.* Sunday, *the Archtones.* Monday, *Dave Scott.* Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet.* Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen.*

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello,* pop American music.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain.* Saturday, *West of 5.* Sunday, *the Ghost of Sada.* Tuesday, *Ron's Garage.* Wednesday, *the 86'd.*

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Sunday, *Carlos Olmeda,* acoustic/pop.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live Irish/Celtic folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, *Cesaria Évora,* folk.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *the Kottonmouth Kings* with *Sub Noize Soul Jaz, Z-Clan,* and *One Session.* Friday, *the Kottonmouth Kings* with *Mower* and *OPM.* Saturday, *Toots & the Maytals* , reggae, and *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,* blues. Tuesday, *Metric, the Islands,* and *End of Fashion.* Wednesday, *Guster,* alternative.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece,* jazz/R&B. Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.,



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the Incase Trio, Irish sing-along, 9:45 p.m., *Superfunk Fantasy,* disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Superfunk Fantasy.* Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith,* jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique,* jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue,* jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio,* classic jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Shaker Room: Thursday, *Jask, DJ Ala,* and *DJ Brian Cabalic.* Wednesday, *Punk Rock Nation.*

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Bill Magee Blues.* Friday, 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *the Texas Twisters,* 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.* Saturday, *the Swinging Kings.* Sunday, *Blue Four.* Monday, *Red Lane,* rock. Tuesday, *the Bayou Brothers.* Wednesday, *Criminal Funk.*

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde,* piano.

Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Ritmo Caliente,* salsa. Friday, *DJ Hector,* Latin/Euro-house. Saturday, *DJ Joe,* Latin/Euro-house. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *rock en español.* Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney,* salsa.

The W Hotel, 421 B Street, downtown. 619-231-8220. Ipanema Lounge: Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, Brazilian beats/bossa/breaks.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Fran Loskota,* pop/jazz/Top 40. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page,* jazz.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., *the World Beat Jazz Ensemble.*

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet.*

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado,* jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson* and *Joe Garrison,* jazz. Wednesday, DJ event.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes,* or *Vicki Eriqat,* European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley,* Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino,* jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stelitta & Dave Lindgren.* Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson.*

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz.* Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West.*

Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., *John Cain.*

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, *Tommy Price,* solo/acoustic. Friday, *Jackson & McCarty,* acoustic. Saturday, *Leo Rising,* rock.

The Manhattan Lounge, 400 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-422-6641. Friday and Saturday, *Blind Date,* classic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Elevators.* Friday, noon to 3 p.m., *Steve Brewer,* 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., *4-Way Street.* Saturday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly. Sunday, *Tommy Price.* Monday, *Gene Warren.* Tuesday, *4-Way Street.* Wednesday, *Laguna,* classic rock.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos, rock en español.*

South Bay Fish and Grill, 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-720-7234. Sunday, brunch, *Will Faeber,* jazz.

Spring Valley Community Church, 730 Concepcion Avenue, Spring Valley. 619-277-2671. Saturday, 7 p.m., *the Dance Floor Prophets, Ian Gallagher, Rheanna Downey, Christopher Cohen,* and *Jerry Demint,* Christian rock.

EAST COUNTY

The Bonita Store, 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-479-3537. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Tribal Theory,* reggae.

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *Wood'n Lips,* folk/bluegrass. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic/folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure,* classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band,* acoustic rock.

Driftwood, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Rockwells Band,* rock/dance.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Love Handles,* rock. Saturday, *Metal Brigade* and *Children of the Grave,* rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Bluescasters,* blues.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark.*

KC's Cocktails, 1678 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. 619-442-7676. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Deborah Blake & the Zero Gravity Band,* roadhouse blues/rock.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, live country music.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Coyote Moon,* country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise,* classic rock.

Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. 619-561-6761. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., DJ event. Friday, *San Diego Built DJs* and *Z-Clan.* Saturday, *DJ Kid,* Top 40. Tuesday, *Heaven at Sixty 7,* house/techno. Wednesday, DJ event, country.

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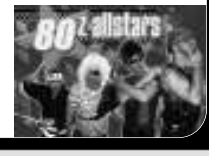


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Light Eye at Lai Thai

That's odd. Here it stands, right in the hub of Little Manila. On one side is that outpost of the venerable Filipino Ma Mon Luk noodle empire, Asian Noodles. On the other, across East Plaza Boulevard, stands Jollibee, the Philippines' number-one fast-food chain.

Yet since 2000, Lai Thai seems to have found acceptance as South Bay's pioneering Thai eatery. But how Thai is it? Other local "Thai" places churn out a dozen-odd clichéd dishes — the Pad Thais, the satays, the Thai spring rolls, the hot-sour and coconut soups, and the red, green, and *panang* curries. Will this be just another "Thai Lite"?

Of course, I'm as guilty of feeding the cliché market as anyone. I bring a lot of baggage to poor, unsuspecting Lai Thai. Even though I've spent three years in Thailand and its neighboring countries, it's amazing how easily you can miss whole chunks of a sophisticated cuisine like Thailand's.

This happened because, while my high-salaried colleagues were hitting cool, cushioned, cross-your-leg places like Baan Thai, I was sitting on metal sidewalk stools getting used to the often more Chinese basics, like *baa mee hang,* a swirl of egg noodles cooked in the boiling water of the charcoal fire-fueled cart, with slices of pork, bean sprouts, chili, crumbled peanuts, and sprinkled white sugar, along with an *oliang,* Thai iced black sweet coffee, or *cofay yen,* iced coffee with sweetened condensed milk.

While others sampled seafood soufflé served in a coconut shell, I'd be putting away *lad-nha* (on Lai Thai's menu: fat sloppy noodles, veggies, and a meat) or *larb,* a Lao-inspired chicken, pork, or beef salad. In the morning, it was *jok,* the Thai version of the classic Chinese rice-soup breakfast, or, in summer, the other addictive breakfast, *mamuang khao nio,* mango and sticky rice.

In other words, there was so much going on in the street, I never found time to open myself to the many levels of Thai cooking. And yet its openness to influences, from India, to Persia, to Portugal, is what has defined Thai gastronomy. How important is food to the Thais? Thais are said to eat, on average, five meals a day. Many still follow the tradition of writing a little cooking booklet, to be given out to family when they die. He or she will put down, as beautifully as possible, the secret family recipes of their favorite dishes, their significance and reminiscences of favorite meals.



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REVIEW
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On this first visit to Lai Thai, I'm comforted by the thought that Filipinos, who must make up a large chunk of the customer base, are no wimps when it comes to spices, or amateurs when it comes to judging fellow Asians' food. And inside, this lunchtime, all but a couple of customers appear to be Filipino.

Lai Thai — it means "Thai Art," according to the owner, Summawadee Bubpha — sits under its hooped-arch sign, in National City's postmodern Bay Plaza Shopping Center. Walk inside and you face a *garuda,* a golden, winged mythical creature and national symbol of Thailand. Yet the basic decor is acoustic-tile ceiling and off-white tile floor, with green seats and plum-and-pastel-green booths. The walls and side displays are packed with interesting artifacts, including black or red hanging velvet squares with golden elephants embroidered onto them in sequins, as well as a couple of bas-relief dancing *apsaras* — celestial damsels — from Cambodian temples and an unexpected, perky-breasted African girl carved in ebony wood. Gold rings climb one of her legs. Others lengthen her neck.

The most elaborately carved frame encases a portrait of King Rama V, Chulalongkorn, the great king who welcomed foreigners and their ideas into the country maybe 150 years ago. His approach to maintaining balance in diplomacy (result: Thailand never was colonized) came to reflect the national — and Buddhist — ideal of balance in all aspects of life, including business and cooking.

Checking the menu, I'm trying to remember an old adage I read somewhere, that each Thai meal should include "a soup, a curry dish, and a dip with fish and vegetables."

Fine in theory, but my partner Liz and I decide it'd be crazy not to go for the two-course lunch specials. For about six dollars, you can get a sweet-and-sour soup and a dish built around chicken, pork, or vegetables. Add a dollar, and you'll have beef, roast duck, or BBQ pork. And for eight dollars you can feature shrimp, fish, or calamari. The dozen dishes they accompany range from chili basil to spicy mint leaves to *panang* curry to *pad Thai* noodles to spicy noodles. They come with a sweet-and-sour soup and salad.

Lai Thai Restaurant

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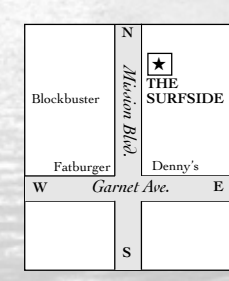
HOURS: 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (Fridays till 10:00 p.m.); closed Mondays.
PRICES: Lunch specials (e.g., chili basil, panang curry, or spicy noodles with sweet-and-sour soup) range from about $6.00–$8.00, depending on whether you choose chicken, beef, pork, shrimp; starters from $3.95 (e.g., seven Thai spring rolls) to $6.95 (shrimp or calamari tempura); soups, $4.95 (small, e.g., chicken-coconut Tom Kah)–$10.95 (shrimp Tom Yum hotpot); entrées (e.g., Mas Man curry) from about $7–$9); house specials (e.g., Kai — chicken — curry, or Lai Thai fish), $9–$11; desserts, $4–$5.
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Bangkok-style Thai cooking, tending gentle for American tastes, nicely presented. Excellent Thai iced coffees (*cofay yen* or *oliang*). The national beer, Singha, is also available.
PICK HITS: Tom Yum Koong (hot and sour soup with shrimp) large size, in flaming hotpot — ask for it "really spicy"; steamed mussels, great with Singha; spicy mint leaves; Lai Thai fish; *larb* salad (choose beef as the meat); *panang* (coconut-milk–based red curry; always rich, delicious); sticky rice with mango. Lunch specials are good value.
NEED TO KNOW: Situated in Bay Plaza Shopping Center, near the 805, a few shops down from anchor IHOP. Many Thai curios and carvings on display inside are for sale. Spicy heat measured on 1–10 scale, with 10 the hottest. Ample parking.

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Liz orders the *panang* with chicken. (*Panang* is a rich, spicy, coconut-milk-based red curry, although, as in most Thai restaurants, you choose your spiciness on a scale of one to ten.) I order the *pad Thai.* It's another up-from-the-street-cart rice noodle dish, using red chiles, fish sauce, eggs,


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cilantro, tamarind juice, and palm sugar — among other ingredients. The use of the word "Thai" in the title tells you it's an adaptation from a Chinese dish. In fact, it's only been in Thailand since World War II. I take it with pork.

The food arrives on plates loaded with extras like wontons, spring rolls wrapped around veggies, a lettuce salad, a small bowl of delicious sweet-and-sour soup, and, with the *panang,* rice.

It's a meal. Plentiful, fresh-tasting, and even a bit spicy. We'd asked for "six" in terms of spiciness — and regretted not upping it to nine. Clearly, the customers are treated with kid gloves.

My next visit was in the evening, a time when Thais tend to have more formal meals, too. Friends Robert and Cathy accompanied me. Bob's not a great spice fan. If he eats Thai, it's red curry, period. Cathy orders the honey spare ribs. Must say, I can't ever remember eating honey spare ribs in Bangkok, but they're on the menu here as a house special, so I presume they're a Thai dish. We also order a small bowl of *tom kah kai,* a "spicy" coconut soup with chicken and mushroom slices. The coconut milk makes this less spicy than the *tom yum koong* — a hot-and-sour soup with shrimp, mushrooms, and lemongrass. Selfishly, I order a large size of that one for myself, in the charcoal-burning hot pot. I ask for a "10" on the heat register. The soup is delicious, with enough shrimp to constitute a meal in itself, but even a "10" doesn't create the spicy sweat-breaking-out-on-the-back-of-your-neck ear-ringer I crave. Visually, it's spectacular, with charcoal flames shooting up through the center spout.

The other spectacular is the hiss and crackle of the honey spare ribs when they arrive on an oval iron plate. The ribs sound and smell great, even if they're not really Thai. I suspect this is another example of Thais adopting dishes, marinating them in tamarind, lemongrass, garlic, and ginger, until, presto — it's Thai.

The red curry, classically made with coconut milk, red curry paste, bamboo shoots, basil, red chili peppers, and ginger or galangal, comes in a charming blue-and-white six-inch Chinese bowl decorated with dragonflies and dandelions. Sweet and sour are balanced, and the chewy bamboo shoots feel like sticks of jicama.

Coconut milk also rules the *pièce de résistance,* the Lai Thai fish, a tilapia deep-fried and crispy golden beneath a field of lemongrass and marinated cabbage, all sitting over a swamp of pink *panang* sauce. You may go for the more tart, gutsy tilapia with chili and basil sauce — it's like the difference between Tom Kah soup and Tom Yum — but the reddy richness of the *panang* and the cleanness of the white fish flesh make for a special marriage. It looks truly seductive on a brown-glazed, fish-shaped plate.

They also have steamed mussels, with lemongrass (of course), sweet basil, and a chili garlic sauce. If you have time, and don't have to drive, these mussels go perfectly with a few rounds of Singha ("Lion") beer, Thailand's German-style national draft. Or (if only one could find it) that sharp, sweet, rumlike Mekong rice whiskey that gives *farangs* ("foreigners") some of their loudest moments and heaviest hangovers. And for the ultimate peanut rush, yes, they have satay sticks, but *pra ram,* a simple sautéed spinach dish with peanut sauce and toasted onion, is hard to beat. The two dishes I *am* coming back for are the Tom Yum Talae, lemongrass hot-and-sour soup filled with mixed seafood, and the *larb,* the must-be-hot northeastern ground-meat salad dish from Issan (a.k.a. Esarn), the district sharing a border and lots of recipes with Laos.

I eschew my usual dessert of mango and sticky rice, partly because this hemisphere's Mexican mangoes never quite match the sweetness of Thailand's. Our slight tartness takes away that orgasmic sweetness that swoons against the nutty sticky rice. Instead, we order a coconut ice cream "with golden fried banana," as the menu describes it. And yes, it's golden, crunchy, and flavored by the syrup of a maraschino cherry.

My only complaint here is the lack of heat in some of the dishes. But heat is no defining measure of Thai cooking. And "Nikki" Bubpha has to accommodate the world she serves. There is an authenticity to her food and an attractiveness to each dish. In a land of polystyrene throwaways, this place honors the Thai tradition of visual and gustatory beauty. You might find more lavish surroundings elsewhere in San Diego, but if you balance the reasonable bill, good ingredients, and style, this is hard to beat. Just remember to ask for "high" on the heat scale.

ABOUT THE OWNER

Summawadee ("takes care of powerful Buddhas") Bubpha has a master's degree in finance, studied in Washington D.C., and worked for the Thai government in Bangkok but decided in 2000 that she wanted to "promote my country" here in the U.S. "I started in L.A., but it was too big. Then I came down to San Diego and fell in love with it."

She took over Lai Thai, which as of six years ago had been going for a year. "I had never run a restaurant before. And being the first Thai restaurant in the south of the county was tough. I'd work 14 hours. And I would have maybe ten customers in one day. But I'd take time to talk to them and cook exactly what they wanted, and soon they started bringing their families. I kept the name because I thought that was perfect. I want to make art from Thai food."

She learned to cook from her mom. "She is a very good cook. When I was young in Thailand, she taught me a lot, and I also studied cooking in Bangkok. Most of my food is a combination [of regional styles]. Isaan-northeast cooking is very spicy, with sticky rice and the *larb* salad. I try to combine south, north, and Bangkok-style."

And what is Bangkok-style? According to the prestigious Thai Cooking School, Thai foods fall into three categories: popular curbside "fast foods" like *pad Thai;* country foods that use cheap meat, avoid expensive ingredients like coconut milk, and include searingly hot spices to cover the quality deficit; and "city Thai" style, which incorporates every possible influence, from French sauces to Japanese-style presentation, always trying for harmonious balance between yin and yang.

Balance is what Summawadee Bubpha says she seeks, too, between the five tastes of the Thai palate: sweet, sour, bitter, salty, and spicy. "I take a lot of time making sure I have balance in, say, a curry. It should be a little salty and a little sweet. And at the end of a meal you should feel light, healthy.

"But here, I can't cook food as if only Thai people were going to eat it. Sometimes you have to adjust, like make it less spicy, to make it easier for Americans to enjoy a meal."

Actually, she says that hardly any customers are Thai. Mostly, they're Filipino or American. And the most requested dishes among Americans are Thai fried rice and BBQ chicken, predictable crossover dishes for the wary customer. "Or anything with peanut sauce," Summawadee adds.

The one thing she knows many Americans find hard to accept: lukewarm meals. "To Thai people, it doesn't matter," she says. "To Americans it is all-important." ■

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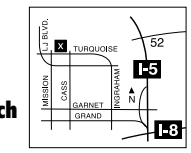
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We Eat Our Own Ribs

"Oh, you've got to live a little, for gosh sakes."

TIN FORK
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Mission Hills! How could I have forgotten them for so long? I was on a Number 16 bus today, first time in years. Just had to hop out at Goldfinch and Washington. I'm thinking Rip Van Winkle. I ate at the Huddle…well, long ago. Hmm. Maybe another nibble at the Huddle?

Then I catch a dee-licious smell wafting across the road from Phil's BBQ. Ah yes. I remember. There was some fuss over the smoke. But I'm so hooked by the smell, I zombie right across Goldfinch to join — wow — a long line waiting outside.

It's a green and cream and brick-fronted place, with a little sidewalk seating and not much else.

"Last time the wait was about 45 minutes," says the guy ahead of me.

"It's that good?"

"Best ribs in town," he says. "Although I almost like the BBQ Broham better than the ribs."

I check out "Broham" on the menu fixed to the window. It's a sandwich with "pork shoulder seasoned, char-grilled, and topped with coleslaw [$6.45]."

"Next!" says the cashier gal just inside the door.

I step in. All hell's breaking loose here. Seem to be about eight cooks in baseball caps with flames embroidered on the sides, all flying, frying, chopping, searing, packing steaming stuff into polystyrene boxes. Guy on my side of the counter shouts, "Waddayagot?"

"I've got numbers 35, 27, 29, 33, 30, and 31, Phil!" calls the cook. He hands boxes over to the guy — hey. It's *Phil.* The owner.

"Wait's about 20 minutes," says the order-taker gal. She's under pressure. "So what…?"

Lord. Race-scan of the Big List. The main deal is the "Back Rib Dinners." The full-rib dinner (and it's always pork unless you ask for beef) is $18.95 for 10–12 bones, plus two small sides, like cut-on-the-premises fries, baked beans, coleslaw, potato or macaroni salad, or one big side like a corncob, baked potato, or steamed veggies. The half-rib (6–7 bones) is $12.95, and the quarter-rib (4 bones) $9.95. BBQ chicken's from $6.75 (quarter-chicken) to $9.75 (half-chicken, all white meat). Rib-chicken combos are $10.95, and you can get boneless ribs or chicken dinners — "no bones about it" — for $10.95. A 3-bone beef rib dinner's $12.45.…

"Sir?"

"Aah…okay. Oh hell, quarter-rib dinner."

"Sides?"

"Fries, beans. And corn on the cob."

"That'll be $2.25 extra. It's a large side."

"Fine."

It comes to 14 bucks, plus tax, once I add a $1.85 soda. 'Course now I see sandwiches, BBQ chicken breast and BBQ turkey burger, for, like, $4.95. Even a one-bone sampler rib for $3.75. Carla's gonna kill me for spending so much. Unless I buy her off somehow, heh heh.

I fill my cup up with ice and Coke. The place is packed. From that small entrance you just keep going through room after cream-painted room with varnished wood skirting, varnished wood tables, varnished bare wood booths, and the standard historic black-and-white pix of San Diego on the walls. And everywhere, people are chowing down with a vengeance, yakking, slurping sodas, grabbing paper towels from tableside rollers. There's a light in their eyes. I swear, BBQ awakens something that all the refined knife-and-fork stuff never will.

"Oh, you've got to live a little, for gosh sakes," says Claire, who's just finishing up ribs with her friend. She's no spring chicken. You'd expect her to be watching every calorie. Not this gal. "We bust out sometimes, right, Cathy?"

I hear my number, grab my tray, find a booth, and start off with the beans. Mmm. Sweet. Then the corn. Wow. Still in its husk. Dab o' butter, oh so sweet and fresh. And the ribs. Mesquite-smoky but also sweet. Plus, can taste the pork, which is good. Lots of fries, and, thank goodness, endless refills on the Coke.

"My parents had an Italian restaurant for 55 years, in Painesville, Ohio." Now I'm talking to Phil — yes, the actual Phil — while I'm back at the counter, waiting to pick up a BBQ Broham for Carla.

"And this all started because they used to actually season the spaghetti sauce with spare ribs," Phil says. "So us kids would eat the ribs after. Then a friend said, 'Why don't you serve the ribs?' "

Phil was 15. He invented his own BBQ sauce, opened up his own rib takeout joint, and prospered. He could have stayed there. "But I heard about San Diego weather," he says. "The more fine weather you have, the more customers you get."

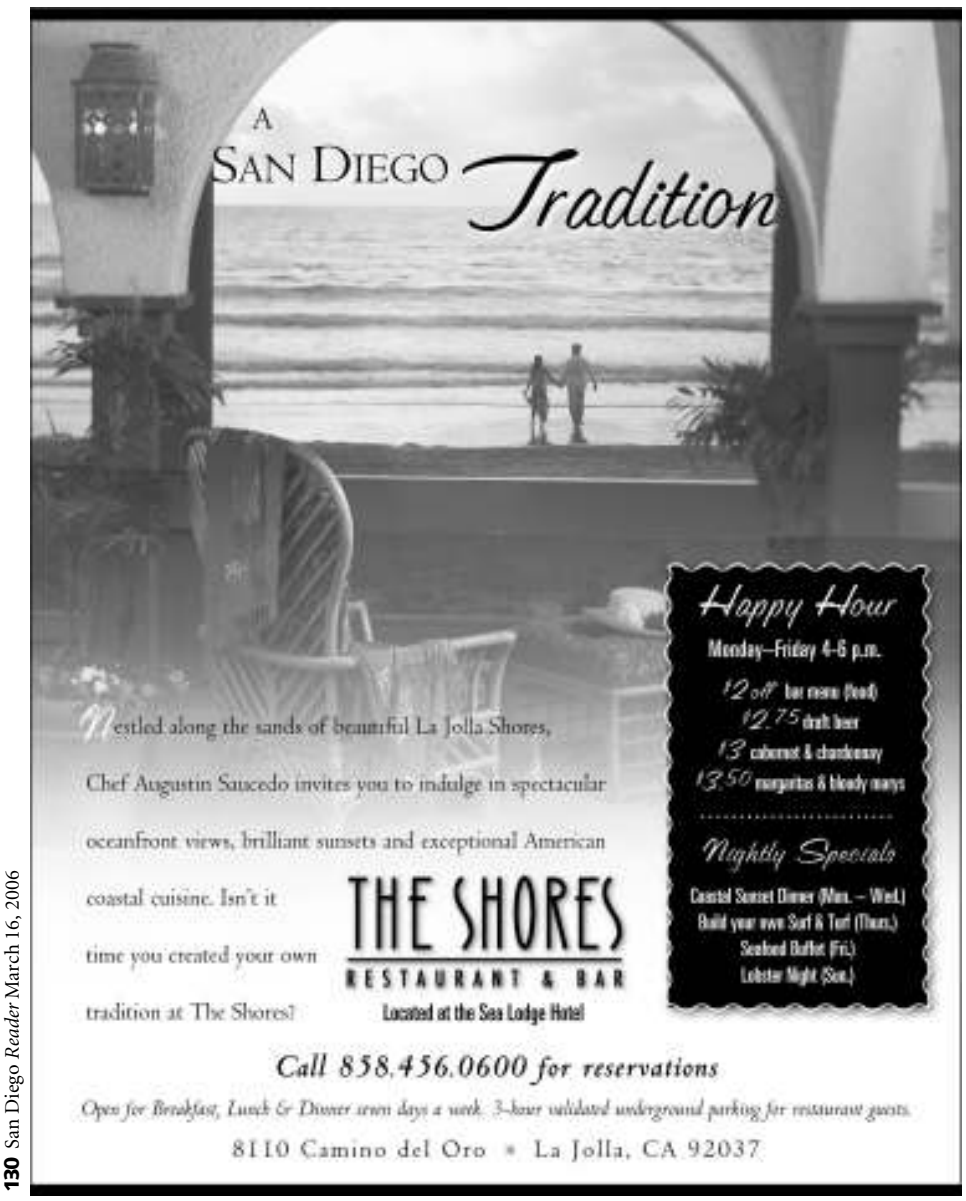
He opened here in February 1998, and what started as 800 square feet is now 2700 square feet. Seven employees have become 38. He even overnights orders to places as far away as New York and Chicago. 'Course there was that episode of the neighbors objecting to his smoke. Now, he says, he and his co-owner Jeff "spend $125,000 a year" to run high-tech smoke filters.

And no, he hasn't got sick of his own food.

"We still eat our own ribs," he says.

Me, I'll be eating my own hand if I get this next step wrong. I'm back home, holding my breath. Carla's holding our Broham. She chomps into the large Kaiser bun, loaded with, like, pork shreds and coleslaw. "Oh my *God,* Bedford," she says. "What's wrong with you, man? Why didn't you bring back two? 'Cause don't even *think* about whining for some of this." ■

The Place: *Phil's BBQ, 4030 Goldfinch Street (at Washington), Mission Hills (619-688-0559)*
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"We lost our director," lamented Don Galleano, owner of Galleano Winery up in Mira Loma. Galleano was attending the San Diego Wine Competition, but he was talking about the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition held every year in San Bernardino as part of the National Orange Show. His lament was aimed at Bob Foster, co-founder of the San Diego Wine Competition, senior judge at the Riverside Wine Competition, and veteran presence for at least seven others.

"You're a year early," joked Foster. "I'm going to retire from the Attorney General's office, and if I were retired, I'd love to do it." Galleano wasn't so easily put off. Help was offered, wives were consulted, and this year, Foster will take over as director at Pacific Rim.

A wine competition has to sell itself at both ends — it needs to attract wineries, and it needs consumers to pay attention to the results. "There are more and more competitions," says Foster, so many that "a single medal at a single competition" is not going to have much of an impact. "If a winery pulls five golds and four silvers in the course of a judging season, that can have an impact. And the wineries have to make choices about which competitions they're going to enter."

When measuring a competition against its fellows, says Foster, you look at two things. One, "how the results of any one competition compare to the others. If you have a Cabernet that's gotten seven gold medals at seven competitions, and at the eighth, it gets a bronze, that kind of raises an eyebrow." Still, "a single wine like that, no big deal. It could have been an off bottle. But if you see a competition where, time and time again, it's not happening" when compared to other competitions, "you get a little concerned."

The second factor is who's judging. "What makes a good wine judge is the ability to put away personal preferences and take a broader perspective. I've given gold medals to wines that I would never buy for my personal consumption, because they're made in a style that I personally don't care for. But for that style and that varietal, they're fabulous." Foster wants judges who can understand that "power is not enough" in a wine, even though it's what gets noticed most easily when you're plowing through hundreds of samples. He wants judges who will take an extra minute over a light-bodied Cabernet that might be overlooked even though it was "impeccably made, with great balance."

Assembling the team "was abundantly easy for me. I'd been a professional wine judge for 20 years, and I knew the people I wanted." Some were already regulars at the Pacific Rim. Some, like Renay Santoro — "she's a wine buyer for a chain of markets in Sonoma County" — and Doug Frost, Kansas City's rare master sommelier/master of wine, are Foster's picks.

And, adds Foster with not a little excitement, "For the first time since 1982, I've got myself, Dan Berger, Darrell Corti, and Bob Thompson at the same competition." Berger and Corti are known stars in the wine-god's firmament, but "what I'm most happy about is that I got Bob to come out of retirement to judge for me. Bob was the *San Francisco Examiner* wine columnist for years, and he's written a number of books." (This is a delightfully understated account; Thompson is one of the giants of the old guard, the early-'60s champions of California wine. He wrote *The Sunset Books Guide to California Wine Country,* collaborated with English wine writer Hugh Johnson on a second book about California wine, and hung around long enough to be allowed to write *Notes on a California Cellarbook: Reflections on Memorable Wines.*)

Thompson prefers a slower tasting pace than most competitions allow. Foster lured him to San Bernardino with the promise that he could spend his energies on the sparklers, a smaller category that demands more attention than some. "I think sparkling wines are the toughest to judge," says Foster, "because you have to go beyond the bubbles to the wine, but you also have to acknowledge the bubbles." He also set him up with an old friend on the judging panel. "It's kind of an experiment. Bob may still end up saying, 'I don't want to do this anymore.' " Even sitting around and yakking about wine may lose its luster after 40 years or so.

After gathering the judges, Foster has to assign them to tasting panels. "I'm trying to balance experience with less experience, balance personalities, and balance skills. Jeremy Oliver, who's coming up from Australia, has lots of experience with Shiraz and Syrah," so he'll be judging those wines.



After the competition, Foster needs to publicize the results. (If you win a medal for your wine and nobody knows it, then what's the point?) He cites the "dream situation" enjoyed by the *San Francisco Chronicle*'s wine competition. "The paper publishes the results, and they hold a huge tasting at Fort Mason. Scads of publicity — in Northern California. We have to work a little harder to get the word out. We make it a point to invite two or three wine writers, people we know will write a story after the competition. Mike Dunn, my chief judge, is wine columnist for the *Sacramento Bee.* David Jones is out of San

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Francisco. And Doug Frost writes a wine column in Kansas City. We also do a couple of public events in San Bernardino."

Finally, it's Foster's job to keep the competition's nose clean. A competition is only as good as its reputation. He's heard stories and mentions directors and chief judges "trying to manipulate results. If a wine doesn't do well with one panel, they'll take it to another panel and say, 'Would you taste this? I think the panel missed it.'"

It's a tricky business, even with good judges and an honest director. It's not necessarily like Sundance, where you at least know that the judge and the public are seeing the same movie. "Every winemaker I've talked to, if they've got ten barrels of a wine, they know which one is the richest barrel. I've never seen any proof, but what always worries me is: 'Do they bottle that one barrel separately, and that's what goes to the wine competitions and the wine newsletters?' But there's no way to resolve the question. One competition sent off a bottle of a wine that was entered and another bottle of the same wine that came off the store shelf. The lab said, 'They're different, but we can't rule out simple bottle variation.' And I know that happens. I've bought cases of wine and found that ten of the bottles are terrific, while two are just duds. It's a mystery." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for exmple, mussels with *frites,*) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/04)*

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Open Wednesday to Sunday, continuous lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (11/03)*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago,* tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

NORTH COASTAL

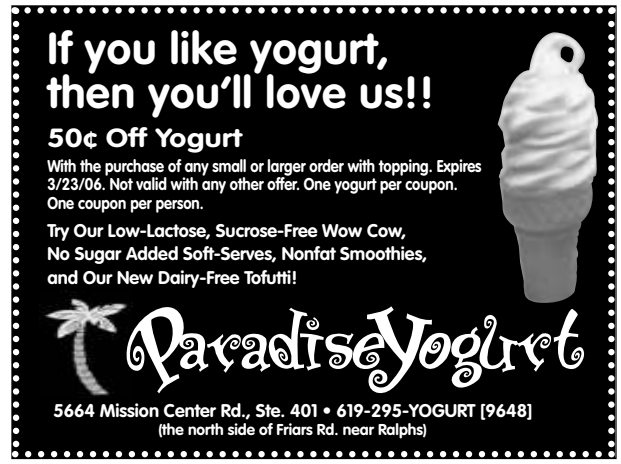
Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish'n'chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are downtuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids









come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun,* anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café's sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunch-wiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted together on grilled sourdough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict for breakfast or black bean burrito for lunch, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open "7-ish to 4-ish" daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. $2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch or brunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch only. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic nonfusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Loma Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Loma Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edameme* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseke* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature $3 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesdays. Crowded during racing season. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni*(sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi *(tamago),* a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet, steak au poivre, poulet Normande.* He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — *A.M. (6/04)*

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Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta,* and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — *S.M. (7/04)*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when or-

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Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban,* or raw crab, and *yookhwe,* a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento,* that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner and entertaiment (piano or harp) nightly, closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room ($15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including New York steak or potato-crusted Pacific red snapper. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but "charming"? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte,* Turkish mini-burgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun,* thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it's closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajj.* It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with

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sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga,* a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha,* smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sautéed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly takeout, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W. (5/04)*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. In the most formal of the three dining rooms, collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo,* with clams, mussels, and big garlicy shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Chilango's Mexico City Grill 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international

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wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, most entrées half-price on Mondays. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly, and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, et al., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W. (8/05)*

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Sushi Itto Sushi Itto, 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Lunch daily; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W. (7/03)*

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Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*) and battered vegetables *pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surpisingly fine food in this vast, multi-room glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Open for dinner Friday and Saturday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — *N.W. (7/03)*

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo,* the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/04)*

LG's Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less "old boys' club" than most of its kind — it's quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged "Jewel in the Crown" Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. "Escargots alfredo" is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything's à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and Market. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — *N.W. (10/05)*

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu.* The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. At this view-endowed restaurant next to the Star of India, Chef Jesse Paul prepares fresh seafood in highly adventurous California Cuisine combinations — sometimes perhaps too adventurous, as not all dishes work equally well. The restaurant's popularity with out-of-towners also hurts: Zonies like their seafood "well done," so the kitchen reluctantly defaults to cooking most fish a bit too long. Among the best choices: an appetizer of house-cured "salmon pastrami," a *foie gras* dish playfully named "Liver and Onions," and fine diver scallops and roasted sturgeon. Valet parking available; free street parking not too difficult during early hours. Excellent, professional service. Every table can see the sea, but all the glass and the prevalence of birthday parties makes the room noisy at prime time. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (10/05)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily until 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo,* or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan,* pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus,* vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for







weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos,* where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes,* (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf n' turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada,* but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Loncheria La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice.* Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado,* ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Loncheria La Poca Lucha,* "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos, bisteck ranchero,* or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around $3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Mariscos el Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo, gringo-Mex,* real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way. He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda *Cien Años.* "But then," says Plascencia, "I got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (8/04)*

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Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Three meals daily, rock-bottom prices. — *N.W. (10/05)*

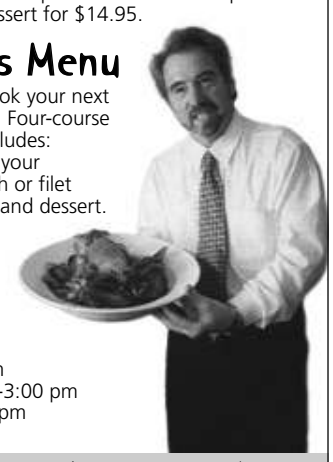
Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B. (11/03)*

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terracotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala,* and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer.* At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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My Fair Lady Evolves

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REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

My Fair Lady opened on the Ides of March, 1956, at New York's Mark Hellinger Theater. The musical boasted revolving stages and, a king's ransom at the time, $400,000 worth of luxuriant sets and Cecil Beaton's costumes. Broadway has seen opening nights as celebrated — including O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night,* also in 1956 — though none more so than the Lerner and Loewe musical based on George Bernard Shaw's "unromantic romance," *Pygmalion.*

Rather than reinvent the comedy, as others had tried and failed to do, Lerner and Loewe kept much of the dialogue intact. They just added, they claimed, "what happened offstage." Well, that and one of musical theater's richest, most singable scores (a friend wrote a tribute: "With a little bit of luck it'd be loverly to have danced all night on the street where you live"). The songs are so appropriate for the characters and situations, in fact, if you read *Pygmalion* you can almost hear Shaw tweaking the orchestra's cues.

My Fair Lady broke attendance records and made more money for Shaw's estate than all his plays during his lifetime.

To celebrate the musical's 50th birthday, almost to the day, Cygnet Theatre is staging a pared-down *My Fair Lady.* The reduced scale requires an adjustment at first, and Cygnet hasn't solved all the technical problems of shifting from epic to intimate. But the performances are winners, and the production offers inventive twists.

The libretto demands elaborate scenes: Inigo Jones's church at Covent Garden, grimy Tottenham Court Road, snooty Ascot, Higgins's home at 27A Wimpole Street. Cygnet represents these locales with black and white drawings projected on the rear wall. The images conjure London and Higgins's cluttered lab. They also have a zebra effect, however: the slides cast bright streaks across any actor standing from center- to upstage. A second problem: to avoid bleaching the projections with direct lighting, the design relies on overhead sources, which leaves downstage faces in semi-darkness.

Cygnet may have worked out the production's cramped feel by now (piped-in music also adds to this sense). And the up-close-and-personal staging offers many plusses. Ron Choularton plays Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle, as if to his ill manners born. Choularton blasts the backstreet roisterer, yanked into middle-class morality, through a cannon. He sings, his voice as ardent as gruff, he dances mock steps (a Michael Flatley parody?), and he swaggers as if in his cups to his nostrils. Choularton's excellent performance embodies the rowdy, populist music-hall tradition Lerner and Loewe grafted among *My Fair Lady*'s more stately melodies. And when Alfred sings about getting "married in the morning," Choularton encourages everyone in the house, à la the old British music halls, to join in.

Asking an audience to sing along, in a 1500-2000 seat theater, would fracture the stage picture's formal distance. It would be like Eliza reverting to cockney and really rooting at Ascot. Doing it at Cygnet's an inspired touch that literally brings the musical home.

Sean Murray's spare set, eggshell-colored walls and a handy turntable, makes for a handsome, neutral space. Minimal props and the slides (including a gramophone and a gaslight an actor pretends to switch on and off) add appropriate detail. And when the script calls for the original opulence, costume designer Jeanne Reith delivers, especially for the *big moment.* Higgins and Pickering (a gentle, protective, funny Tom Stephenson) wait for Eliza to take her final exam as an "artificial duchess" at the ball. Reith decks the nervous phoneticians in smart tuxes. Then Eliza steps into the spotlight, transformed and radiant in a sparkling gown, and stops the show cold.

Sean Cox has played the Elephant Man and here does John Merrick's opposite, Freddy Eynsford-Hill, the gaga-eyed romantic so in love with Eliza he can barely stay vertical. Cox's ardent tenor rendition of "On the Street Where You Live" is another show-stopper.

Shaw loathed happy endings. He said they "misfit" stories. When people kept asking if Eliza and Higgins get married, he wrote a prose sequel to *Pygmalion.* "Will she look forward to a lifetime of fetching Higgins' slippers or to a lifetime of Freddy fetching hers?" Shaw doesn't let you decide: "She will, if she marries either of them, marry Freddy."

Shaw then includes a biography of that pedestrian relation. As to Eliza and Higgins, he concludes, "Galatea never does quite like Pygmalion: his relation to her is too godlike to be altogether agreeable."



Sean Murray, Tom Stephenson, Amy Biedel in My Fair Lady

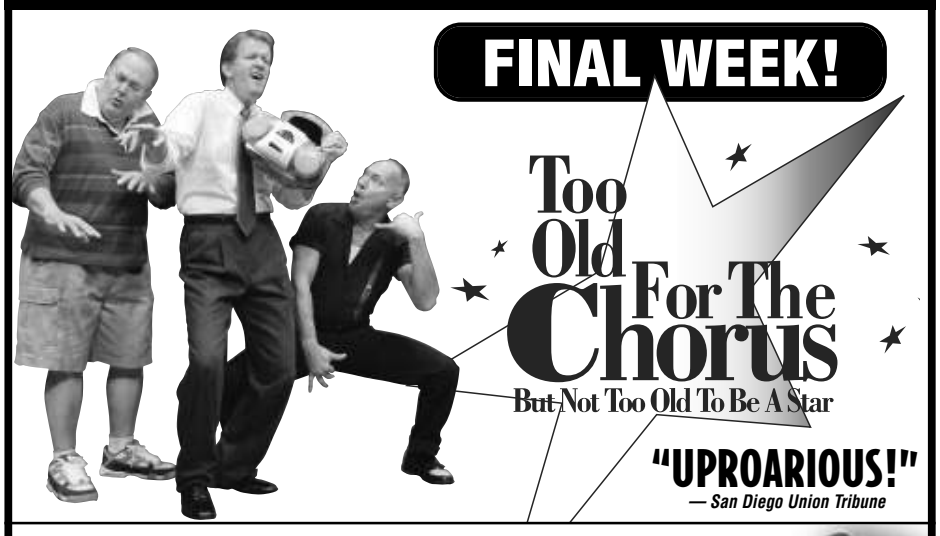
My Fair Lady, *adaptation and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner, music by Frederick Loewe*
Cygnet Theatre, *6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area*
Directed by Sean Murray and David Brannen; *cast: Sean Murray, Amy Biedel, Jodie Bowman, Ron Choularton, Andy Collins, Sean Cox, Lee Lampard, Veronica Murphy, Tom Stephenson, Erick L. Sundquist; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye*
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Godlike? As played by Rex Harrison, sure. He's so dominant, his habits so etched in granite, you overlook Henry's whopping social inadequacies: his brain's precise, and everything else is in emotional lockdown. Shaw's determination to avoid the happily-ever-after made him miss an intriguing part of his story: Higgins needs sculpting too.

Instead of Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn emblazoned across Cinemascope, or memories of Harrison and Julie Andrews's legendary work at the Hellinger, Sean Murray's Henry Higgins and Amy Biedel's Eliza are much more finite and human — and malleable. Both sing quite well (Murray often singing the songs Harrison spoke). And since the show is un-miked, the songs have a truly personal feel.

In a surprising update — the musical has come a long way, baby! — Cygnet changed the ending. Biedel's Eliza won't fall back to her former life; she's gained more than enough confidence to face Higgins as an equal. And Murray's Higgins had better wake up to that fact, and to his hyper-repressed physical attraction for her, or she's out the door. Cygnet's new ending doesn't promise eternal happiness. It does, however, suggest that Henry and Eliza's post-musical lives might be more fulfilling than Shaw's version — and much more adult. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ain't You Heard? and **Passion and Honey**
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Bad Date Theater
Korbett Kompany Productions presents a slate of one-acts about "relationships from hell," including George Bernard Shaw's *How He Lied to Her Husband,* and A.R. Gurney's play *The Problem.* The show also includes a dinner-theater package.
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A Body of Water
Identity theft: in Lee Blessing's psychological mystery, Moss and Avis wake up in a house on a hill, surrounded by water. Their bathrobes fit, but their lives don't. Where are they? Who are they? Each has only one memory: of someone else's inability to remember. Chronic amnesia isn't "normal" behavior, she suggests. According to *Water,* maybe it is. The play, a species of Existentialism Lite, sets its three characters (the third is either a lawyer, a clinician, or their daughter) "afloat on a sea of assumptions" most people don't question. The play overstates its point and feels like a shorter work stretched to two acts, but the Old Globe's sleek production always intrigues. Beneath her signature smile Sandy Duncan has the chops for comedy and drama. She, Ned Schmidtke, and young Samantha Soule create credibly fractile characters, almost a new being for each scene. The set's a dark-stained deck atop a pale swimming pool. York Kennedy's flexible lighting and Michael Roth's music transform moods, in an instant, from clarity and order to netherworld dissonance. The best part of the play comes after, when you try to piece things together. Definite assertions stop at the tip of your tongue, and you find yourself, like Moss and Avis, treading water. ***Worth a try.***
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The Dating Pool

Girl Next Year Theatre presents Jennie Olsen's original piece about dating, "from the first date to your 'first time,' " based on interviews with San Diegans. Tisha Tumangan directed.

THE HOLE, 2820 LYTTON STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH MARCH 17; THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-645-1158.

Dearly Departed

Vanguard Productions presents the comedy that asks: what do a parking lot cleaning machine, a trashy earring, ballet slippers, and a Yam Queen have in common? Tom Haine directed.

WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET (AT CANON), POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, MARCH 24, THROUGH APRIL 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

Evita

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical — Eva Peron Superstar? — has less substance than a tabloid exposé. It shuffles through the rise of Eva Duarte so fast because it wants to make the Argentine sinner/saint a mystery, when it turns out the composing team just didn't know much about her (or Ché Guevara, or the evils of *peronismo,* for that matter). *Evita* has a splashy style and rousing music, and these stand out in the Welk Resort Theatre's production. Slick-haired Doug Bilitch is coolly understated as Juan Peron (whose draconian tactics raised murder and "disappearances" to a new level and who had Evita mummified). Aided by Ambra Wakefield's iconic costumes and Jennifer Edwards-Northover's red-lavender lighting, Laura Dickenson looks and sings Evita capably, though she could stoke the furnace a bit more. Jenn Grinels makes the most of a cameo when, as Peron's rejected mistress, she sings one of the show's best tunes, "Another Suitcase in Another Hall." Danny Bolero's Guevara fascinates. He has the requisite angry puzzlement but also throws in a mocking, clownish attitude that fills in some of the book's wide gaps. To Bolero's credit, and also director/choreographer Sha Newman, this is the first *Evita* I've seen (out of maybe five or six) that gets the point of view right: it's a reverie in Guevara's mind. Newman also deserves credit for brisk stage movement, a textual trim job, and rich Latino spirit.

Worth a try.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 2; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Intimate Apparel

San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Lynn Nottage's drama about Esther, an African-American seamstress who sews intimate apparel for high society and prostitutes in 1905 New York. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, THROUGH APRIL 9; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Into the Woods

"Happy endings can spring a leak / Ever after can mean one week," jaded lovers sing in Stephen Sondheim's *Do I Hear a Waltz?* As if to prove the point, Sondheim borrowed Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, and Little Red Riding Hood from the brothers Grimm and sent them back into the woods as adults. The result: *A Midsummer Night's Dream redux,* comically harrowing afterlives. *Woods* premiered at the Old Globe 20 years ago (it's amazing to compare this trimmed version to the original's ungainly thickets and Sondheim's hipper-than-thou pseudo-nihilism). It's currently enjoying a spritely mounting at Lamb's Players. Best of show, in fact, is the cast's obvious pleasure in doing it. Even the performers' squeaks, and they are legion, are perfect pitch. Director Robert Smyth has orchestrated a track meet over and through Mike Buckley's cardboard cutout set (gnarled Rorschach faces embedded in the trees; leaf fossils on the ground). Nate Parde's sunlight bright and gloomy red lighting enhances tragic and comic moods, and Jeanne Reith's costumes, from Little Red's big red cape to woodsy peasant garb, are excellent. It's unfair to single out individuals from the ensemble, since all contribute to an always-entertaining, if undemanding, evening of theater. (Note: due to popular demand, Lamb's has extended the run of *Into the Woods.*)

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Late-Nite Catechism
As part of its "Off Nites at NCRT," the North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises its hit show, an interactive adult catechism class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. The sister's authoritarianism takes the class to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when she taps a hard ruler against her palm). The results: an evening of almost nonstop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.
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My Fair Lady
Reviewed this issue.
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North Coast Repertory Theatre states Larry Shue's comedy about a seeming dolt who may be the wisest one of all. David Hay directed.
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San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse
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Worth a try.
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The Times They Are a-Changin'
Bobby's gettin' Broadway-ized. Whatever colors Twyla Tharp had in her mind, when she conceived this musical based on the songs of Bob Dylan, they sure don't shine. The performers try to *sell* his songs. So they mug, indicate, quirk, and pause — and Tharp crams in cutsie distractions, like a human dog, or beach balls in "Like a Rolling Stone" — even though the last thing the music needs is commercial Great White Way hype. The hokum story reads like a sketch for a bad Sam Shepard imitation: a bogged-down circus, site of a father/son clash, is headed for a change. Trouble is, the story's too flimsy to motivate some of the mightiest music of the last fifty years. The 90-minute piece, which plays longer, has no dialogue. So the performers smile, or make faces at each other, or exit mad, then explode into "Subterranean Homesick Blues" or "Desolation Row." And like the story, the characters are way too one-note to generate the songs. One of the best things Tharp says in her book, *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 (the thing's so jumbled it's tough to figure out which), it needs much more than an edit job. The music's hall of fame. But the concept is lost in the rain in Juárez, and it ain't Eastertime too.
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What the Butler Saw
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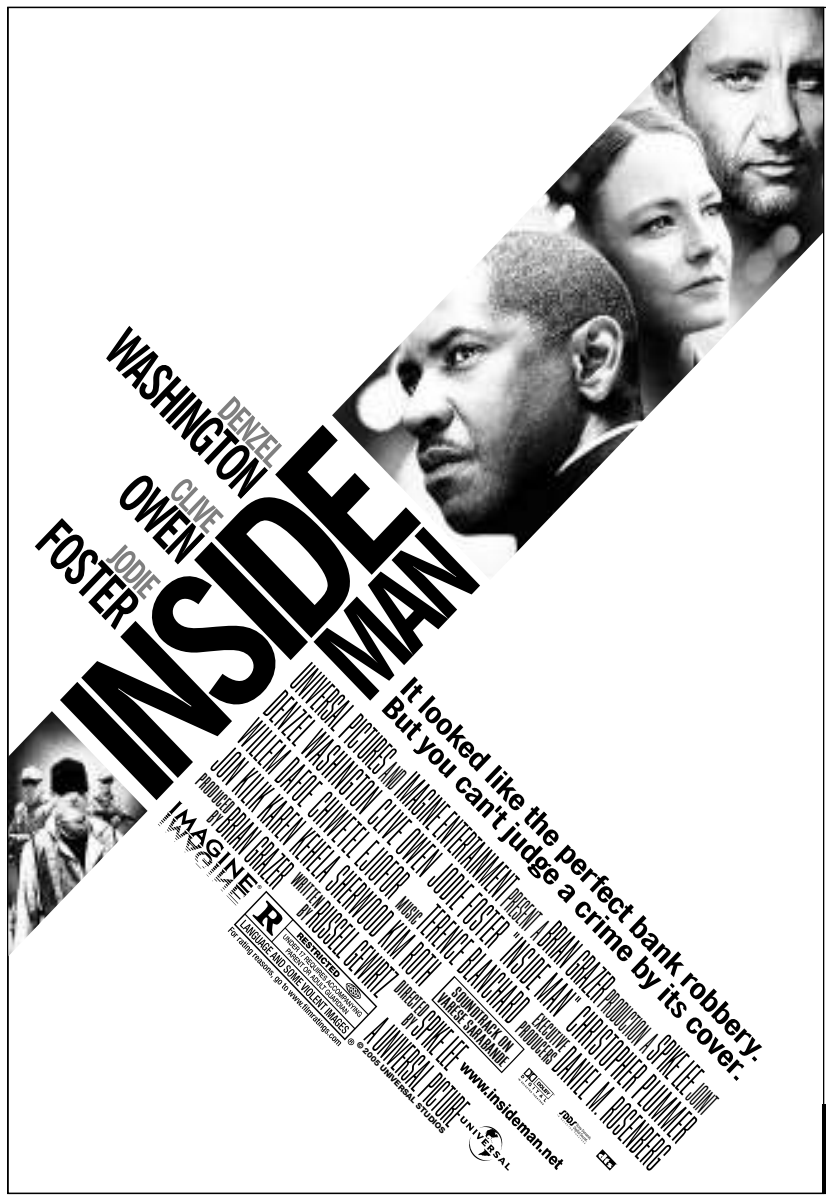
REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

The title figure of the documentary *Unknown White Male* does not remain unknown for long. Quite sensibly, when he first comes to awareness on a New York subway, with some unaccountable bumps on his head, that he does not know where he's going or whence he came, that he does not know his own name, and that he carries no identification with him, he can think of nowhere to turn but the police. They can only pass him on to doctors, who diagnose him with retrograde amnesia, "the rarest kind of amnesia," a total wipeout of the past. (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* without the science fiction.) His accent seems to indicate that he's British, and a woman's name on a piece of pink paper tucked inside a Latin American Spanish dictionary in his backpack provides hope of rescue from the mental ward. The woman herself, over the phone, cannot immediately place him, but her daughter subsequently can. His name is Douglas Bruce, a thirty-something former stockbroker and current photographer living in a loft in Lower Manhattan with cockatoos and Scotties, "a great life." His return to his apartment does not bring it all back to him. Nor does his reunion with a Polish ex-girlfriend. Nor does a voyage to Australia to visit his father (his mother is deceased) and his two sisters, one of whom judges him absurdly to be "a lot more comfortable with who he is," by which she means he has lost a little of his edge. Nor does a further voyage to England to commune with his oldest friends. And nor does a rummage through mementos in an attic in Paris. He is, truth be told, a good deal more "comfortable" with the people he has met only since his loss of memory, most especially his statuesque new Australian girlfriend. The filmmaker, Rupert Murray, one of those forgotten old friends in England, wistfully sums up the situation: "His past now belonged to everyone but him."



Unknown White Male

Murray has a load of material to work with: a very emotional hospital video taken in the days just after the unexplained trauma; a video diary shot by Bruce himself as he reacquainted himself with his normal surroundings; a wealth of home videos that fill in bits of his past; plus Murray's up-to-the-minute footage after he inserted himself into the picture. And, in Bruce and his current and former girlfriends, he has some very camera-friendly subjects. The attempts to convey visually something of Bruce's disorientation, through the crude photographic tricks of fish-eye lenses and flash pans and pixillation and suchlike, rather than through a sensitive and subjective camera eye, leave a lot to be desired. The most they can do is to acknowledge the need for



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something empathic, even something poetic. They do not go far toward filling that need. But neither do they get in the way of the verbalized deep questions: How much of who we are is made up of our memories and how much of it is "pure us"? What would be left of us once our memories were taken away? How different would we be if the slate could be wiped clean and we had a chance to start over in midlife? *Who*, to put it existentially, *are we?* In the case of Douglas Bruce, these are not idle questions, and they're not hypothetical. The rest of us, at the same time, are not safely outside the scope of inquiry. If, as Bruce himself muses, we all lose and revise and invent memories every day, then what constitutes our true selves? The film, along those and parallel lines, gives us a lot to think about, and a little something to wish for. In light of a prognosticated ninety-five-percent chance of recovery, and no timetable on when that might occur, the next chapter of Bruce's life fairly cries out for a sequel.

The noteworthiest thing about *Find Me Guilty*, apart from the peculiarity that the "written by" and "directed by" credits are the only ones to appear on screen at the start of the film, is the forty-nine-year interval between Sidney Lumet's first courthouse drama, as well as first film of any type, *Twelve Angry Men* (which, inasmuch as it takes place in the jury room, can't quite be called a courtroom drama), and the now eighty-one-year-old director's new one. There have been other courthouse dramas along the way: *The Verdict, Guilty as Sin, Night Falls on Manhattan*. The latest in the series tells the factual story of the longest criminal trial in U.S. history: twenty-two months from 1986 through 1987, twenty separate defendants rounded up from the Lucchese crime family, seventy-six charges altogether, and at the end of the proceedings a brief fourteen hours of jury deliberations. The unwieldiness of it all, to say nothing of the talkiness of it all ("Most of the court dialogue is actual testimony"), mires Lumet in a passive, flat-footed visual style. What's worse, he seems a bit bewitched, a bit bowled over, a bit swept off his flat feet, by the "colorfulness" of the Mafia in general (a single tirade by the tightly wound prosecutor, preaching to the choir of his associates, can't stem the tide), and in particular the colorfulness of the convicted cocaine dealer, Jackie DiNorscio, who opts to serve as his own attorney, and who stoutly maintains his loyalty to the family even as its other members distance themselves from his courtroom antics: "I'm not a gangster, I'm just a gagster." Vin Diesel, "stretching" himself by putting on hair, pounds, and ill-fitting suits, at least cannot be accused of elevating the character through thespian classiness. Ron Silver, playing the long-suffering judge on the case, makes a first-rate straight man.

Failure to Launch, a romantic-comic bauble by Tom Dey, has a definite situation, namely a mid-thirties stud still living at home with his parents. If this situation were born of any necessity — financial, psychological, medical, or otherwise — the film might additionally have had a subject. But since the situation is only an amorous stratagem, an ace-in-the-hole shameful secret useful for scaring off overserious girlfriends, the film is left with no more than a formula: the burdened parents hire a "professional interventionist" (new synonym for paid escort) to woo their son away from the nest, the wooer soon starts to fall for him in earnest, he sees through the ruse and cuts himself off from both wooer and parents (good question: "Why didn't you just say something? All you had to do was tell me"), and everyone reconciles in the end. More simply, the whole thing is just a piece of exercise equipment for a couple of A-list hardbodies named Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker, the latter of whom could be said to be miscast as a character forever claiming and demonstrating a hearty appetite. Zooey Deschanel, as the sardonic roommate (what lately would have been known as the Joan Cusack character) driven half-mad by a persistent mockingbird, protects herself — and her "indie" reputation — behind her idiosyncratic delivery of lines, half-depressive and half-drugged. (If you're not having a good time, well, neither is she.) And Terry Bradshaw, the former football star and current buffoonish football analyst, reveals the desperation of the enterprise by revealing his heinie.

The Hills Have Eyes appears at a glance to be simply a slick remake of the schlocky Wes Craven gorefest of 1977. But because the director (Alexandre Aja) is French in origin, besides being the offspring of a film director and a film critic, perhaps it's also an *hommage*. Perhaps, too, there's something of significance to be read into the breed of deformed yahoos spawned by U.S. nuclear tests in New Mexico, the crater of abandoned autos, the ghost town of mannequins (Surrealism for Dummies), and the transformations of a wimpy Democrat into a warrior and of a gun-toting Republican into a toasted marshmallow. Or perhaps not. Perhaps the mind yearns to wander. "The lucky ones," the ad misinforms us, "die first." Not really. The lucky ones stay home. ■

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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.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/19, 2 P.M.)

Amarcord — Another in the Fellini line of semi-autobiographical entertainments, episodic and variable in quality from episode to episode, this one set in the hometown of his youth. In his choice of recollections, there is a strict ban on the banal (it hardly seems possible that this wonderland is the same sort of town that Fellini fled in *I Vitelloni*), and yet the familiar Fellini grotesqueries are mercifully toned down here, and the famous egotism is shut away in a closet. If something doesn't appeal to Fellini's playful side, it no longer appeals to him at all. There is an ample supply of jolliness, of the director's carefully cultivated obsessions, and of flawless, limpid, controlled color images (once again, a salute to the wizardly Giuseppe Rotunno). What is lacking is any modulation or momentum from one scene to the following; each one builds to an abrupt fade-out that's like a wonderstruck gasp, or sigh, and then the next one starts all over again, building. 1974.
★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/19, 4 P.M.)

Aquamarine — Pallid mermaid comedy aimed at tween girls or lower. Two representatives of that group, unnaturally perky, advise a more mature mermaid on the do's and don'ts of the mating game as played on dry land. No reason why that shouldn't have been fun (and educational) for all. With Emma Roberts, Joanna "Jojo" Levesque, Sara Paxton, Jake McDornan; directed by Elizabeth Allen. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Ask the Dust — Depression-period romance, written and directed by Robert Towne, in a largely dark, nocturnal, unsunny Southern California, a star-crossed affair between a gringo and a Chicana, or more disparagingly a "dago" and a "spic," an impoverished young novelist taken under the wing, at long distance, of H.L. Mencken (whose voice in correspondence is provided by film critic and historian Richard Schickel) and a consumptive diner waitress from south of the border, two marginals with a tenuous sense of belonging. (The source material is a 1939 autobiographical novel by John Fante.) Because it is no sort of thriller, it avoids the plotting snarls and snags of Towne's screenplays for things like *Chinatown, The Two Jakes*, and the two *Mission: Impossible*'s, but it does not avoid the structural weaknesses of slow, shapeless, and exasperating development. And notwithstanding the compatible blackness of their hair, Colin Farrell and Salma Hayek do not have a great deal of chemistry between them, although the combustible Hayek all by herself has enough chemistry for them both. With Idina Menzel, Jeremy Crutchley, Donald Sutherland, Eileen Atkins. 2006.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/17)

The Boys of Baraka — Low-grade video documentary, by Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady, on a Baltimore educational experiment to send twenty "at-risk" black students per year to an all-male boarding school in Kenya. It's an interesting project, whether as education or as documentary, but the students and filmmakers alike are left high and dry when the two-year program gets suspended at the halfway point for security reasons. 2006.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 3/16)

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 credi-



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ble 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of



Failure to Launch

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.
★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Caught — Updated paraphrase of James M. Cain (never really outdated), to do with a handsome young drifter, a fishmonger with a bad heart, and the latter's unsatisfied wife. Between the first-person voice-over ("It's amazing the way you get into things"), the lonely muted trumpet during the credits, and the Young Brando apery of Arie Verveen, it isn't, on second glance, all that up to date. And it could have used more visual style from director Robert M. Young, of whatever vintage. The sex, however, is suitably dirty, beginning with the gross suggestiveness of the "boning," and then fingering, of a shad. And there is already a hint of incest in the illicit affair of the older woman and her surrogate son, before the actual, biological son bursts through the front door for a surprise visit, right when the surrogate has his head beneath the mother's skirt. (Cunnilingus interruptus.) The son's greeting for his mother: "I could eat you!" Steven Schub is grotesquely mesmerizing as the son, an abrasive would-be standup comic with the stage name of Danny Dime, a drug problem, and justified paranoid tendencies. Edward James Olmos, Maria Conchita Alonso, Bitty Schram. 1996.
★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/18, 6 P.M.)

C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America — Kevin Wilmott's speculative fantasy about what would have happened if the South had won the Civil War.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/17)

Curious George — Juvenile monkeyshines, 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.
● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Date Movie — In the mode of *Scary Movie*, a witless collection of references to, thefts from, and spoofs of, assorted romantic comedies, nonromantic comedies, noncomedies, anything at all, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* to *Lord of the Rings*. The assumption seems to be that mere recognition will bring forth laughter. With Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard, Tony Cox, and Eddie Griffin; directed by Aaron Seltzer. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Dave Chappelle's Block Party — The titular comedian hosts a hip-hop concert on a rainy September day in Brooklyn (Kanye West, Mos Def, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, the Fugees), and beforehand rounds up extra partygoers in his stamping ground of Dayton, Ohio, including the entire marching band of Central State U., to be bused to the event. Chronology never imposes itself, and the concert gets chopped

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up into little bits — probably, as an anti-monotony measure, a blessing. The sub-standard video image, meanwhile, is an unrelieved curse. Directed by Michel Gondry. 2006.
★ (CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Duck Season — Modest little Mexican comedy by Fernando Eimbcke, shot in black-and-white, or anyway low-contrast gray, with an impassive static camera and a strong compositional eye for the artless, graceless lines and planes of a drab urbanscape. (The few grainy flashbacks with a mobile hand-held camera add nothing, and the one that exposes the barbarities of the Dog Pound even subtracts something.) A bit of a shaggy-dog story, or perhaps a ruffled-duck story (the title alludes to a nature painting of disputed ownership in a divorce settlement), it passes a single leisurely day in the company of two early-teen boys left alone in a middle-class apartment. The slightly older neighbor girl (a very engaged and engaging actress, Danny Perea) comes over to use the oven and warms up to one of the boys, and a pizza-delivery man won't go away without his payment despite missing his guaranteed delivery deadline by maybe a minute. A standoff ensues, and a video-game soccer match fails to settle the argument when the power goes out in sudden-death overtime. The business of the marijuana in the birthday cake might be pretty stale, but the bigger business of human isolation and tentative connection, when observed with the patience and perception of Eimbcke, remains ever-fresh. Enrique Arreola, Diego Cataño, Daniel Miranda. 2005.
★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/18, 8 P.M., AND 3/19, 5 P.M.)



Find Me Guilty

Eight Below — Agreeably old-fashioned survival adventure, "inspired by a true story" as well as by a Japanese film inspired by the same story, 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, and that's just the start of the 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." Directed by Frank Marshall. 2006.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Failure to Launch — Reviewed this issue. With Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Zooey Deschanel, Kathy Bates, and Terry Bradshaw; directed by Tom Dey.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Final Destination 3 — 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. Gross lengths. Rube Goldberg lengths. You wouldn't think death had so much spare time. With Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ryan Merriman, Amanda Crew, and Kris Lemche; directed by James Wong. 2006.
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Find Me Guilty — Reviewed this issue. With Vin Diesel, Peter Dinklage, Ron Silver, Alex Rocco, and Annabella Sciorra; directed by Sidney Lumet.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/17)

Firewall — 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. Robert Forster, Robert Patrick, Mary Lynn Rajskub; directed by Richard Loncraine. 2006.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Hills Have Eyes — Reviewed this issue. With Aaron Stanford, Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan, Ted Levine, and Robert Joy; written and directed by Alexandre Aja.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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 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)

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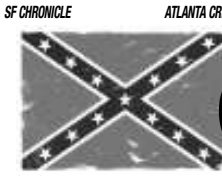
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by fact, of brotherhood on the WWI battlefield, with the French, the Scots, and the Germans all laying down their arms on Christmas Eve, 1914, and celebrating the holiday together. (Big treat for everyone: Diane Kruger, as a Danish diva, visits her lover in the trenches and lip-synchs to the voice of Nathalie Dessay.) The preludial groundwork — children of different lands parroting chauvinistic jingles in the classroom — is very strong, but the rest of the work is like an overelaboration of a single vignette from *A Midnight Clear*, and at this length it can hardly help but become pious and preachy. With Guillaume Canet, Benno Furmann, Gary Lewis, and Daniel Bruhl; written and directed by Christian Carion. 2005.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Last Holiday — The old, old — fifty-six-year-old, to be exact — Alec Guinness vehicle retailored to the expansive personality and physique of Queen Latifah. As a mousy cookware clerk at a department store in New Orleans, given three weeks to live and determined to blow her bank account on a dream vacation at the Grandhotel Pupp (pronounced "Poop") in Karlovy Vary, the actress shows a bit more than her usual capital-A attitude — a reserve, a restraint, a wider range. That's hard to sustain, though, when she's doing things like snowboarding down a "black diamond" ski slope or BASE-jumping from the top of a hydroelectric dam. You go, girl. She is flatteringly photographed in the bargain, although the lighting that gives her (and a nonthreatening LL Cool J) a golden glow, gives the white folks jaundice and anemia. One of those is the pre-eminent French actor of his generation, Gerard Depardieu, in a subordinate role as the hotel master chef who holds the secret of life: "Butter." Which is tantamount to seeing a French comedy starring Firmine Richard wherein Robert De Niro would pop up intermittently, speaking broken subtitled French as a philosophical hotdog vendor. Wayne Wang, the director, appears to feel no urgency to correct the course that has led him away from *The Joy Luck Club* and *Eat a Bowl of Tea* toward *Maid in Manhattan* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Not the most credible source, in other words, for a moral homily on living without fear. Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, Jane Adams, Giancarlo Esposito. 2006.
● (VOGUE)

The Libertine — Restoration period piece. Charles II of England (John Malkovich in a false nose) beseeches the Second Earl of Rochester (a rock-starry Johnny Depp) to quit wasting his energies on debauchery and to put them into becoming the king's Shakespeare: "Give me a major work of literature." What the sovereign is given instead is off-off-off-Broadway smut. Only when the rotter starts rotting literally (syphilitically) does he start thinking of redemption. Salaciousness aside, a dull costume party in a sickly green monochrome. With Samantha Morton, Tom Hollander, Rupert Friend, Paul Ritter, and Rosamund Pike; adapted from his own stage play by Stephen Jeffreys; directed by Laurence Dunmore. 2005.
● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Like Water for Chocolate — A feminist yarn of personal oppression and liberation set against a background of large-scale oppression and liberation: the Mexican Revolution. (A distant and dim background, most of the time.) The youngest of three daughters, bound by family tradition to stay home and care for her mother till the day one of them dies, has the effrontery to fall in love with a secret suitor, who, when the secret comes out, is matched up instead with the eldest daughter. The youngest can only vent her feelings through her cooking: tears of woe added to the wedding-cake batter to induce mass vomiting at the nuptials; drops of blood in a rose-petal sauce to produce a mass aphrodisiac; and so on. One could talk about the fairy-tale elements of all this, or about the "magic realism" of it, or about "multiculturalism" or Mexifeminism or gastroeroticism or whatever. And of course all the while one could be talking just about the Laura Esquivel novel and never mind the Alfonso Arau movie. In the latter context, none of these avenues of discussion can provide escape from a mushy slippery unmoored image that has a hard time simply holding onto the screen. The careless framing, the soft focus, the peach light, the general pallidness, the telephoto collapsing of space, the blurry foreground objects — all this and more renders the movie all but unwatchable for the discerning eye. With Lumi Cavazos and Marco Leonardi. 1992.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/18, 5 P.M.)

Match Point — Didactic illustration, by Woody Allen, of the role of luck in human affairs, taking as its central metaphor a ball clipping the top of the net in a game of tennis, freeze-framed indecisively in midair. The story traces the progress of a lowborn Irish tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers), not quite good enough to have held his own on the circuit with Sampras and Agassi, interested now in life's finer things — literature, art, opera — and wanting to "do something special, you know, make a contribution," but led by happenstance into the British upper class, into the affections of a sweet-natured, uncomplicated heiress (Emily Mortimer), into the family business, into a pact, if you will, with Mephistopheles, and into a bit of a sticky wicket. His prospective brother-in-law's American fiancée (Scarlett Johansson), a struggling actress but an accomplished flirt, has a certain something that his own lady-love lacks: "Did anyone ever tell you you have extremely sensual lips?" And Jonathan Rhys-Meyers should know! These two pairs of lips appear destined to meet. The developments to this point and beyond unfold organically, efficiently, covering a lot of ground swiftly yet without hurry, in the craftsmanly 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; LA JOLLA 12)

Memoirs of a Geisha — Nipponese bodice-ripper, from the best-seller by Arthur Golden, though it plays as if it could just as well have been by Danielle Steel, a Cinderella story of the rise and fall and rise and fall and rise of a blue-eyed geisha in pre-war and postwar Japan. "A story like mine," she starts out, meaning more than she means, "should never be told." Nor should it be illustrated with the frenzy, flamboyance, and insufficient illumination accorded it by the razzle-dazzle director of *Chicago*, Rob Marshall. (Earlier in the gestation, it was going to be Steven Spielberg.) Gong Li is still Gong Li, and still beautiful, but in the lead role Zhang Ziyi is now Ziyi Zhang: the boom in Asian imports has brought no consistency in appellation, only confusion. (The catty rivalry on screen between the older actress and the younger, and eventually the all-out catfight, gains an added dimension when you recall that the one was bumped by the other in the films and affections of Zhang Yimou, or Yimou Zhang.) Using Chinese actresses is of course defensible in a movie aimed at the American masses, just as their speaking in English is defensible. Their speaking in unintelligible English rather defeats the purpose. With Michelle Yeoh, Ken Watanabe, Koji Yakusho, Youki Kudoh. 2005.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Munich — Steven Spielberg's profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist massacre of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics and the bloody aftermath of tit-for-tat reprisals. The director, while he plainly wants to pay his respects to all parties, has not rid himself of his grandiosity and his self-indulgence. The overextended running time is simply, contradictory though it sounds to say so, a shortcut to Importance, a direct equation of size with significance. And the assorted lightening, whitening, fading effects in the cinematography of Janusz Kaminski (*Schindler's List, Amistad, Saving Private Ryan,* etc.) call at-

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Walk the Line' s Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon got Oscar nominations and both deserve them. They sang in the movie, and their voices are not exactly like Johnny Cash and June Carter, but they sound good in their own right. The story's moving and the honest acting prevents it from turning into a melodrama.

Twilight Samurai features less swordfights and more drama than you'd expect from a movie with "samurai" in the title. The directing, acting, and cinematography work in unison to tell the story in an honest, straightforward manner that avoids clichés.

I missed Cirque du Soleil's *Dralion* performance when it was in San Diego, so this DVD is my consolation prize. *Dralion* has a Chinese theme complete with acrobat dragons. It features high-energy yet sophisticated entertainment.

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Kurosawa's *The Bad Sleep Well* is a beautiful, amazing, and original reworking of *Hamlet* with a brilliant Toshiro Mifune. It draws on Shakespeare's characterizations but with a film-noir twist. It has a wonderful documentary on Kurosawa and commentary track by Tony Rayns.

Nicholas Roeg's *Bad Timing* receives a beautiful, restored DVD release with a fascinating interview with Roeg. I love the opening scene with Theresa Russell and Denholm Elliott in the rain. It's amazing and moving. The film shocked, mortified, and disturbed me but in a good way.

Eraserhead is like a nightmare. The sound is so amazing. Alan R. Splet was discovered by David Lynch. They use low frequency almost as a subtext and as subliminal dread. Sound lifts and moves characters through this nightmare.

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tention 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; LA JOLLA 12)

Neil Young: Heart of Gold — Director, or on this occasion documentarist, Jonathan Demme fumbles through ten minutes of perfunctory interviews with the headliner and his fellow musicians, wretchedly shot in the interiors of cars and elevators, before settling down for nearly an hour and a half of well-recorded concert footage at the Ryman in Nashville. Reflective of the recent loss of his father and his own brush with a brain aneurysm, it is a mostly mellow set, even a melancholy one, a conspectus of new Young and old Young, with the now jowly, scowly singer squeezing out that effortful, painful, soulful voice from beneath a classic Good Guy's white cowboy hat. (Which changes to a tan hat, still that of a Good Guy, midway through: the film was shot over two nights.) His accompaniment encompasses, in varying combinations, bass guitar, dobro, keyboard, percussion, horns, strings, and backup singers. One of these last, Emmylou Harris, joins him on two duets, of which "This Old Guitar," a song about and performed on an instrument handed down from Hank Williams, is some sort of high point. "When God Made Me," a soft-sell, Socratic appeal for tolerance, with the singer at the keyboard for the only time and a silhouetted chorus behind him, tops it. Young, to be sure, is amply documented on film, notably in Jim Jarmusch's *Year of the Horse* from the late Nineties and his self-directed *Rust Never Sleeps* and *Journey through the Past* from the Seventies. The rabid will need no urging to see the latest addition. The more tepid might require assurance that if they were to limit themselves to just one, this should be it. Let them be assured. 2006.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)



Joyeux Noël

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)

Night Watch — Manichean fantasy made in Russia (by Timur Bekmambetov) but infused with a universal underground-comic sensibility. It may therefore please the proponents of homogeneity. A long prologue in a generic Dark Age (with narration in English before the subtitles take over) lays out the background of "the eternal war, light against dark," in addition to the rules of the truce under which the opposing forces have coexisted to the present day, with the soliders of the light marshalled into a Nightwatch and conversely the soldiers of the dark into a Daywatch, to stand guard against each other. The advent, or resurrection or reincarnation or whatever, of the Virgin of Byzantium will herald the Final Battle, the balance of which will be tipped by the choice of allegiance of the Great Other, whoever that may be. In spite of a not very lucid narrative, it's pretty hard to miss the Virgin of Byzantium, because she walks around under an enormous Vortex aswarm with crows or ravens or whatever. The hero, with whom we became acquainted in a second lengthy prologue set twelve years in the past, is not the Great Other but merely *an* Other, a precognitive soldier of the light ("Just what we need, another asshole with visions of the future") who, like that other comic-book hero, Blade, strives to keep vampires in line without, unlike Blade, killing them and thereby disturbing the balance. When he kills one inadvertently (the head cracking in two like a ceramic pot, one of countless competent special effects), the balance never recovers clear through to the climactic revelation of the Great Other. Our knowledge that this is but the first part of a projected trilogy is an added burden. An added imbalance. Konstantin Khabensky, Vladimir Menshov, Valery Zolotukhin, Maria Poroshina. 2005.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/16)

The Pink Panther — The resurrection of the pratfall-prone Inspector Clouseau can hardly be judged a degradation of 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 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. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author's mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio — Writer-director Jane Anderson's adaptation of the memoir by Terry Ryan (the book's subtitle: *How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less*), a valentine to a dutiful, long-suffering Fifties-era Catholic housewife who supplemented the family's meager income through the practice of "contesting," writing ad slogans and jingles for prizes: "Dad, do you believe it?" Mother exclaims over her new washer and dryer. "No more boiling diapers on top of the stove!" (The end of an era comes in the early Sixties, with the advent of the no-skill sweepstakes: "It's the death of literacy!") Given that the man of the family is a raging, cursing, money-squandering drunk, clumsily played by Woody Harrelson in a bad toupee, the overall chipper mood seems a

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bit oblivious; and Julianne Moore, in a broader portrait of a Fifties slave than in *The Hours* and *Far from Heaven*, seems almost demented, almost Stepford Wifely. But of course that's precisely, or approximately, the point. The movie does have heart, and it wears it on its sleeve in the touching coda that rounds up the real Ryan children today, and allows the "deceased" mother to kiss her authorial daughter on the cheek. With Laura Dern, Ellary Porterfield, Trevor Morgan. 2005.
★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/20, 6:30 P.M.)

Rashomon — A pregnant parable on truth and the eye of the beholder. The construction is neat, tight, and schematic (four conflicting points of view on a mysterious forest killing), whereas Kurosawa's treatment is full-blown (torrential rains, hysterical performances) and long-drawn-out. Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyo, Takashi Shimura. 1952.
★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/18, 1:30 P.M.)

The Shaggy Dog — Tim Allen seems to have his opportunities — wolfman transformations into an itch-scratching, stick-fetching, cat-chasing canine — but the circumstances are strained to a point of discomfort: an abducted Tibetan holy dog, animal experimentation, mixed-species mutations. With Kristin Davis, Robert Downey, Jr., and Danny Glover; directed by Brian Robbins. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

She's the Man — Modernization of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, with Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum, directed by Andy Fickman.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/17)

16 Blocks — The title specifies the distance over which an NYPD detective must transport a garrulous witness from jail to courthouse in Lower Manhattan, weaving through a whole platoon of murderously corrupt cops; and the hour-and-a-half duration approximates the time limit allotted to get him there. Overextended even at that tidy length, essentially lazy, mediocre, and

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
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Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Aquamarine (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:35, 9:35; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 1:45, 3:50, 5:00) 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15, 11:55 Sat.,-Sun. (1:10, 1:45, 3:50) 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15; **Find Me Guilty** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:45) 6:40, 9:25, 12:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:40, 9:25; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 6:55, 9:40; **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 10:20; **Munich** (R) Fri. (1:40, 5:30) 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:40) 5:30, 9:00; **The Libertine** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:15) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:20, 10:10; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (1:05, 2:00, 4:05, 4:45) 6:50, 7:15, 9:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (1:05, 2:00) 4:05, 4:45, 6:50, 7:15, 9:20, 9:55; **The World's Fastest Indian** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:10, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30) 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Dave Chappelle's Block Party** (R); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Match Point** (R); **Munich** (R); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **V for Vendetta** (R)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Ask the Dust (R); **C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America** (Not Rated); **Joyeux Noel** (R); **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 5:30, 10:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Tonka Tough Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 8:00

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Dave Chappelle's Block Party** (R); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Find Me Guilty** (R); **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **Syriana** (R); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **Ultraviolet** (PG-13); **V for Vendetta** (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10; **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25 Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri. (2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; **Ultraviolet** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:15 Sat. (12:35, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:15 Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (2:35) 5:25, 8:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:15) 6:05, 8:55

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Unknown White Male (PG-13)

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
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Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00; **Capote** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; **Dragon Ball Z**

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **V for Vendetta** (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Find Me Guilty** (R); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **Ultraviolet** (PG-13); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13); **Capote** (R); **Curious George** (G); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Dave Chappelle's Block Party** (R); **Doogal** (G); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Final Destination 3** (R); **Find Me Guilty** (R); **Firewall** (PG-13); **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **Ultraviolet** (PG-13); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **Aquamarine** (PG); **Date Movie** (PG-13); **Eight Below** (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Find Me Guilty** (R); **Madea's Family Reunion** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Libertine** (R); **The Pink Panther** (PG); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Curious George (G); **Last Holiday** (PG-13); **The Pink Panther** (PG)

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri. (2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25 Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:45, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45, 10:35 Sat. (12:10, 1:05, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:45, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (12:10, 1:05, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Find Me Guilty** (R) Fri. (2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40 Sat. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:45; **She\'s the Man** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15 Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri. (3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35 Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35 Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. (2:15) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10 Sat. (11:50, 2:15) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 5:40, 7:55; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (1:40, 2:30) 4:40, 5:30, 7:40, 8:30, 10:40 Sat. (11:30, 1:40, 2:30) 4:40, 5:30, 7:40, 8:30, 10:40 Sun. (11:30, 1:40, 2:30) 4:40, 5:30, 7:40

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Eight Below (PG); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **V for Vendetta** (R)

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; **Aquamarine** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:00) 7:00; **Capote** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; **Find Me Guilty** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Tonka Tough Truck Adventures: The Biggest Show on Wheels** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
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Vista Village Metroplex 15
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Encinitas 8
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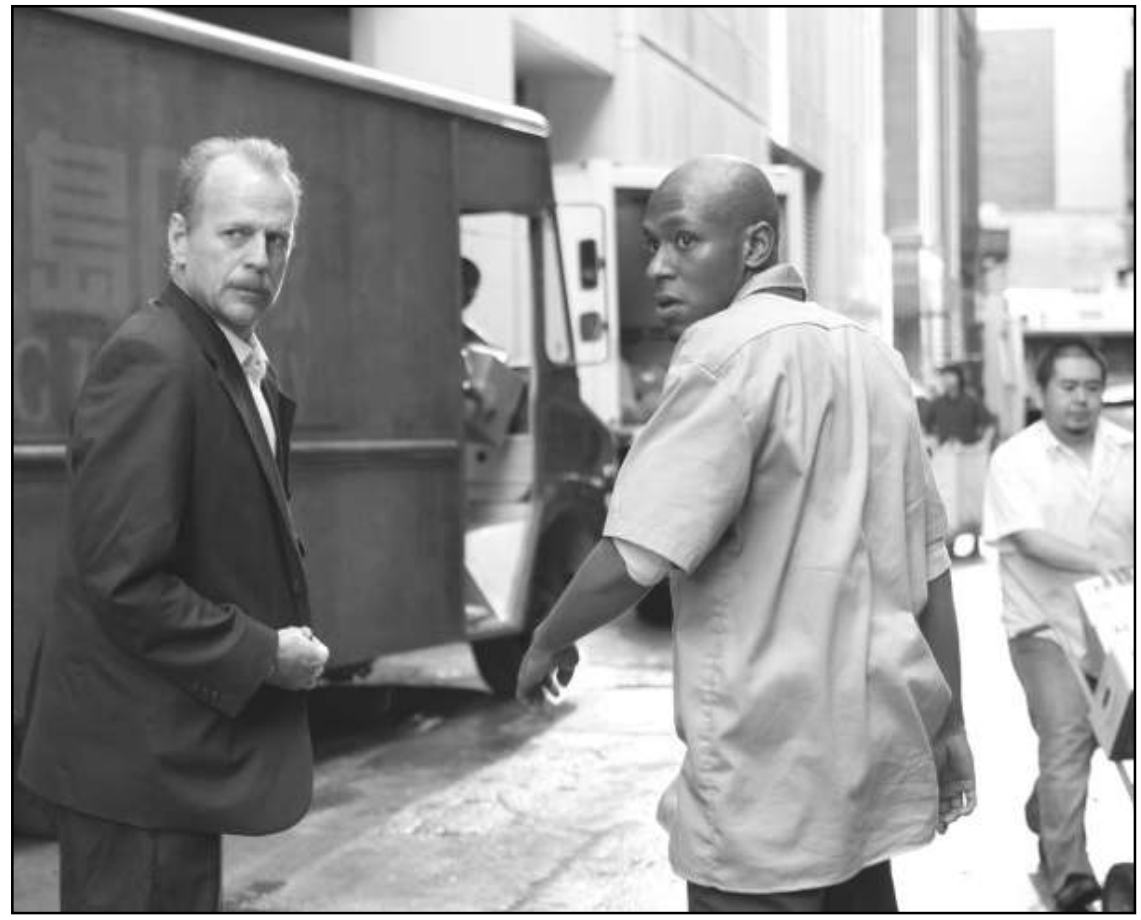
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incredible, the film is nevertheless not devoid of humanity. Bruce Willis is in his Serious Actor mode (a mustache, a receding toupee, a bicycle tire around the middle) in the part of the burnt-out detective with a bum leg and a thirst for booze, bone-tired after pulling an all-nighter. And hip-hopper Mos Def, talking nonstop in a nasally drone as the petty-criminal witness, takes a bold backward step toward Stepin Fetchit. Veteran director Richard Donner, little more than a traffic cop himself, swallows his whistle and takes the time to notice, and to make something of it, whenever the bedraggled detective decides to get serious about his job. The first sign of that, when he makes a choice between his bottle of whisky and his gun, is your sign to get serious about the movie. David Morse, Jenna Stern. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same "realistic" conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspensus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who's who, it's still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)


16 Blocks

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; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travellers, a druggy street hustler en route to Hollywood for a career in gay porn, and a pre-op transsexual, a week away from his "reassignment" surgery, who his young companion does not at first realize is a man, much less realize is his — the companion's — long-lost father. It boasts a flat tire of a script, or anyhow a low-on-air tire (from first-time writer and director Duncan Tucker), but also a fascinating, disorienting performance by Felicity Huffman in a gender-blurring no-man's-land, moving as if she were balancing a jug of water on her head, talking in a tranquilized monotone, stiffening her face into a fragile mask, generally acting like she has a gun at her back, all very understandable for someone who lives in breathless dread of being found out. Kevin Zegers, Fionnula Flanagan, Burt Young, Elizabeth Peña. 2005.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story — Not a straight adaptation of the Laurence Sterne classic, but a sort of parabolic pass at one. The fact that the novel is widely acknowledged to be "unfilmable" (openly acknowledged to be that within the film itself) does not stop Michael Winterbottom from filming the attempt of a fictitious film company to film it. This allows him to stage some plausible, along with implausible, scenes from such an attempt (with a built-in excuse for inadequacies), while at the same time to poke fun at the foolhardy souls who would make the attempt. It also allows him to claim fidelity in some small degree to the "self-reflexive" spirit of the book. (Awareness within awareness: bits of the background music are lifted from Fellini's self-referential *8½*.) The result, no surprise, is unacceptable as a literary adaptation, but acceptable enough as a behind-the-scenes satire, with deft portraits of the insecure leading man (Steve Coogan as "himself"), the film-buff personal assistant whose allusions run to Bresson and Fassbinder, the persnickety technical advisor on 18th-century warfare, among others. All in all, it works out to be roughly a fourth as funny as any half-hour episode of the Ricky Gervais TV series, *Extras*, on HBO. The fleeting presence here, in an unfunny part, of the delightful Ashley Jensen from that series inevitably invites the comparison. Winterbottom is himself plainly not immune to foolhardiness. With Rob Brydon, Naomie Harris, Kelly Macdonald, Jeremy Northam, Ian Hart, and Gillian Anderson. 2006.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 3/16)

Ultraviolet — Ultraviolent vision of the future, where a more virulent strain of HIV (labelled HGV) has touched off the Blood Wars between humans and hemophages (a/k/a vampires). A live-action cartoon, or anyway partly live-action, built around Milla Jovovich as a martial-arts superheroine with a computer-airbrushed face. It gives a chill. Not a pleasant chill. With Nick Chinlund and Cameron Bright; written and directed by Kurt Wimmer. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolf-slayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fidelity in this case could indicate no taste as well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006.
● (GASLAMP 15)

Unknown White Male — Reviewed this issue. With Douglas Bruce; directed and edited by Rupert Murray.
★★★ (KEN, 3/17 THROUGH 23)

V for Vendetta — Futuristic superhero adventure with Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving, Stephen Rea, and John Hurt, directed by James McTeigue.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/17)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year's *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix's impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective "uncanny" to the noun "likeness." Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker's air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn't help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon's June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash's cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 7)

The Wild Bunch — Sam Peckinpah's earth-shaker about a holdup gang in the changing Southwest of the Nineteen Teens. The violence is self-consciously didactic, and the philosophy is self-consciously existential. It remains one of the imperative movies of its time, though its merits are highly variable from one moment to the next. William Holden and Robert Ryan, playing former sidekicks now on opposite sides of the law, are both laconically eloquent about middle-aged disgust. With Ernest Borgnine, Ben Johnson, Warren Oates, and L.Q. Jones. 1969.
★★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 3/19, 1:30 P.M.)

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Las víctimas fueron asesinadas dentro de la licorería ubicada en el área de El Cajon y cuya propietaria era Heather Nabil Mattia de 23 años de edad.

El joven Firas Eiso Gaiada de 22 años, fue ejecutado junto con Heather.

La dolida familia realizó una misa en la iglesia Caldeana Católica San Pedro en el 1627 Jamacha Way.

Los restos de Heather fueron depositados en el cementerio Holy Cross.

Los clientes de la tienda, amigos y familiares de los jóvenes asesinados aseguran que estos actos son una enorme tragedia y pérdida.

"Estos criminales no tienen perdón, si los asaltaron para que arrancarles la vida disparando por la espalda", dijo Frank Boggioni dueño del negocio Martes Source, vecino de la licorería.

Heather fue descrita como una persona buena, amistosa y que será difícil de olvidar, pues dejó profunda huella en los corazones de quienes la trataron.

"Era mi amiga, siempre sonreía y platicaba, tenía un gran corazón, es un gran dolor para la familia, era una persona increíble, la extraño", comentó Bianca Rodríguez trabajadora de servicio postal que entregaba el correo en la licorería.

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México juega la segunda etapa del torneo en la ciudad de Anaheim en el grupo donde quedaron los equipos de Corea, Japón, y Estados Unidos.

México perdió el domingo 2-1 ante Corea.

Por el cuadro azteca ha destacado el lanzador tijuanense Esteban Loaiza, que esta temporada de Grandes Ligas jugará con los Atléticos de Oakland de la Liga Americana.

México finalmente disfrutó del despertar de sus bates y con una ofensiva de 12 imparables doblegó 10-4 a Sudáfrica en la segunda fecha del Grupo B del Clásico Mundial de Béisbol.

También ha lucido el pitcher Rodrigo López, brazo que pertenece a los Orioles de Baltimore. Vinicio Castilla, tercera base de los Padres de San Diego, ha dado el poderío ofensivo del equipo que dirige Paquín Estrada.

En la selección mexicana juega también Adrián González, el joven que nació en San Diego, y que después de haber sido seleccionados por los Marlins de Florida, fue contratado esta temporada por los Padres. Adrián juega la primera base y se espera madure para ocupar un lugar en la alineación titular del conjunto sandieguino.

Venezuela, República Dominicana y Estados Unidos, se han perfilado como los equipos más fuertes para llevarse este torneo que se organiza por vez primera.

Las semifinal y final del evento se efectuará el 18 y 20 de marzo en el Parque Petco de San Diego.

viernes



Detienen a pornógrafo

Servicios Diario San Diego

Un sujeto que trabajaba en la unidad de pacientes convalecientes del hospital infantil fue detenido bajo cargos de distribución de pornografía infantil.

Wayne Bleyle de 54 años de edad quien trabajaba como técnico de terapias respiratorias fue detenido, tras darse a conocer que este sujeto utilizando su teléfono celular con cámara digital, tomó fotografías de niños internados en la unidad de pacientes convalecientes.

"Nos enteramos cuando recibimos información de que había distribuido imágenes de pornografía infantil por Internet, las imágenes indicaban que fueron tomadas en un hospital", explicó el jefe policíaco de la ciudad de San Diego, William Lansdowne.

Bleyle, cuya vivienda fue cateada por elementos del grupo especial de Crímenes contra menores en la Internet (ICAC), tenía más de quinientas imágenes de menores en su computadora.

El ICAC es conformado por elementos del Buró Federal de Investigaciones (FBI), agentes de Aplicación de leyes Migratorias y Adunas (ICE), el servicio postal, policía y alguaciles así como de la fiscalía del Condado.

"Cada año millones de niños se ven victimizados por pornógrafos, el problema es que no tenemos un tipo de pedófilo o pornógrafo, desafortunadamente no existe un perfil, hemos detectado a padres de familia, sacerdotes", comentó Serge A. Duarte.

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Hispanos por la paz

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Un grupo de más de 40 personas iniciaron la marcha por la paz para exigir el fin de la guerra en Irak, con solidaridad a los manifestantes que emprendieron la Peregrinación por la Paz de Tijuana a San Francisco.

El Proyecto Guerrero Azteca por la Paz encabezado por Fernando Suárez del Solar, junto con diversas organizaciones pacifistas nacionales comenzaron la marcha para exigir inmediata paz y alto a la guerra.

Entre los organizadores de la marcha se encuentra Pablo Paredes, ex soldado puertorriqueño que fue enjuiciado en corte militar por negarse a ir a luchar a Irak.

Asimismo, estuvieron presentes miembros de Jóvenes por la Paz, Coalición de California contra la Pobreza, Comité de Amigos Americanos, Comité de Derechos Humanos y Ángeles de la Frontera, entre otras organizaciones pacifistas. Los manifestantes salieron a las calles para pedir finalice la que consideran "guerra inmoral" que ha cobrado miles de vidas humanas, entre ellas 200 jóvenes mexicanos.

"Estamos celebrando tres años de esta criminal e inmoral guerra, anoche le pedí a mi hijo que moviera influencias allá arriba para que no lloviera y pudiéramos iniciar bien nuestra marcha de paz", dijo Fernando Suárez del Solar, mientras encabezaba la marcha.

Con pancartas y letreros que repudian la violencia en Irak y que exigen inmediata paz, a su paso por San Ysidro y Chula Vista los manifestantes gritaron en inglés y español en contra de la guerra a favor de la paz.







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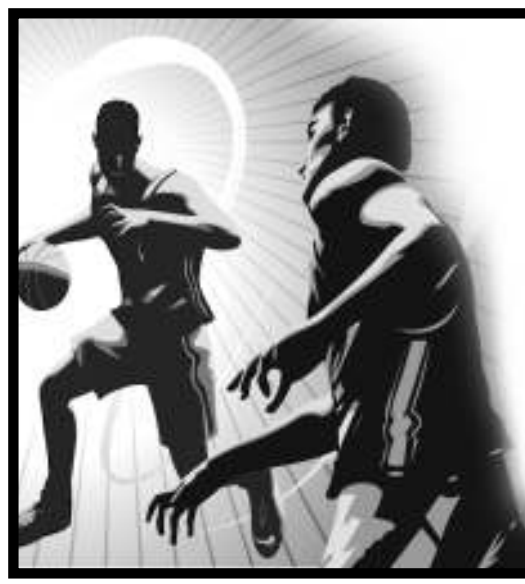
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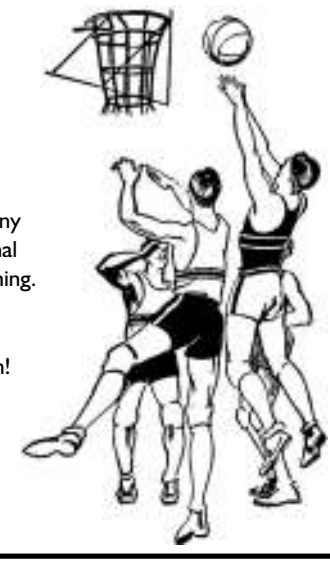
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Yes. I don't go to movies that much, but when I do, I usually go with friends, but I have gone by myself. I saw *Walk the Line* by myself. It was during the day; I work nights, and no one was up [for going]. There are some scary stories about going to the movies by yourself; my friend went by herself one time, and some guy was perving out next to her. I think day movies are more scary than night movies. I'd go to lunch by myself; being a server, you see people eat dinner by themselves, and you just feel bad for them. It's good to go to the bar and eat by yourself. [During] lunch people come in and out (maybe they only have half an hour of being there), and if I eat by myself I have my school books with me.



Kate Smith

Retired

La Jolla

Yes. I used to be afraid of it when I was younger; part of that was my concern what other people might think…you're there alone, why don't you have a date or a husband? Now I don't care. I felt self-conscious [when I was younger]; it wasn't as much a fear as being self-conscious, and now I'm not. I suppose when I retired (I'm 60), there's a lot of things that didn't bother me anymore. I guess I would encourage people to do it and try it when they're younger because it can be a pleasurable experience. I haven't been able to figure [cell phones] out; I have one for emergencies. I've read a lot of theories why they're such a big thing. I don't know if people are afraid to be alone with their thoughts. I've observed people who are constantly on their phone, and I can't believe that it's all big business, like they got to cut some deal. It's more like "I'm a block away."



Kiley Mayer

Computer Specialist

North Park

Yes. I don't think people [who don't go by themselves] haven't experienced it yet; going to a movie by yourself is awesome. I do it rarely. There's nothing stupid about it. It's a good way to spend some alone time. I don't think I'd go to a big fancy restaurant by myself, but I do lunch by myself all the time. If you go to a restaurant, it might be kind of strange if you don't have anybody to talk to; there are more insecurities [associated] with that.



Alex Sanchez

Busboy

Linda Vista

Yeah. I don't have to go with someone, but it usually turns out that way. Every now and again I'll go by myself; that's only if I have too much time and I really want to see something. I never eat by myself because my wife is always there to eat with me. It's nice to be able to have someone to go eat with or go to a movie with. I'm not recommending that every guy goes out and gets married right away, but there are benefits. I'm not saying benefits in the dirty way; I'm just saying that sometimes my wife pays for the popcorn.



Jose Pinata

Cook

University Heights

No. I'm not scared of going by myself, I just wouldn't want to. I'd go out to eat by myself. My girlfriend and I just broke up; she fell in love with my brother, so the best thing was for her to move back to El Salvador. I can't help it; my brother has always been a ladies' man. That guy has never eaten at a restaurant by himself without getting a couple numbers from waitresses. I could probably learn a few things from him, but I've already learned not to bring girlfriends around him.



Diego Valdez

Manager

El Cajon

No. I mean, I've done it, but it's kind of like that joke about a fat girl being like a moped: it's fun until your friends see you on one. You don't want to see anybody you know when you're at the movies by yourself. I might go to a movie or to dinner by myself if I were meeting a blind date…and it better be a woman that I'm meeting or someone's in trouble. I really don't mind going to eat by myself; it's cheaper. That is, unless the girl's willing to pay, but those kinds of girls only come around once in a blue moon. If I ate before a date, I'd still take the girl to dinner if she were hungry, I'd just get some dessert.

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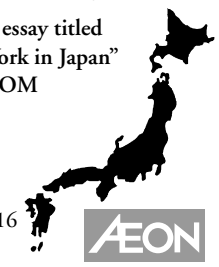
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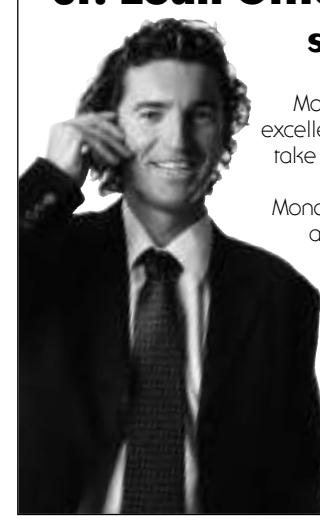
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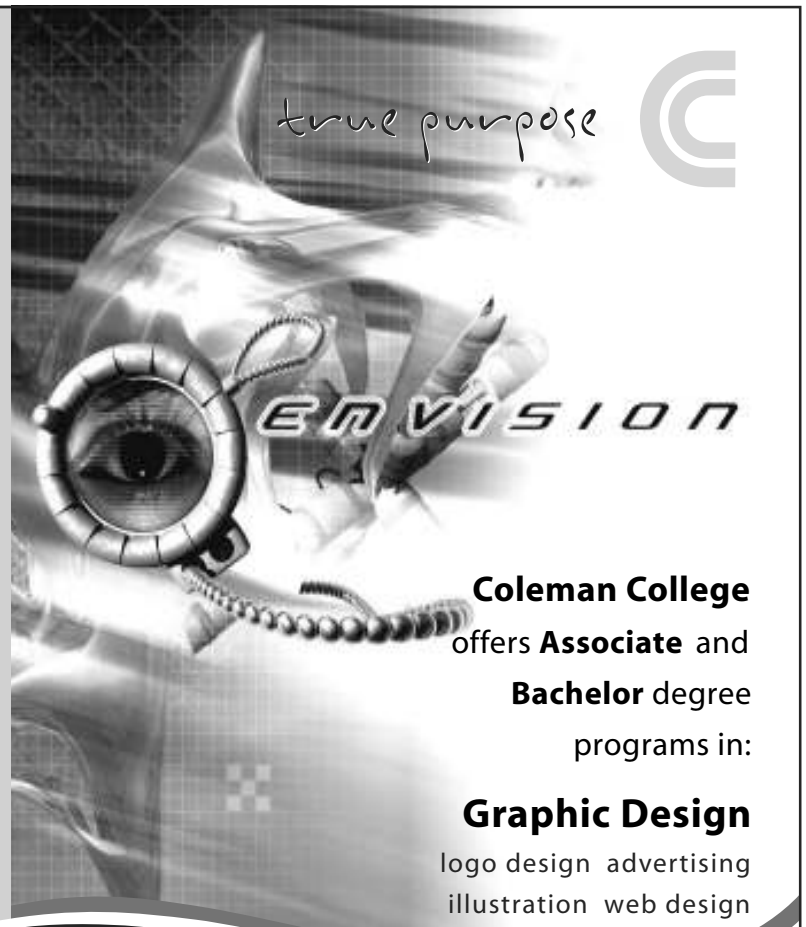
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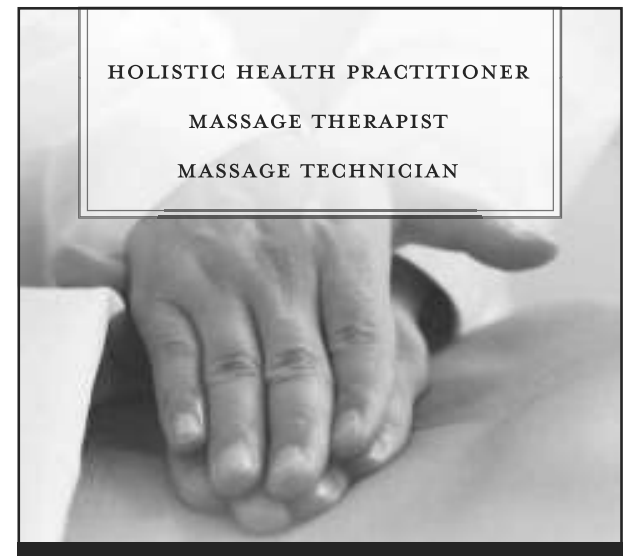
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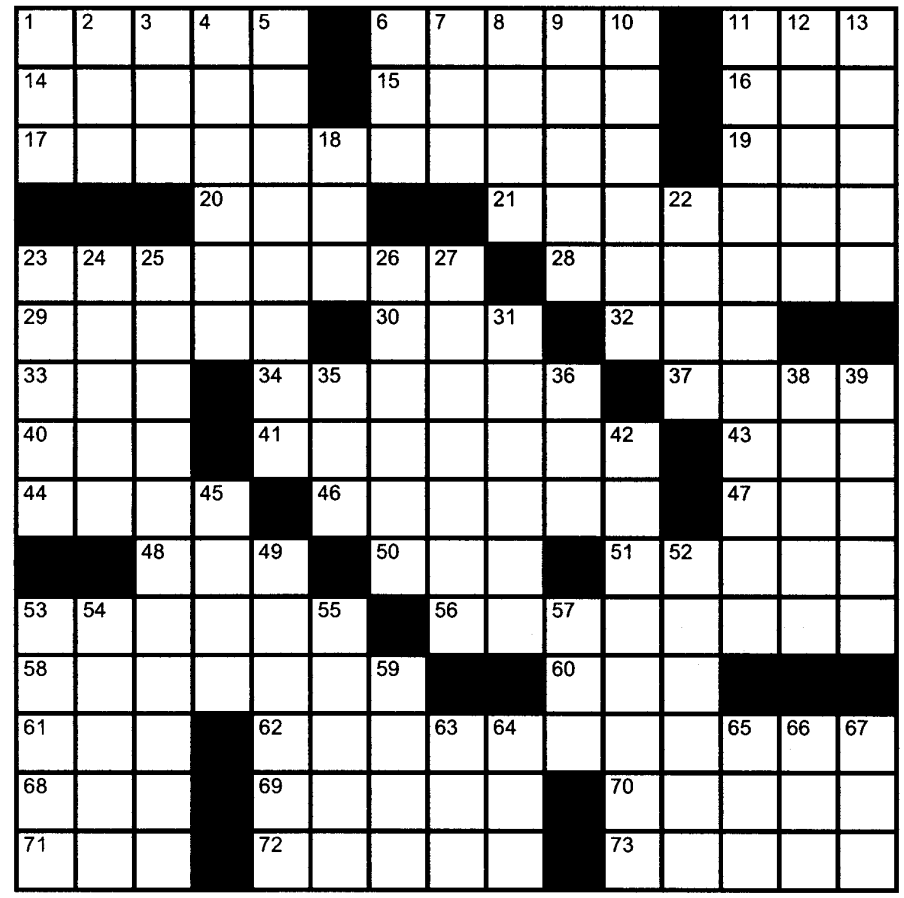
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Across

1. "If only that were true!"
6. Vlade of the NBA
11. Seventh-century date
14. "Long time ____"
15. "The Faerie Queene" character
16. "Bride and Prejudice" actress Aishwarya
17. Prom, e.g.
19. Old Testament boat
20. Courtroom response
21. Went wild
23. Diversions
28. A hero may have it
29. Like some furniture
30. Satisfied sighs
32. Chum
33. Hindu title of respect
34. "Get cracking!"
37. Dos + dos + dos
40. Author Clancy
41. Less forgiving
43. Univ. requirement
44. Go bonkers
46. "Beverly Hills 90210" girl
47. Was on the bottom?
48. 1997 Tony nominee Williams
50. Boy in a Johnny Cash song
51. Give a buzz
53. "Still ..."
56. Things kept under wraps?
58. Sign of warm affection
60. ____ fault
61. Buffalo's summer hrs.
62. It occurs in 17-Across and 11- and 25-Down
68. Leachman replaced her on "The Facts of Life"
69. Yemeni's neighbor
70. Italian designer Aldo
71. Mideast land: Abbr.
72. "Let's go, amigo!"
73. Keep records of another's Google searches, say

Down

1. Having one flat
2. Seek the affection of
3. Mideast land: Abbr.
4. Mideast native
5. Chapter titles
6. Fizzle out
7. Record exec Gotti
8. Zig or zag
9. Kournikova and Karenina
10. Doze
11. It may be taken by an aspiring thespian
12. Billiards bounce
13. Singer Carr
18. Actor Herbert of "Pink Panther" films
22. "A pity!"
23. Fence features
24. Baseball record-setter of 4/8/74
25. Briefly look over an e-mail, say
26. Gourmands
27. Fortify
31. Luster, maybe
35. Wagering place, briefly
36. A Kennedy
38. Defeatist's statement
39. Venues
42. 50 Cent pieces?
45. "Get the Party Started" singer
49. "I, Robot" author
52. Lead
53. Wide-mouthed pitchers
54. May 8, 1945
55. Dubya's nemesis
57. Ike's WWII command
59. Not shut quietly
63. River near Duke University
64. Twice, in music
65. Glacial
66. Army fig.
67. Cry at the card table



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RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 3/9/06.

Of the 192 entrants, 179 were correct. The winners are:

1. Marta Aradio, *Chula Vista*
2. Justin Smith, *Oceanside*
3. Cindy Estrada, *San Diego*
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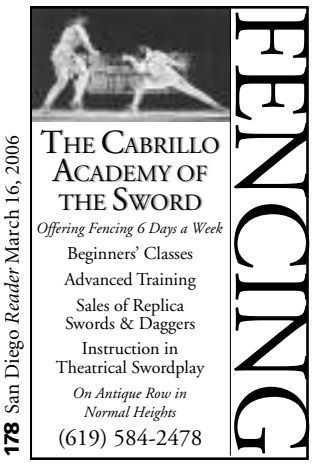
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FRIENDSHIP, "Mary" searching for "Rhoda." Chula Vista female, 68, healthy, active. Share talk, walk, eating out, movies, laughs--all the good stuff. Non-smoker, please. (3/29) ☎50223

SMART, CUTE, FEMALE, Alternative individualistic, progressive. Seeks fun friends who are unconventional, sincere, honest, open, caring. Interests media (books, movies, music), health, spirituality, walking. (3/22) ☎50161

SEEKING AA FRIENDS, AA woman, 48. Looking for non-alcohol fun, laughter, spontaneity, walks, beach, music, dancing, comedy clubs, roller coasters, drives, muscle cars, friendship. Oceanside. (3/22) ☎50183

Matches
Women Seeking Men

PRETTY BLACK FEMALE, 52, full-bodied, shapely, intelligent, affectionate, quiet lifestyle. Seeks youthful gentleman, attractive inside and out, for sincere interaction, movies, conversation, walks, smiles, hugs. (3/22) ☎50787

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, down-to-earth lady, 53, wanting to share movies, dining out, walks, simple life with a special gentleman to enjoy happiness together. (3/29) ☎50819

WORLD TRAVELER WANTED, 65-75, for exotic adventure travel. Share expenses, platonic or romantic. I'm 65, full of energy, pretty, intelligent, easygoing. Widower, North Coastal. (3/29) ☎50808

I'M A FREE, Spirited traveling fool, that loves the great outdoors. I'm 120lbs, 5'5", 60 year old tree hugger. Come out and have some fun! (3/22) ☎50798

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, Slender, cultured young black female. Seeks a caring, mature, financially stable, 45+ gent for a mutually fulfilling friendship (race open). (3/22) ☎50797

5'7" EYES OF GREEN. Seeking Jewish man 65-71 slender, tall, youthful. Joi-de-vivre. Carlsbad area. (3/29) ☎50824

CLEAN-CUT SWEET GAL, attractive, Caucasian, 5'4", 135lbs., 60, healthy, happy and fit. Enjoy the simple life, and fun. Seeking Caucasian gentleman, financially secure. (3/29) ☎50806

BEAUTIFUL SINGLE, Black female nurse, 5'5 slim, enjoys dancing, camping, hiking etc. Seeks White or Hispanic male 35-50 for romance and long-term-relationship. (3/29) ☎50827

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks successful, well educated, slim, honest man, 40-49. (3/29) ☎50831

REDHEAD, TALL, PRETTY, Lady. Seeking relationship affection, upbeat, financially secure, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, Padres, outdoors, family and friends with 1 special lovable guy 50+. (3/29) ☎50829

FUN, FIT, CURVACEOUS, 43, likes water, sports, outdoor events, dining, travel, sunsets. Looking for a man with a great sense of humor and financially secure. (3/22) ☎50796

PRETTY MUSIC TEACHER, 5'2", 115lbs, enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, yoga. Seeking gentleman 5'10"+, interested in his spiritual growth, active, enjoys similar interests. (3/29) ☎50833

GEORGIA PEACH, 60 years young. Photography, music, museums, outdoors, indoors, travel, adventure, pets. Sense of humor, affection, mutual respect and no smoking. (3/22) ☎50791

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE, 49, East County, 5'7". Seeking healthy white male 45-55 for having fun and hanging out (dating). Non-smoker likes movies, dinner, walks. (3/22) ☎50785

SLENDER, 5'3", OUTGOING, personable, cute, funny, spirited. Love travel, hikes, dancing, dining. Seeking attractive, active, fit gentleman, 49+, emotionally/financially secure, open to growth, nonsmoker. (3/29) ☎50810

FUN, ENERGETIC, OUTGOING, 59, widow with North East Coast thinking. Seeking same in gentleman, 50-60, employed. We enjoy theatre, outings, dining and mutual respect. (3/29) ☎50832

ATTRACTIVE SEXY, 43, tall, great legs, romantic, passionate, loves simple things in life. Searching for gentleman 50+ for quiet intimate evenings together and more. (3/22) ☎50788

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years, for relationship. Must be presentable. (3/22) ☎50790

COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar, gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (3/29) ☎50815

ME, Lovely, sexy, warm. Healthy, fun loving and Latina. You: Full of flavor, passionate, spontaneous. Us: Laughter, beach, wine/dine, dance, no games. Race open. (3/22) ☎50786

PRETTY TEACHER, Blonde/blue, 5'8", 41, slender, 2 teens part-time. Enjoys beach, concerts, boating, gym. Seeking attractive, successful, fun, fit, romantic, nonsmoker, 35-49. Exchange photos! (3/22) ☎50789

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MOM. 40, Caucasian, full figured. Seeking a mature, responsible, passionate, loving man for possible long-term relationship. Must love children, I have two. (3/29) ☎50817

ADVENTUROUS AND unconventional. Simply wanting to share thoughts, ideas, creativity and passion with someone who will do the same in the time we have together. (3/29) ☎50811

WANTED WEEKEND EXCITEMENT, North Country gal 45, brown hair, blue eyes 168lbs. Seeks guy who likes dancing, art, coffee, has sense of humor, wants excitement. (3/22) ☎50792

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN professional, 45, 120lbs., 5'4", love outdoor, outgoing, financially secure homeowner. Seeking professional, nonsmoking, 45-55-year-old male. (3/29) ☎50822

ASIAN, SEXY, UNIQUE, slim, great legs, curvaceous figure, elegant, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires 35+, stable Caucasian gentleman, nonsmoker, fun, fit. Let's explore some adventures together. (3/22) ☎50802

ATTRACTIVE EUROPEAN, Lady, 57, 5'2, curvaceous figure. Seeks outgoing gentleman for travel, beach, mountains, and companionship. (3/29) ☎50825

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (3/29) ☎50816

AFRICAN, SEXY, SLENDER, Catholic, athletic build, 5'6", honest, loving, caring. Enjoy beaches, parks, dancing, secure homeowner. Seeking nonsmoking secure, single gentleman for fun. (3/29) ☎50812

SENSITIVE CUTE, Young lady, looking for honest down to earth male. I'm 20 years of age, 5'2, 106lbs, hazel eyes, tongue pierced. Petite, very sweet. (3/22) ☎50801

LOVELY YET LONELY 35-year-old woman with questions. Is there a handsome, sane man with own hair, teeth, mature with quality sense of humor? (3/29) ☎50820

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YOUNG 47, Jewish attractive brunette intelligent, unencumbered, slender, petite, outdoors, movies, dining, fitness, laughter. Seeking possible long term relationship with college grad, attractive, honest, 43-55. (3/22) ☎50800

DARK CHOCOLATE BEAUTY, age 50. I need a black gentleman that is romantic, passionate, gentle, kind and loving. My very best friend, soul mate. (3/29) ☎50834

SINGLE ASIAN FEMALE, 37. Seeking single Asian/Caucasian male 33-45, 5'10-6'2, tall professional, responsible, thoughtful, adventurous, good heart for date/friendship/marriage. Players don't reply. (3/22) ☎50799

VERY ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, 42, 5'6", slender, sexy, and educated. Seeking honest, fit, professional, financially and emotionally secure gentleman for a serious relationship. 40-56, 5'8"+, nonsmoker. (3/29) ☎50821

HAPPY, OUTGOING, Asian. 40s, 5'4, 135lbs professional, Christian, single mom wishes commitment with sincere, reliable, healthy mind, body, Caucasian, engineer, military, 35-45, 5'10"+, nonsmoker, generous. (3/29) ☎50826

HELLO AGAIN, White 32 years, attractive, outgoing, loving, caring and serious minded. Wants white male, 23-45, who is ready for relationship. No games a must. (3/22) ☎50803

CUTE, SWEET, WHITE, Female, lives in Mira Mesa. Seeks a slender 32-35 hotrod enthusiast, tattooed, rockabilly guy for relationship. Must be financially secure and nonsmoker. (3/22) ☎50793

PHOTOS ONLINE. Attractive, smart, cheerful, affluent, Chinese, 53, 5'3, slim/toned, retired pharmacist. Seeks intelligent, flat-ab, nonsmoker male, in exploration of mutually enriching/fulling friendship. (3/22) ☎50794

UNIQUE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, intelligent, genuine, striking, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, hot figure, 48. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere single gentleman who appreciates the best. (3/29) ☎50809

ATTRACTIVE, WARM, traditional, creative, spiritual, blonde/blue, retired, navy widow, fashion beauty counselor. Seeking Christian gentleman companion. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, cultural swimming, British background. (3/29) ☎50805

I'M 31, THIN, CUTE, educated, independent, romantic, spontaneous, happy, goal driven, athletic, girly, faithful, big hearted, sexy, fun; most importantly, family oriented. Single dads appreciated. (3/29) ☎50813

BLONDE/BROWN, 53, happy, fit, spontaneous, creative, feminine-tomboy. Enjoys ocean, desert, camping, kayaking, Mexico, hiking, music, family, friends, cooking, laughter. Seeks 45-58, secure, similar interests. (3/22) ☎50804

ATTRACTIVE, 5'2-1/2", 115lbs., 45, blonde, professional. Seeking professional guy, 44-56, be Christian churchgoer, love dogs, for romantic relationship. Enjoy San Diego nightlife, romantic, dinners, hiking. (3/29) ☎50807

SEEKING HUGGABLE, LOVABLE, gentleman who is 5'10"+, 5'8"+, unencumbered, liking fine dining. Seeking traveling, movies, walking on the beach. Very pretty, good figured lady awaits. (3/29) ☎50818

ACTIVE SENIOR LADY of color from Central America. Petite, very caring, affectionate, love to dance, enjoy good movies, take short trips, quiet times at home. (3/29) ☎50814

VIBRANT, INTELLIGENT, sexy, sincere, 57. Lady seeks friendship of gent, 50-62, who is educated, sense of humor, fun, fit, handsome for possible long-term relationship. (3/29) ☎50835

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, Gorgeous petite, seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage, fabulous man, no previous kids, spiritual, non-religious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (3/29) ☎50830

DANCE TRAMP, Seeks trampoline accomplice, lets work out together. Youngish senior with grandchildren. Seeks accomplished gentleman. Active, attractive, brunette, petite, 5'1", let's collaborate, make waves! (3/22) ☎50795

MATCHES

Men Seeking Women

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful full figured woman, respect, devotion, pleasing you. (3/22) ☎50194

HONEST, PERMANENT, Relationship offered by fit, financially, secure 78 year homeowner, nonsmoker, active outdoorsman. Our happiness and contentment is my primary desire! (3/29) ☎50230

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. (3/29) ☎50231

HANDSOME GERMAN DOCTOR, 36, slender, tall, dependable, romantic, new in town. Desire monogamous relationship with slim, natural attractive woman to enjoy San Diego paradise with. (3/29) ☎50202

SENIOR WOMAN WANTED, Fine gentleman, fit, slim, 5'8", kind, caring, outgoing. Seeks companionship with mature senior woman, joyful in spirit aging gracefully. (3/22) ☎50196

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. (3/29) ☎50211

ATTRACTIVE BLACK MAN, 42, 6', 220lbs., excellent shape, very peaceful and humble. Seeking attractive lady for dating. (3/29) ☎50204

OPEN MINDED, Down to earth. Seeking woman who's confident, smart, unencumbered. Age, race unimportant. Prefer athletic, average, shape. I'm 49, white, 5'11", 195lbs. Spiritual, articulate. (3/22) ☎50184

SUPER COOL GUY, Is just a phone call away, young looking, attractive, professional, fit, kind, humorous, 39, 5'11", 165lbs. Seeking 24-40 ladies, age, race unimportant. (3/22) ☎50171

BUDDHIST MAN, 50, white, 5'8", 180lbs., stable, secure, honest, down to earth, humorous, nonsmoker. Been around the block a few times. I am for real. (3/29) ☎50200

YOU'RE SOMEONE SPECIAL. I am a charming and compassionate black male, 51 and fit. Seeking an affectionate lady, 37-50, slim to average, for lasting relationship. (3/22) ☎50188

EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMAN, classy, cultured, well-traveled, sensitive, intelligent, spiritual. Nice looking, good body, great conversation, attractive. Seeking wonderful lady, classy, beautiful, inside/out, intelligent, sensitive, spiritual. (3/29) ☎50218

FRIENDSHIP, OUTGOING, male homeowner seeks outgoing female homeowner, 35-55, with no dependents, to explore San Diego, fun places, fun things. Open minded, East County. (3/29) ☎50203

THOUGHTFUL GENTLEMAN LATE 70s. Enjoys, bridge, dancing, movies, music. Prefers tall, full figured lady, who is sensitive up-to-date and fun. (3/29) ☎50220

Are You

40-50 years old spontaneous, energetic, active outdoorsy, witty, employed, balanced, considerate and happy. Seeking long-term relationship? Me, too. Call now! See if we "click."(3/22) ☎50175

COMBAT LONELINESS, retired businessman, Christian, starting singles group 55+ for friendship, activities, day-trips, conversations, for La Jolla, Clairemont, Pacific Beach residents. Males/females welcome. (3/29) ☎50227

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual, 40s, likes holding hands, kissing, being close. Seeking woman with dark hair, 5'-5'6", for lasting relationship of passion, intimacy and growth. (3/29) ☎50199

ANATOMICALLY BLESSED, Self-preserved Italian, easy on the eyes, 35, 6'2", 215, be a good non-artificial gifted girl`, you've never been kissed like this. (3/29) ☎50228

43, 6'3", 235LBS, Handsome baby-face, white male. Looking for romantic, affectionate, attractive lady for relationship. Companionship, romance, adventure, travel, good times, lots of hugs. (3/29) ☎50225

SUPER-LOOKING WIDOWER, Tall, young looking, healthy, virile, educated, retired affluent successful, businessowner, homeowner. Seeking attractive, affectionate, shapely lady 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing, trips. (3/22) ☎50164

TERI HATCHER? No thanks. Just seeking a 40-60 siren for spring fun. Just be relatively intelligent, attractive and fun. I enjoy cooking, movies. (3/29) ☎50206

TIGER SEEKING TIGRESS. Attractive, white tiger, 34. Seeking adventurous, enchanting, insatiable, open minded, uninhibited feline, 21-37, any breed. Friendship, candlelight delights, fantasy fun, romance. Lakeside. (3/29) ☎50210

BLACK MALE, 45, light complexion, single, good looking, with no baggage. Seeking black female, petite, single, attractive, 35-43, please only serious. Lets have some fun. (3/29) ☎50209

LOOKING FOR SOME, Snuggling? I'm 6 foot, blue/brown hair, good-looking, funny and kind, you honest, pretty, snuggable and loves to laugh. (3/22) ☎50189

CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (3/22) ☎50163

HANDSOME, HONORABLE, humorous, huggable, healthy, husky, honest African-American, Sagittarius. Seeking someone for fun, dating, maybe more. Race/age open, size open. All calls answered. (3/29) ☎50201

DOG LOVER, HIKING, BIKING, sincere, fun, 5'10", nonsmoker, fit, 50 years, looks 40, passionate. Seeking fit, fun female for relationship. (3/29) ☎50216

GIRLFRIEND WANTED By healthy, gallant, magical, insatiable, bizarre, crazy, white man. Enjoys adventure, nature, interesting talks, spirituality, quiet times. Wanting authentic woman, weight, age open. (3/29) ☎50224

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Christian man who is white, 50+, intelligent, good communicator, sense of humor, active, friendly, finan-

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WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks white female, 40-55, slim/medium build, to come share quiet times here in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlight, cozy evenings cuddling. (3/29) ☎50205

FUN, TRAVELED, ACTIVE, Spirited, 60, 5'8", 150lbs. Ready for fun, boatsman, travel, sports, looking for a nonsmoking petite, good looker under 52. Only healthy apply. (3/22) ☎50186

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Looking for a nice woman in North County, nonsmoker with good sense of humor who likes her life and herself. (3/22) ☎50162

EASYGOING, 55, LOOKS 45, 5'10", 185lbs., multiple homeowner, travel, sports, concerts, movies, sport cars. You: slim, smart beauty. Don't respond, you'll never know. (3/22) ☎50178

SEARCHING FOR SLIM, Lady. Likes movies, casinos, eating out, television. 50 to 70 years. I'm single, slim, considerate and 69 years. (3/22) ☎50181

SEEKING NICE LADY, 60-78, for travel, dining, home life. Me: healthy, trim, stable, finance. No baggage. Like outdoors. East County. (3/29) ☎50215

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male-fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (3/22) ☎50185

GOOD MAN 30, Likes nature, the beach, food, folks, fun, marriage-minded La Jollan, 5'9", 145. Let's go to lunch. Seeking petite lady. (3/29) ☎50221

HANDSOME, 57, ADVENTUROUS, Outdoors, motivated, kind, passionate dancer. Animal lover, gardener, spiritual, spontaneous. Wanting friend, mentally, physically ready for awesome open relationship of mutual benefit. (3/22) ☎50179

WHERE ARE YOU? Seeking a reasonably happy, non-controlling woman (any race) who needs to be the most important part of her man's life. Single moms encouraged. (3/29) ☎50219

CAUCASIAN, 50s, 6', 195lbs., architectual designer, builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. No cats, please. (3/29) ☎50217

CONSTRUCTION WORKER, 5'6", 50, loves outdoors, travel. Looking for honest, easygoing sincere lady with sense of humor for lasting relationship. Age, race not important. (3/22) ☎50177

ATTRACTIVE, GREAT, Kisser, 37, 6'1" honest, funny, loyal. Seeking attractive woman 25-35 for fun romance and possible relationship. (3/22) ☎50190

EXTREMELY SENSUAL MAN, Spiritual and romantic, wants to meet similar woman under 5'5", 125, with long dark hair for relationship of passion, intimacy, and growth. (3/22) ☎50174

BABY-FACE 40ISH, Tall, friendly, enthusiastic, great lover. Seeking woman who is compassionate, good kisser, sexy long hair, to share great times in fun-filled San Diego. (3/22) ☎50193

SPIRITUAL, SENSITIVE, intuitive male seeks similar for relationship of learning and growing, humor, prosperity, cuddling, opening our hearts, enchantment. Easygoing, peaceful, 5'6", youthful, 52. (3/29) ☎50212

THE ARROW WILL, Turn green. Me, good guy, professional and healthy (mind and body) 42, 5'10". You, warm, personable and looking for healthy relationship. (3/22) ☎50167

I LIVE IN PACIFIC BEACH. I am a huge sports fan, football, soccer, boogie boarding, poker, etc. I'd like to meet a loving Asian lady. (3/29) ☎50213

LOVER WANTED, Tall, sexy, white male, very young, 60, romantic, passionate, divorced, father. Seeks attractive, shapely average female for intimate evenings, candles, cocktails, kisses, me. (3/22) ☎50187

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-50, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (3/22) ☎50166

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large passionate woman wanting permanent relationship. (3/29) ☎50198

WELL GROOMED, Fit, Caucasian widower, 60s, 5'7", 168lbs, secure homeowner. Enjoys movies, music, glass wine, beach, walks, quiet times. Seeking compassionate stable lady 50-65, long-term-relationship. (3/22) ☎50170

WIDOWER TALL SLENDER, Secure, romantic, handsome. Seeking lady friend, companion, lover, slender or petite, share life's pleasures together, travel, sunsets, walks, dining, companionship. (3/22) ☎50180

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable, homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly female. (3/22) ☎50169

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE seeking happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive, lady 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate, blue eyes, muscular, well-dressed, Catholic. (3/22) ☎50182

PASSIONATE HONEST, Humorous, intelligent, caring, open-minded, adventurous, 5'8", 170lbs. Black-grey, enjoy rock, music, movies, coffee houses, mature. Seeking like-minded to share life with. (3/29) ☎50222

GIRLFRIEND FOR SHARING, Hiking, camping, birdwatching, nature in general, exploring the beautiful mountains, deserts as well as San Diego. Backpacking optional! Single white male, 48. (3/22) ☎50165

PRETTY ASIAN WANTED, 35/45, nonsmoker, I'm 5'11, 220lbs., muscular body, age 53, mixed Indian and Black, never married. No kids, honest, easygoing, fun and sexy. (3/22) ☎50172

HISPANIC OR ASIAN FEMALE desired, prefer 50-62. I'm 57, 5'10", 175lbs., nonsmoking. Looking for a friend to share good and quiet times. 619 area. (3/29) ☎50214

WANTED ASIAN LADY, Age open, attractive, caring, secure, me well groomed 6', 170lbs. Nice smile, good lover, financially secure homeowner, beach, athletic, retired. (3/22) ☎50168

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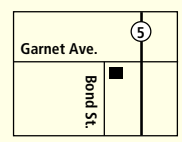
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PACIFIC BEACH. $1980. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Granite counters, new appliances, washer/dryer, parking. No pets/smoking. Available now. 2660 Figueroa Boulevard. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

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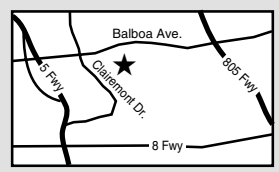
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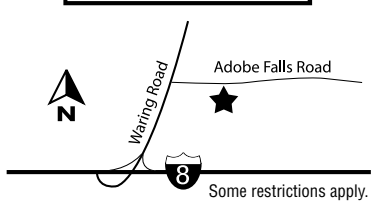
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LEAD STORY

— A February *USA Today* report on mine-safety regulation found that complicated federal statutes and lax enforcement by the Mine Safety and Health Administration resulted in a structure of civil fines almost guaranteed not to deter dangerous conditions. The largest-ever MSHA fine (for a 2001 incident with 13 deaths) was $605,400 (as compared to, for example, the FCC's 2004 fine of CBS for the brief image of Janet Jackson's breast at the Super Bowl, which was $3.5 million). One attorney who represents coal companies claimed that fines are largely irrelevant to safety: "I really don't think any responsible mine operator makes any decision about safety based on civil penalties."

Compelling Explanations

— American Pride: In January, spokesman Nick Inskip of the trade association of Australia's legalized brothels and strip clubs praised the American sailors who that week began several days' shore leave in Brisbane. "[T]he fellows are fantastic customers," he said. "They are so well-mannered.... They're very aware that they're representing their country, and that's why they behave so well."

— More Things to Blame on Bush: (1) Two gunmen robbed a 57-year-old woman in her Westerville, Ohio, home in February, but, according to a police report, argued among themselves about how to do the job, until one of the men, perhaps feeling sorry for himself, said, "This is all George W. Bush's fault. He screwed up the economy." All the two men needed, he said, was "gas money for the car." (2) A 29-year-old man was convicted in February after he jumped over a fence at the White House to meet up with Chelsea Clinton. According to an officer, the man seemed unfazed at being told that the Clintons no longer lived there but did say that "George Bush told me to jump the fence, and I jumped the fence."

— After the secretary for the Miracle of Prayer Church in Grove Hill, Ala., was arrested in January on an outstanding warrant, the church's Prophet Ron Williams called congregation members (most of whom are African-American) to the Clarke County jail to protest, vowing that he wasn't going "no damn where" until she was released. As the crowd grew, and deputies warned Williams about inciting a riot, Williams became more defiant, screaming at deputies and pointing to his cell phone, yelling, "I got Johnnie Cochran on the phone right now!" (even though Cochran had passed away ten months earlier).

The Litigious Society

— After two boys at PS 14 in New York City taunted a 5-year-old classmate in January three times by grabbing his privates, school officials held a hearing and referred the boys for guidance counseling. Unsatisfied, the younger boy's parents in February filed a lawsuit against the already-budget-challenged New York City school system for $6 million.

— Massachusetts inmate Joseph Schmitt, 41, filed a lawsuit for $70,000 against the Department of Corrections in December for restricting his ability to continue his writing career from lockup. Schmitt, now in civil detainment (as exceptionally dangerous) following completion of his sentence for child rape, previously earned up to $20,000 a year writing pornography (including at least one piece on child sex) and sees no reason why he can't return to that line of work.

Ironies

— Jacqueline Dotson was seriously injured in an accident near Winchester, Ky., in February that police say happened when she lost control of her SUV and ran several other cars off the road before overcorrecting, which caused the SUV to roll over a guardrail and land upside down. A rescue crew labored an hour and a half with the "jaws of life" to extricate her from the vehicle, but one of her arms was already free, severed in the accident and lying on the road, still grasping a cell phone.

Awesome!

— In December, more than a month before "buckshot" would be all over the news (from a misadventure at a Texas ranch), the *New England Journal of Medicine* reported the odd case of a 73-year-old Inuit woman hospitalized in Nome, Alaska, whose abdominal X-ray revealed an enlarged and photographically opaque appendix, which doctors concluded was an appendix filled with buckshot. The Inuits, doctors said, eat so many ducks and geese downed by buckshot that inevitably some buckshot remains in the cooked meat and is eaten and digested, with some migrating to the appendix, where it is trapped. The appendix was enlarged and opaque on the X-ray simply because it was overstuffed with buckshot.

Smooth Reactions

— (1) In Japan's Wakayama prefecture in December, Miichiro Yamashita, 70, received a suspended sentence for bringing 25 sticks of dynamite to a hospital and threatening to blow the place up unless his doctor changed his mind and gave him the treatment he wanted for his stomachache. (2) Two women are at large in the Kenner, La., area after one slashed a Rally's restaurant manager in February with a razor blade because her requested substitution (mayonnaise for tartar sauce on her fish sandwich) was not honored. (3) In February, Kimberly Dasilva, 40, was charged in Boston with putting explosives into condoms and mailing them to people she believes are associated with her longstanding mistreatment by men, including two strip clubs where she used to work.

— Stewart Jenkins, 33, was arrested in Des Moines, Iowa, in November for allegedly pulling a gun on a man he thought was disrespecting him. According to the police report, Jenkins and Patrick Hickey passed each other in an alley, and Jenkins asked, "What's up?" Hickey responded: "What's up?" Jenkins asked again: "What's up?" Hickey (again): "What's up?" Jenkins: "I'll show you what's up!" He ran into a nearby house and emerged angrily with a .38-caliber handgun. Unfortunately for Jenkins, Patrick Hickey is a plainclothes police officer. He arrested Jenkins and recovered about 15 grams of suspected crack cocaine from the house.)

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Cut Out for a Life of Crime: (1) University of Colorado freshman Jonathan Baldino, caught by security personnel in November after he printed out a fake bar code, stuck it on a $149.99 iPod, and bought it for $4.99 at a Target store, immediately wrote a frenzied confession: "I will NEVER EVER DO THIS EVER AGAIN, and I am once more terribly sorry. I'm only a kid! Help me out! ... Please! Please! Please!" (It didn't help.) (2) After Seattle police chased a carjacking suspect into a tree in February, bystanders gathered around and laughed, but the suspect, still defiant, yelled at them, "It's not funny!" (However, according to a KIRO-TV reporter, some in the crowd yelled back, "Yes it is!")

Recent Alarming Headlines

— (1) "Australian Whale Vomit Find Worth a Fortune" (an Agence France-Presse dispatch from Sydney on a vacationing family's discovery of a solid fatty substance somehow actually used in the fragrance industry and which was expected to bring the equivalent of about $215,000) (January). (2) "Why I Still Breastfeed My Eight-Year-Old Girl" (a *News & Star* of Carlisle, England, report on mothers who insist on breastfeeding as long as the child desires it) (February).

Undignified Deaths

— A 23-year-old man fell to his death off a balcony during a spitting contest with his brother and a friend (Mount Prospect, Ill., November). A 21-year-old man was shot to death inside a stranger's home at 1:45 a.m., perhaps after having missed the bumper sticker on the homeowner's truck, reading, "Gun control means using both hands." (Rochester, N.H., September). A 37-year-old man escaped a fire in his home but died of smoke inhalation after he decided to go back inside to look for his cell phone to call 911 (Greenville, S.C., December).

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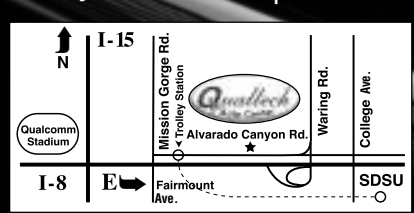
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Thirty Years Ago

Five years ago, with the depot looking more like a white elephant, talk began about what to do with it. The Santa Fe Railroad unveiled plans for twin office towers on the site. The depot would be demolished to make way for the new $46 million project.

That was when San Diego began to realize it didn't want to lose another landmark. Who doesn't feel regret that the Coronado ferry is a rapidly fading memory? So, the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO) began working to prevent the demise of the depot.

—**"GREAT EXPECTATIONS,"** *Rich Donnelly, March 18, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

WE, LEMURIANS, claim California as a backwoods outpost of our civilization. That is why Ogygia sends messages to those minds ready for more awakening. Ogygia.

MISSION HILLS, I'm not a dancer in the dark or the diamond in your eyes. Let it come as no surprise; I am with you. I am real, but on my own. Jenta.

FOAM-FLOWER, don't you think I have given care, I guess, to the wrong girls. I am attractive, yet my tears keep hurting more. Unloved. MY BABY is a cry, cry baby. She sits on my lap and bawls. Cougar.

—CLASSIFIEDS, *March 19, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

Tanya was beautiful, intelligent, and had a great sense of humor, but on my first visit to her apartment I found myself face to face with a prehistoric monster. No, not Tanya's mother — a real live iguana in a glass container roughly the size of a modest aquarium. I felt better when Tanya explained that the lizard had belonged to her former husband and that she didn't know what to do with it. But my romantic ardor was cooling fast as I stared back at the scaly creature, which looked like a miniature from a cheap Japanese horror film. There was an odor coming from the container. "Make yourself comfortable and I'll start some dinner," Tanya said as she disappeared into the kitchen. I really didn't want her to leave the room.

—**"WHERE LIZARDS LOUNGE,"** *John D'Agostino, March 20, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

Since 1987, over 100 Mexican migrants have been run down and killed trying to cross San Diego County freeways. Every night, hundreds wait, huddled in the bushes and gullies that line the freeways. They wait as the stampede of automobiles unfolds. For Californians in their cars, the freeway voyage is routine, a journey from work to home or to the nearby shopping mall. For the Mexican workers, the speeding cars stand between them and safe passage to employment. The cars are killing machines.

—**"LOST IN THE GLARE,"** *Lawrence A. Herzog, March 21, 1991*

Ten Years Ago

Grasshopper egg pods are crunchy like tiny Chee-tos. But they have a very distinct, resinous, planty taste.

The waiter watches me chew. He says, "They're very clean. They eat only plants."

My hands tremble beneath my napkin. For an American who has sampled a great many things in many nations, grasshopper egg pods are, admittedly, a stretch. But I eat my grasshopper egg pod taco. And I eat another. At one devastating moment, Roberto suggests that I try a few *plain,* just pop them into my mouth, to see how they really taste. And I do.

—RESTAURANTS: **"DINNER TIME,"** *Max Nash, March 14, 1996*



San Diego *Reader,* March 18, 1976

Five Years Ago

What purpose does "gleeking" serve? Where is the word derived from? And do you even know what I'm talking about?

— Brian, Clairemont

For anyone not up on weird, gross schoolkid pranks, gleeking is an advanced form of spitting. It's popular coast to coast, I'm told. Gleeking is spraying saliva from under your tongue. It comes out in a mist, not the traditional, unimaginative glob.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice, March 15, 2001*

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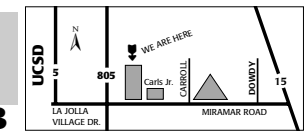
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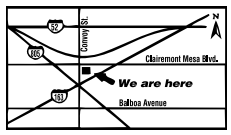
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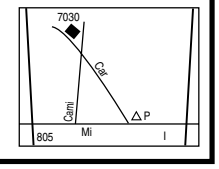
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WANTING TO HELP IN HILLCREST

Dear Wanting to Help,

If it's done sensitively, I see no reason why Cal can't be asked if he's open to talking about getting his skin problem treated. If he says he doesn't want to discuss it, back off. If he's willing to listen, encourage him to follow up on the dermatologist referral. Offer to go with him if he's nervous about seeing the dermatologist. The woman with the holistic knowledge could also have a private audience with Cal if he'd like her to suggest ways to improve his complexion. He could investigate both conventional and alternative medicine approaches and make use of the best both camps have to offer.

Dear Saffron,

I love my job, and I've been there almost a year, but one thing has been annoying me for months. A coworker about six feet away keeps a large thermos at her desk and chews the ice in it nearly all day long. We are partially separated by a panel, but since we work in close quarters her ice crunching is easy to hear. From time to time I've heard her say she is trying to lose weight, so perhaps this is one of her methods. I don't know if she realizes that ice chewing is not only bad for her teeth, but it also may indicate a form of pica, a disorder which causes people to crave and chew on (or eat) nonfood items. I've also read that compulsive ice chewing is common in women with severe iron deficiencies and that correcting the deficiency can often eradicate the ice craving. I sometimes feel remiss in not letting her know this information, as she could be ignoring a medical condition that needs prompt attention. In any case, is there a way to approach her about the noisy ice without offending her? I'm no Felix Unger, but my stomach clenches every time I hear it. She's worked there a lot longer than I have and doesn't exactly look up to me. She's frequently shown that she's got a good sense of humor, though. I've trying to find a way to make a joke about it. (By the way, I can't use earplugs, because I need to hear other activities and the clients with whom I'm working, and it wouldn't be possible for me to move to another area of the office.)

STUCK IN ICE LAND

Dear Stuck,

You have a decent sense of humor yourself. Your Felix Unger line is amusing. If you approach Ms. Grind in a friendly, self-deprecating way and say something along the lines of, "Maybe I'm turning into that hypersensitive Felix Unger from *The Odd Couple,* but, wow! That ice crunching gets a bit loud on my side of the partition...." Finesse it to fit your style. The point is to raise her noise-consciousness without getting her upset. If she responds well and a conversation ensues, you can decide whether you want to venture into info about ice crunching's possible link to diet deficiency. But that's a low priority. You're not a doctor, and she may just have developed a nervous habit or simply be "addicted" to eating ice. What's key is for her to realize it would be considerate if she'd pick something to do with her excess energy that's quieter and that won't give her dentist nightmares.

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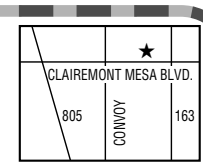
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BAD WITH GIRLS

One evening in Brooklyn, feeling enterprising, I wandered into the kitchen and sat down on the chaise lounge opposite my father, who was parked in his favorite reading chair.

"Dad?" I said. I'm sure I said this several times, as there is no way he heard me the first time, being deaf from Vietnam gunfire and engrossed in his book. So it probably went more like this: "Dad? Hey, Dad.... Dad!"

At which point he looked up and smiled his sweet smile. "Yes?"

"Dad," I said, "what...do you say to women?"

He struck a bashful pose. "Whatever do you mean?" he gasped.

I rolled my eyes. "Da-ad."

He set his book on the arm of the chair, settling himself for the answer. He is prone to doing this; though he'd never admit it, Dad can be theatrical in his good-natured buffoon routine. He is a great storyteller and born fabricator, unabashed in his hysterical lies, many of them historical. One favorite of mine is his rendition of the evolution of the blimp, which involved Mr. Colonel Zeppelin and the Honorable Lord Dirigible.

But the forthcoming utterance, as I should have known, would beat them all, would be my father at his finest. He was smiling to himself, showing his teeth, which was a sign. My father has a thing about his dental work.

"Women," he began. "Well, first you walk up to them, and then you look charming, and then you say, 'Excuse me, you have lovely bosoms.'"

Delighted and appalled, I half laughed, half gaped at him.

"Dad," I admonished.

He grinned winsomely and shrugged.

"That's how I got your mother," he reasoned.

I must have blushed. "DAD!"

One may assume that it is due to this gene pool that I cannot get a date, but that is untrue. First of all, fearsome jokester that he is, his suggestion was in jest, meant to make me laugh, which it did. Second, my father was and is a dashing fellow, chivalrous without being chauvinistic, and wickedly funny. His teen and 20s photos show a strong-chinned, European Buddy Holly look-alike — a boy ready for fun. Now in his 60s, he looks a decade younger, sporting a head of salt-and-pepper hair and an elegant posture, black eyes under thin-rimmed, contemporary glasses. Girls liked him in high school and women like him now, easily captured by his natural grace and lack of self-consciousness.

I, on the other hand, do not fare as well. When it comes to women, I am tongue-tied, though it stands to reason that, being female, I should be all aces. Unfortunately, this is not the case. No matter how many times I am told, "Just say hi," I fail every time, opting instead to watch the object of my attraction from a safe distance of five feet or more. I wait and agonize and pray that someone will approach me — which, to my credit, they have done a few times — so that I don't have to run the risk of imposing myself, unsolicited, on the elusive female in my sightlines. This self-protection, an act of habitual pessimism and safety in the face of ego-crushing rejection, is self-defeating.

And it doesn't stop there; not only am I terrified to talk to a girl, but my signal reading is abysmal. One doesn't need to be discreet for me to be oblivious. Observe: a woman at a dance hall once said to me, point blank, "If you were older, I'd go home with you in a hot minute," to which I replied, without hesitation, "Are you out of your mind?" I can go an entire night chatting with someone and entirely miss that she might dig me due to the fact that she had her hand on my knee the whole time. *Oh, she was just resting it there*, I reason, or, *It was an honest mistake.* I do this with my pals as well, soliciting their advice time and again.



From Married with Children

"She asked me my name," I related to a friend after a night on the town, "and then was, like, 'Who are you with?' and when I said, 'No one,' she goes, 'That's crazy!' [Pause] What does this mean?"

The friend sighed in exasperation. "She LIKED you," she explained. "She thought you were CUTE."

"Oh," I said.

Last year, when I turned 21 and was (legally) allowed into bars, my fear for lack of mating-ritual skills (however dampened by alcohol) threw a wrench in my new life of social freedom. Tired and frustrated, I turned to my father.

"Dad, seriously, what do you say to women?"

"Bosoms!" he replied.

"No, Dad, I mean really. Honestly."

He looked up from his manuscript and thought a moment.

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ASSAULT WITH SERIOUS BODILY INJURY

Location: 23rd and Broadway, Golden Hill
Time/Date: 3:50 a.m. on 2/28/06

Victim's Statement: My ex-boyfriend Ramon returned from a two-month trip in Florida yesterday. We have been dating on and off for five years now. He has been violent with me before but I have never filed a police report about the incidents. I have never filed for a restraining order against Ramon. I would like to file one against him now. I am afraid of what he may do.



Ramon knew I had gone out with a friend of mine named Jason on Valentine's Day. Jason and myself do not have a dating relationship. I know him from a job I used to work at. We are friends. He didn't have anyone to spend Valentine's Day with and I didn't, so we went out and had dinner. I told Ramon this. I said everything was okay, that I was not dating Jason. I then said to Ramon, "What does it matter? We're not together anymore. You don't own me. I can do whatever I want." Ramon said back to me, "I still own you." He said it like it was a joke. He laughed when he said this to me and I believed he was just kidding.

Ramon and I rented some movies from the video store. We sat down and had dinner and drank some beer and watched the movies. Ramon kept asking me about Jason and I kept telling him that I was not dating Jason and that it was not a date on Valentine's...[Jason] and I were just hanging out and it was cool. But Ramon kept asking about him and I was telling Ramon, "Be quiet and watch the movie." At one point he grabbed my wrist hard and said to me, "Don't you tell me to shut up!" I was worried and then Ramon said to me that he was sorry and he didn't mean anything by it and he was kind of drunk from the beers and so was I.

I was willing to let Ramon sleep on my couch. He was staying with a friend in El Cajon and I didn't want him to drive because he had been drinking. Ramon wanted to sleep in my bed with me and I told him no. I went to bed around 1:00 a.m. At 1:15 a.m., Ramon came into my bedroom and got into bed with me. He started to touch me and kiss me. I woke up. He wanted to have sex. I told him I didn't want to have sex. I told him I didn't want that kind of relationship with him anymore. He wouldn't leave. I yelled at him to stop. He finally got out of bed and went back to the couch in the living room.

I was worried he would come back. I couldn't sleep until 2:00 a.m. or so. But he did come back and this time he yelled at me and pulled me out of the bed. He hit me across the face and called me "a slut." He threw he against the wall and hit me and kicked me. He grabbed my hair and slammed my face into the wall. My nose and lip were bleeding.

Ramon went to the closet where he knew I keep a baseball bat. He held the bat up and said, "I'm going to bust your head in, slut." I begged him not to hurt me anymore. I told him to just go and I wouldn't call the police.

He said he was sorry and then he left my apartment.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 9026 Campo Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 11:10 p.m. on 3/6/06



Investigation: [A] black male adult suspect, armed with what appeared to be a semi-automatic handgun, entered a business, Smoke 'n' Stuff...and demanded money from one of the clerks. Instead of turning over the money, the clerk took a baseball bat from behind the counter and began to swing at the suspect who retreated out the door as he was hit with the bat.

The suspect tried to get into a passenger side door of a waiting running vehicle. Another black male adult was the driver. The suspect was confronted by patrons of the bar next door and the driver was confronted by clerks from Smoke 'n' Stuff. The driver tried to run down the store clerk and collided with the building, causing minor damage. Both suspects fled southbound on foot. The suspects' vehicle was impounded for evidence.

At 12:38 a.m., the original suspect was caught and arrested by Deputy Ken Feistel near Bancroft Drive and Spring Place. No weapon was found. The suspect, Rickey J., was arrested after being positively identified during a curbside lineup.

BRANDISHING A FIREARM IN PUBLIC

Location: 2271 Washington Street, Lemon Grove
Time/Date: 3:52 p.m. on 3/3/06



Incident: Deputies Mike Rand and Ruben Gomez from the Lemon Grove Station Gang Suppression Team arrested a man who had been involved in a fight at Lemon Grove Park and later returned with a gun.

Deputies Rand and Gomez observed a vehicle leaving the park as they arrived. The vehicle matched the description provided by the Communications Center. Rand and Gomez stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, Alexander R. [who] was positively identified by a witness as the armed suspect from the park. Inside his vehicle the deputies found gang paraphernalia and a loaded semi-automatic handgun.

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DRAWN ACROSS THE TOP OF MY SOUNDGARDEN CD CASE are parallel lines of dusty, crushed-rock powder. I suck at one with a straw and rub my nose because of the raw scratching and chemical burn. On the bed beside me, the sheet rises and falls in waves where she breathes, but she's not asleep. I saw her claw and drag great heaps of swirling brown smoke from a glass bowl into her lungs and force the acrid cloud out to hang above our heads. She couldn't be asleep with that much bug juice in her system. I prefer snorting. I like the pain.

In the rowdy motel part of Tijuana, everything almost works. The door almost closes properly; you just have to pull up on the handle. The shower gets very near to hot, and the television plays a lot of channels, and the movie is only interrupted by the squiggly lines on occasion.

There are a lot of things I should do. I should write. I should sweep the foul artificial grit from every surface and baggie, throw out the empty bottles, and face myself in the mirror. But the only thing I'm going to do is finish this box of cigarettes, start on the next one, and watch *Fight Club* dubbed in Spanish on the black set bolted to the wall.

There's a moment when one is this high that the walls radiate color like brass patina, the ceiling fan sprinkles chrome butterflies, and the muscles in the shoulder can do nothing except droop in acceptance. My mind soaks in the golden rush and I pour cold Corona into my mouth.

A trail of white smoke rises from my hand, and I dismiss it as the normal exhaust from my Marlboro until the column of smoke thickens and darkens. Across the bedspread are dancing red embers, circumscribing a black ring. The ring grows, and the beginnings of short flames are hinted at. The burning threads twist and curl.

I jump from the bed and shower the remainder of my beer around the catching fabric, but not in time. Cristina shoots from beneath the smoldering covers, cranking out bitter Spanish, and she sprints across our yellow room and slams the bathroom door behind her with a puff of smoke billowing from the jamb.

My silver phone chimes, and I snatch it from the table and flip it open and bark, "Hang on I just lit a whore on fire, um..." I check the caller ID and bring the phone back to my face to say, "Dad."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (1971)
WGNSAT 4:00 P.M.
If I ever want to work my dad up and get him into a full-tilt rant, I have two options. The first is to ask him what happened to his cherry red 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass, to which he replies, "Your mother flipped it over on its top going 70 miles an hour in the rain!" My other choice to make him red in the face is to ask him if he's ever seen *Fiddler on the Roof*. "There's two hours I won't get back," he starts off slowly, but I can see the tension building in his neck. "Your mother dragged me to that in 1971, and I'll never forgive her." The Jewish musical is not high on the old hillbilly's list of greatest films.

AMERICAN INVENTOR
ABC 8:00 P.M.
Somebody needs to invent the "Dreadlockulator 9000." It's a device that I can wear to art openings, and whenever a white kid with dreadlocks passes in range and starts to speak, the contraption will spring from my pocket, clamp his lips shut, and with ringing bells and flashing lights it will sound an alarm that repeats, "SHUT UP, YOU DUMB HIPPIE. SHUT UP, YOU DUMB HIPPIE. SHUT UP, YOU DUMB HIPPIE."

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

HALF A DOZEN BABIES (1999)
FAM 8:00 P.M.
Half a Dozen Babies is about the mother of fertility-drug sextuplets. *Six Reasons the Fine People at Jim Beam Will Never Be Out of a Job* is the father's version, but it doesn't get as much airtime on the Family channel.



Real Housewives of Orange County

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
QVC 6:00 P.M.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 18

THE SIXTH SENSE (1999)
ABC 8:00 P.M.
In the sequel Bruce Willis runs into Patrick Swayze and they tape eyebrows to Whoopie Goldberg's forehead while she's asleep. That kid who can see dead people digs up Demi Moore's Ward Cleaver haircut, unflattering jeans, and wavering career after she filmed *Ghost*.

THE JAMMX KIDS ALL STAR DANCE SPECIAL
WB 11:00 A.M.
To pass fifth-grade P.E., we had to practice square-dancing. At the end of the month we had to do a recital in front of the school — yellow neckerchiefs, blue felt cowboy hats, the whole thing. Between this and the memory of wetting my Sears Toughskins at a school assembly, it's a wonder why I don't shoot people in the streets for fun.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
FAM 10:30 P.M.
There's a TV show in Japan where a contestant is thrown into 120-degree water and timed to see how long he can stand it. Instead of a clock they have a woman in a bikini jump up and down and the audience counts how many times her boobs jiggle. Highest score wins. What do we have? Drew Carey and his band of merry ding-dongs playing out "What if Little Orphan Annie met a mob boss?" for points. Yay USA! We're number 1!

MONDAY, MARCH 20

ULTIMATE KNOCKOUTS 3
SPIKE 9:00 P.M.
Strip away all the slow parts of ultimate fighting and just show guys getting hit so hard they shoot snot like a lawn sprinkler. Is it sick if I watch this from under a warm blanket and it makes me smile?

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

REAL HOUSEWIVES OF ORANGE COUNTY
BRAVO 10:00 P.M.
This reeks of the shoulder-pad '80s, when cocaine, European cars, and flipped up pastel collars were the only thing that could get you laid. I can't wait until the grunge, dirty blue jeans, and watery American beer days come back around and — thank you, God — I'll be cool again.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

DENNIS DEYOUNG: THE MUSIC OF STYX WITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
PBS 8:00 P.M.
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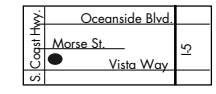
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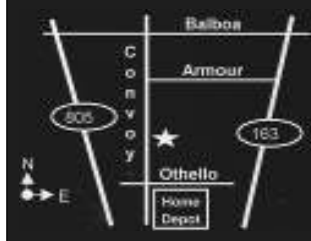
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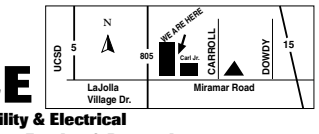
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My record speaks for itself.

By John Brizzolara



The acronym for Thank God It's Friday is so universally recognized (I only had to explain it once to a swami who was actually from Long Beach, and I swear she was pretending ignorance) that it more than implies an equally universal hatred or at least distaste for one's job. In that sense, I am the wrong guy for this, since I like mine enormously. It was not always this way, though. No.

My job as a writer did, ironically, bring me employment for one day at the worst job I've ever held, and I have held some hateful ones. That was as a telemarketer in Hillcrest for an outfit I called DisInfoTel. Those guys are still around, I believe, opening and closing locations in a matter of weeks in order to dodge what must be constant petty lawsuits for fraud. I signed a confidentiality agreement to get the job (as part of a multi-installment series about seeking out and performing various types of menial work), and when the article appeared I received several phone calls with job offers, completely phony, from my short-term employers just to establish that I was some sort of low-budget corporate spy selling telephonic bullshit techniques to other hustlers. Their hope, I believe, was to get me into a position to settle the confidentiality violation out of court for an unambitious but painful enough cash amount. This may be elaborate paranoia, but I could think of no other reason for these calls. It wasn't as if I was any good at the job.

I have worked in factories and foundries, roofed homes with tar in Midwestern summers, cleaned boat bottoms, tended bar in literally more places than I can count, from the Hotel Del to a joint on Manhattan's Lower East Side that I quit the first day when a customer took a leak while standing at the bar.

As I reread that last sentence, that long last sentence, I sound to myself like a roughneck roustabout, a ramblin' kinda guy with a cleft chin and a strong back (oh, I forgot to mention, I picked asparagus in the Imperial Valley with migrant workers — another bit of journalism — for a matter of hours before collapsing) or at least a wish to appear that way. My first job was delivering newspapers, then bundling them with wire at the printer's office. I was a dishwasher, a lawn mower, a house painter, and a babysitter, and, oh, how I want to end this sentence with: "and a gunslinger and a mojo man, all before I was 16." But I spent years working in bookstores (more than a dozen stores on two coasts, maybe 18) and have been paid for performing music, again mostly in bars but also in military bases, behind chicken wire in Casper, Wyoming, and onstage at a lot of colleges, including Princeton University, with Jesse Colin Young and Gordon Lightfoot. To keep name-dropping, I recorded at Jimi Hendrix's Electric Ladyland Studios in Greenwich Village, and, most recently, a song of my own composition: "I'm a Queen in a King-Sized Bed," in the living room of San Diego's strange celebrity Jose Sinatra.

I never worked in an office until recent years, and journalism has also led me to working with a janitorial crew at a Vons grocery store one night and at the drive-thru window at Taco Bell in La Jolla. All told, the most detestable job was telemarketing, and the hardest work I was ever paid for was writing novels, which George Orwell once described as "deliberately undergoing a prolonged illness."

In a way, this résumé (the first I've ever written, I think) is an attempt to assuage that nagging fraud syndrome, the sense that I have no right to pose as a regular fellow with a regular job, that I am just another ivory-tower intellectual and aesthete. Now that I have reassured myself that I'm not really trying to get over and in fact have some familiarity with the workaday realities of other sweaty slobs, I believe I can carry on with the demanding, even daunting great work before me. It will all, of course, be in the memoirs (so far, called *Lust for Leisure*). But meanwhile, on a weekly basis, my record speaks for itself; when it comes to that overall state of consciousness we might think of as "Friday," I'm your man. To put it another way, when it comes to not doing anything in particular or avoiding what we might think of in the larger sense as "Monday," I really know what I'm talking about.

Colin Wilson, a British writer/philosopher I find very interesting (sometimes because of rather than in spite of his lunatic-fringe-flake aspects), writes from time to time about the paradoxical nature of freedom. In one sense he's talking about that phenomenon of however we might long for vacation, time off, the lunch hour, whatever, often when it comes around we'll be at a loss, even bored. I don't think I've been bored since childhood. Early on I learned there are so many interesting alternatives (including getting in trouble) that it really hasn't come up. In adulthood I've spent so much of my time vacillating between what Woody Allen calls the two basic conditions of man — the horrible and the miserable — that boredom becomes appealing in its sheer elusiveness.

So whether it is meditation on seemingly pointless stuff, getting out of work (even work you like), pursuing the truly inane, or exploring the parameters, nay, pushing the envelope of inactivity, the bird's eye, low-down skinny on nonproductivity, an insider's tips on the ins and outs of, say, Miller Time and just plain slacking, as you kids call it, send in your subscription now and I'll show you a good time is what I'll do.

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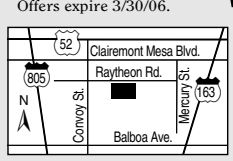
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