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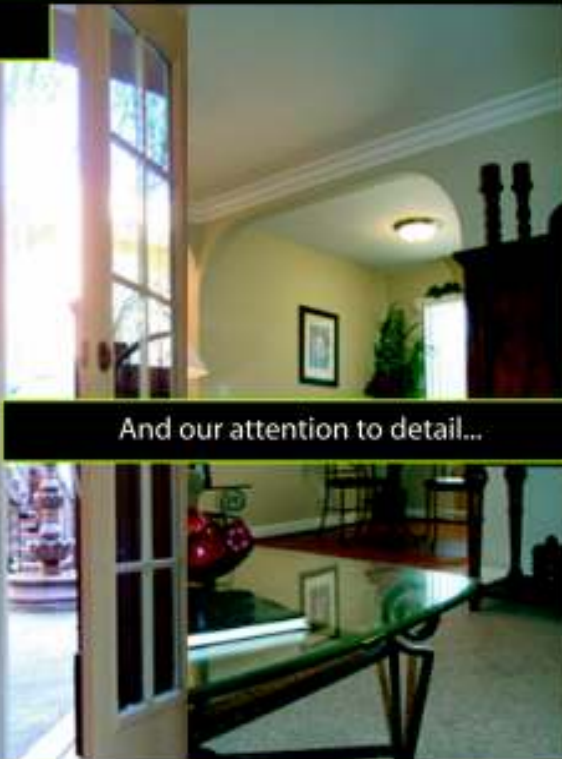
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Triple bogey, redux The San Diego city property agent who blew the whistle on a pending sweetheart lease renewal for Carlton Oaks Golf



Brett Maxfield

Course has been fired, and the timing of the move — sanctioned by **Jim Waring**, top development aide to Mayor **Jerry Sanders** — is drawing suspicion from both inside and outside city hall. As reported here on March 23, an internal March 3 memo, obtained after a request under the state's Public Records Act, documented that agent **Brett Maxfield** had warned in July 2005 that the city's Real Estate Assets Department was being pressured to extend the lease on less than favorable terms to taxpayers. Citing the "low return" of the proposed lease, Maxfield said he attempted to persuade his immediate supervisor to sidetrack the deal, but "he instructed me to 'not think too hard about it' and to write the report recommending the lease to the Council." Only after Maxfield went to then-acting real estate assets director **Jack Farris** was the agreement shelved. Maxfield's actions also resulted in a new audit of the lease, which discovered that the leaseholders had been undercharged rent to the tune of \$92,908 in 2004 and a similar amount in 2005, the memo says.

On March 27, Maxfield, who was still serving a 12-month probationary period required of new hires, was called into the office of acting real estate assets director **Mike Boyle** and told he was being let go. "I believe that the reason for this action is the article that came out in the *Reader* concerning Carlton Oaks and other issues I have raised concerning the Water Dept.'s handling of property issues," Maxwell wrote in an e-mail to Waring the day he was fired. "Can we meet and talk about it?"

Waring responded less than an hour later, denying that the Carlton Oaks coverage was the cause of Maxfield's dismissal. "Just so you know, Mike briefed me on your employment status before any article was known or published. Regardless, I will meet with you as a courtesy, but only with Mike present. I do not want you, however, to expect



Jim Waring

that meeting to change the decision that was made or become a debate of some type. For what it's worth my free advice to you as a young, very educated man, is that your turning the page on this is the best life decision you can make for your future. Let me know if you want to meet." Maxfield, now convinced Waring was complicit in the cover-up, did not respond.

In a March 27 "Notice of Probationary Failure" letter to Maxfield, acting real estate assets director Boyle did not mention the Carlton Oaks affair but instead accused Maxfield of blowing out of proportion repeated complaints by a Navajo-area couple about hazardous erosion conditions on city Water Department-owned property next to their house. Boyle claimed Maxfield had displayed "bad judgment, hysteria and hyperbole concerning both facts and common sense conclusions" about the Navajo situation. Boyle also alleged that Maxfield had "damaged good will" and "insulted and strained working relationships"

with other city departments. "I am aware of other READ [Real Estate Assets Department] agents unwilling to work with you; contentious relations with Lessees, and dubious charges of tax fraud and unilateral involvement of City Auditors, outside of the chain of command."

Maxfield says the Navajo case cited by Boyle was a simple pretext for the City's "retaliation" against him for legally complying with the Public Records Act request for the Carlton Oaks documents. "You...told me that you heard I had 'granted an interview to the *Reader*,' and that I had turned over the documents to their request without you having a chance to review what was going to be disclosed," says Maxfield in a letter he drafted to Boyle. "You were very upset by this. Your body language was full of anger. You mention how you were the only one who was to talk to the press and that my going behind your back and granting an interview was a betrayal. You called me a 'Whistle Blower' and said that you did not agree with that philosophy."

Maxfield insists he played everything by the book in his efforts to comply with the Public Records Act, including informing Boyle by e-mail prior to turning over the documents. The real reason he was let go, Maxfield says, was that he was rooting out too many skeletons in the City's closet. The animosity from other departments cited by Boyle came from those with something to hide, he maintains.

"The mayor has put a lot of talk into restoring integrity and transparency into the city," Maxfield says. "Of course, his actions seem to be contradicting that by firing me, because that's what I've been trying to do. Instead of congratulating me for my efforts, they are shooting the messenger."

"It's like these guys are the crooked cop. He's like busting the drug dealer and then taking them around the corner and saying, 'Okay, guys, give me the money, and don't do this in public. Keep your dirty laundry hidden.' That's what I feel is the course that Jim Waring is taking the city in." Boyle says he can't comment on a pending personnel matter. Waring did not respond to phone calls.

Polar bear express Outsourcing is everywhere these days. Even the venerable San Diego Zoo has decided to spurn the locals and get its printing done by a big Canadian company. According to a release from Montreal-based Transcontinental, Inc., the printing giant has inked a three-year deal to print and distribute 300,000 copies of *ZOONOOZ*, the zoo's glossy magazine. Transcontinental, the largest printer in Canada and seventh largest in North America, will also be printing zoo guidebooks and "three to five million maps a year" of the zoo and Wild Animal Park. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. In a phone interview this week, editor **Karen Worley** said the zoo's "processes for evaluating vendors are not open to public discussion."

— Matt Potter

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Levitt Courts Adoring Press, Gets Fat Fees

By Don Bauder

If Arthur Levitt approaches his job in San Diego as he did his position at the Securities and Exchange Commission, the

people of San Diego will be left with a pile of adoring press clips, some impressive-sounding public statements, and no change in the status quo."

And that's probably why the city council hired Levitt, the self-promoting former head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The council wants a report from his team that appears to be tough but underneath is soft on wrongdoers.

These are the opinions of Gary Weiss, author of *Wall Street Versus America: The Rampant Greed and Dishonesty That Imperil Your Investments*, a Penguin book that will be published April 10. The book excoriates the investment community and heaps contumely on Levitt, who headed the Securities and Exchange Commission during the 1990s. San Diego has hired him for \$900 an hour to give yet another report on the City's hiding of its pension cancer from the investing public.

Weiss is one of the foremost investigative reporters covering Wall Street. The *New York Post* says Weiss's book is "a front-runner for most controversial business book of 2006...witty, readable, and hunts big game."

Robert Barker of *Business Week* says any investor should



Arthur Levitt



Gary Weiss

take a look at this book before signing up for a brokerage account. "You will see just how alone you truly are," says Barker.

Publishers Weekly says, "Weiss's savaging of oft-lionized ex-SEC chairman Arthur Levitt is particularly vicious and funny."

The book explains how Levitt schmoozes the press, does very little while in office,

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Weiss wrote many years for *Business Week* magazine before leaving to publish his first book, *Born to Steal: When the Mafia Hit Wall Street*.

Levitt is an author too. In 2002 after he left office, he published a book, *Take on the Street: What Wall Street and Corporate America Don't Want You to Know and What You Can Do to Fight Back*.

Weiss says Levitt's book should have been titled *Take on the Street — I Sure as Hell Didn't* or *Take on the Street — Or How I Ignored the Worst Stock Market Abuses in History*.

Although Levitt is still adored by the popular media, many who have studied the ethical stinkhole of the 1990s stock market bubble agree with Weiss. University of San Diego law professor Frank Partnoy, author of *F.I.A.S.C.O.: Blood in the Water on Wall Street and Infectious Greed*, says Levitt watched idly while the house was burning down in the 1990s and was one of the worst heads of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Weiss and I traded several e-mails on what Levitt is being paid to do in San Diego. Says Weiss, "If past is prologue, what

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We're So Sorry About Mike Aguirre

By Joe Deegan

I apologize to San Francisco," said Ben Haddad when the California Coastal Commission met for its monthly meeting in the Bay Area city on December 14. "As for [city attorney Mike] Aguirre..." said Haddad, an alternate commissioner from San Diego, "I'm very disappointed in having all of you exposed to the continuing dysfunctionality of [our] city and its antics, whether it's the city attorney or other elected officials or offices; it's just been a disaster. And this is the latest example of a disappointment..."

The dastardly latest example concerned complaints about proposed changes to several I-shaped historic buildings at the old Naval Training Center. The Corky McMillin Companies have been rede-

meeting reveals that John McNab of Save Our NTC was allowed three minutes to address the commission. Aguirre's letter, a speaker representing Aguirre's office, and McNab argued that the City of San Diego had illegally bypassed reviews of the changes. Additionally, McNab maintained that the changes would destroy the historical integrity of the buildings.

Haddad views the complaints as unfair to the Liberty Station developers because "we just keep moving the bar; we keep changing the rules on the applicants midway through the process." But the coastal commission's job is to hear

have been the ones moving the bar. In 1993 the Navy donated the facility to the city of San Diego. Mayor Golding announced the gift as a chance to create what came to be known as a waterside Balboa Park. In 1994 she established the NTC Reuse Planning Committee, which promised among other goals to "create a center that celebrates San Diego's maritime history." Many San Diegans began to look forward to new public land devoted to public use. But when the committee published its 1998 Naval Training Center San Diego Reuse Plan, it became clear that private commercialization would characterize much of the project.

By 1999 San Diego city manager Michael Ueberuaga's selection committee was recommending the nationally respected Lennar Communities to develop the former training center. But the city council announced on June 22 of that year that it had selected Corky McMillin instead. Shortly afterward McMillin



Two of the San Diego County votes on Coastal Commission against historic reviews — Ben Haddad, Steve Padilla



Fought for historic reviews — Mike Aguirre

ing public land. McMillin would now own 20 percent of the site. Even Mayor Dick Murphy eventually expressed outrage at the turn of events. In July 2001 he stated that he would have opposed the project if he had been mayor at the time it was adopted. But then he voted to continue it anyway.

Corky McMillin named the redevelopment Liberty Station in 2002. Its latest manifestation includes the Marketplace at Liberty Station, a group of retail businesses and restaurants. The I-shaped build-

(inside) portion of the 'I'-shaped buildings and adding approximately 13,766 [square feet to them], for the adaptive reuse of the buildings for retail and restaurant use."

But "these are H-shaped buildings," says John McNab. "Afterwards they'll be square." Their H-shape has created courtyards that could be used for dining outdoors, perhaps by bed-and-breakfast tourists who long ago trained nearby, according to McNab. That would retain the buildings' "defining characteristics," which

the crucial issue. The original plan for the Marketplace, approved by the coastal commission in 2001, has two contradictory paragraphs under the heading "NTC Historic District." The first requires that "additions to buildings" be sent to the California Office of Historic Preservation "for a determination of consistency with" U.S. Secretary of the Interior requirements. It also demands that the additions go before San Diego's Historical Resources Board for a recommendation.

The second paragraph states that if changes are only "modifications to existing structures on the site," then San Diego's Development Services Department shall conduct a "substantial conformity review" to determine whether the changes go beyond the original plan.

The City's development services opted to conduct a substantial conformity review, which concluded that the changes to the Marketplace's historic buildings do conform to the original plan. At the December 14 meeting, the City's project manager Cory Wilkinson said the substantial conformity review "is not subject to appeal."

So is it McMillin's plan to construct "additions to buildings" or make "modifications to existing structures"? The debate at the December coastal commission meeting became whether this question constituted a "substantial issue" that required resolution. Before the meeting, the commission's staff recommended that no substantial issue be found with the project. The staff reasoned that since less than 50 percent of the buildings' exteriors would be demolished, there was no justification for delay-

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Liberty Station (foreground)

veloping the property into Liberty Station. The first complaint had come in a "last-minute letter" from Aguirre, "which was questionable in its legal analysis," according to Haddad. The second complaint came from Save Our NTC, which Haddad characterized as a special-interest group claiming to represent the City of San Diego. An audiotape of the December

such objections. One wonders whether Haddad forgot that he was no longer Mayor Susan Golding's chief of staff or the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce president. Today he is senior vice president for communications at the local Science Applications International Corporation.

Many people in San Diego believe that McMillin and the City's Redevelopment Agency

created the NTC Foundation to oversee public nonprofit activities on the site. A year later the council approved a "Disposition and Development Agreement" for the project totaling 800-plus pages. Writing in the *Union-Tribune* on June 13, columnist Neil Morgan questioned how well the plan, which now included condominium complexes and office buildings, was preserv-

ings discussed at the December California Coastal Commission meeting belong to the Marketplace. Thousands of Navy personnel used them as barracks from 1923 through the early 1990s. A coastal commission staff report describes the changes to the Marketplace's historic buildings as follows: "Modifications to Buildings... 27, 28, 29, 30, consisting of removing the narrow

is what federal law requires. Instead, their new square shape would make them more suitable for housing large retail businesses. McNab worries that businesses like Bed, Bath and Beyond will take over the buildings, making the Marketplace much more like a strip mall than a waterside Balboa Park.

At the December 14 hearing a verbal dispute framed

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you will see is a report that contains enough unfavorable elements so that the media will say, 'This is a tough report.' But it will not measurably affect the status quo. Arthur is not going to produce a whitewash that will get him bad press. The Arthur Levitt I know will produce a tough-sounding report that will get him good press."

Levitt has already massaged the *Union-Tribune* editorial board. It keeps referring to him as a highly respected securities reformer and supports his attempts to squeeze more money out of the city. I have been sent copies of e-mails in which Levitt's subordinates tell

former city manager P. Lamont Ewell how they have talked with editorial-page editors to get the party line across. On April 22 of last year, Lynn Turner, Levitt's former chief accountant at the securities agency and his deputy on the San Diego project, told Ewell, "I had a call today with Bill Osborn... Bill Kettle was on the other line." (The correct names and spellings are Osborne and Bob Kittle.)

Here's how Levitt got his remunerative position: After the city was forced to admit in early 2004 that it had concealed pension deficits in bond prospectuses for eight years, it hired the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins to do a study. Secretly, that law firm

said, as quoted in the *Reader* on November 4, 2004, "We will of course make our best efforts to achieve a result in this inquiry that is satisfactory to the city." In short, it would be a whitewash. It was, exculpating city employees and politicians. KPMG, the accounting firm hired to audit the 2003 books, wouldn't accept the report. City attorney Mike Aguirre prepared his own reports accusing City officials of fraud and other illegal acts. The council hired Levitt's team to reconcile the reports by Vinson and Aguirre.

Weiss says that hiring Levitt "was a smart move from the standpoint of the people doing the hiring [city council]," because they will get what they

want: no change in the status quo. But the citizens of San Diego should ask, "Did [the council] know that he sat by and did nothing during the worst Wall Street abuses in history? Or did they just rely on media spin?"

Weiss's book tells how Levitt publicized a so-called crusade against powerful auditor-consultants, who wound up getting a meaningless wrist slap. Similarly, Levitt knew about mutual funds giving kickbacks to brokerage houses but didn't do anything. Ditto for Wall Street insiders buying mutual funds at stale prices not available to small investors. He also ignored that quintessential insiders' game, the underwriting and selling of tax-free

municipal bonds, so often negotiated without competitive bidding. (Remember the AAA-rated, insured San Diego ballpark bonds that went out at an amazingly high 7.66 percent interest rate and were awarded to only one firm?) Levitt "gave a bunch of speeches on the subject and scowled and knitted his brow — and as usual, backed down," writes Weiss.

Levitt aside, this book is a fount of information. It shows how arbitration is rigged for Wall Street and against investors; how the business press mainly cranks out puff pieces; how class-action suits fatten lawyers' pockets but don't help investors; how the hedge funds are basically glorified mutual funds

with offshore addresses; and how Sarbanes-Oxley, the law that supposedly protects investors, does no such thing.

Weiss also attacks companies that stifle investors' right of free expression. His major example is ZiaSun Technologies, a onetime Solana Beach company that owned a number of dot-com enterprises. That was glorious while the dot-com bubble expanded but — well, you can guess what happened. On Internet chat rooms, investors claimed they had been hornswoggled to buy the stock by offshore boiler rooms. Some said the whole thing was a scam.

ZiaSun sued those who posted negative remarks on

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the Internet. A long fight ensued. Finally, there was a settlement, and the Internet posters didn't have to cough up any money. But they agreed to give up their First Amend-

ment rights—a perpetual gag order. They promised never to post anything negative about ZiaSun again. It “shows you how terrific a lawsuit can be when you're a company and the defendant is some poor slob who says something you

don't like on the Internet,” writes Weiss. There were no screams from guardians of the First Amendment.

ZiaSun charged that some of the Internet posters were in bed with short sellers betting the stock would go down.

(It turned out to be a profitable bet.) “If a company makes a big fuss about short sellers, I would view that as a red flag,” says Weiss. “I would avoid such companies like the plague, because history tells us that compa-

nies that engage in such conduct are more concerned with hyping their stock than making their companies succeed.”

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ing the project. They also insisted that the remaining external facades would not be greatly affected.

But several commissioners were concerned about the “ambiguities” over whether San Diego's Development Services Department was required to obtain historic reviews, especially the one by the California Office of Historic Preservation. According to commissioner Mary Shallenberger from Sacramento, “We're not doing anybody any favors by acknowledging there's an ambiguity, saying, ‘There's no substantial issue,’ and moving on. This issue will be back before us in the future if we don't straighten it out now.” Two of the commissioners agreed that weight ought to be given to the San Diego city attorney's “position that there hasn't been proper vetting.”

Several other commissioners thought that the issue should be resolved by the parties in San Diego and not by their body. But commissioner Sara Wan of Malibu argued that “dueling forces within the City of San Diego” demanded that “an independent assessment” be sought from the state historic preservation office.

In the end, the commission voted six to five that no substantial issue existed to stop the adaptations to historic buildings in Liberty Station's Marketplace. The minority vote came from five commissioners living outside San Diego County. One might have expected the three San Diegans on the commission to split their votes, reflecting their region's “dueling forces.” But joining Ben Haddad in a block vote with the majority were Patrick Kruer of the La Jolla Monarch Group developers and Chula Vista mayor Steve Padilla. Before casting his vote, Mayor Padilla reiterated Haddad's apology to San Francisco.

A drive through the old Naval Training Center today reveals massive construction everywhere. At buildings 27, 28, 29, and 30 a guard prevents entrance into the demolition area. But from the adjacent parking lot one can see that the inside staffs of the I-shapes are being removed. The planned infill will replace the buildings' charming courtyards forever. ■

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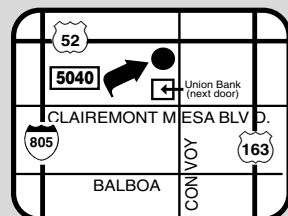
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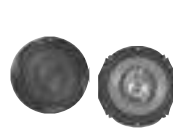
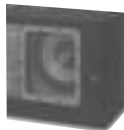
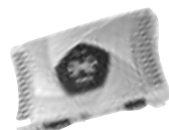
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Reader Enthusiast

Josh Board's "Crasher" column is one of the most unique, delightful columns! The coverage of our Rosarito Beach weekend party (March 30) and the infamous Tortilla Toss Competition was terrific!

This party is 32 years old, and over 3000 people have attended the weekend event — and now we all feel the event has been immortalized, thanks to Josh and the San Diego Reader! And how great to read the DVD film reviews by three of my students in the same issue! And then to check out the cover story ("San Diego Models Tell All") of Parker Shinn, supermodel, where I learned that Parker, while a student in my high school film class last year, earned the same salary that I did after 32 years of teaching for San Diego City Schools. Parker was a great student, and his story is very inspiring. Oh, and by the way, if anyone is interested in a teacher model, I am available for a price... Love the Reader!!!!

Larry Zeiger
Midway

Great Cover

Who did the cover illustration for the March 23 edition, entitled "Buddied Up"? It was great.

Beverly Stengel
via e-mail

Frank Glaser. — Editor

Horror On Rye

Just want to say after reading "Tin Fork" on China Too (March 23), I was excited and soon ate lunch there. It was an absolute horror. Tell Ed Bedford next time to recommend to his readers to make a pork-fat, tongue, bacon, avocado, and gravy sandwich; it would be a lot

more healthy.

Joey Cutlets
via e-mail

Week's Guest Reviewer

I walked out of the Ken Theater after enduring slightly over one hour of the sophomoric, amateurish *Unknown White Male*, which Duncan Shepherd praises in his column for March 16. The documentary film deals with a young man who doesn't know who he is. When we find out who he is, we really couldn't care less. It turns out that he is the kind of "artist" who lives in a loft in New York City with a couple of cockatoos and some little dogs. (We are never told where he gets the money to live in a big loft in Manhattan or to fly all over the world.) When he lost his identity through amnesia, he didn't really lose much because he didn't have much of an identity to start with. Like his young friends, he is just another airhead with artistic pretensions. He has been studying photography for something like three years. We are shown samples of his photography. They are all full-face shots of male and female models. Their only interest is in the faces of the models themselves. There is no detectable art involved. The paintings on his walls all have that characteristic crude, derivative quality of the work of young mediocrities everywhere.

Everything is shot with handheld cameras. It seems that everyone in the picture has a handheld camera, and we sometimes see one person with a handheld camera being shot by another with a handheld camera. It's a wonder they don't injure each other. (Maybe that's how Bruce got amnesia?) The quality of the film is so bad it is embarrassing. The next step will be to make movies with video cell phones.

When this Douglas Bruce makes what Shepherd calls a "voyage" to visit his father and two of his sisters, he does not shake hands with them or hug them but immediately sticks a handheld camera in their faces to catch their reactions to seeing him again. A voyage, according to the dictionary, is a long journey usually over the ocean. Since

Bruce flies in a jet airliner, it would be more appropriate to call it a hop or a trip. We know he is flying because he photographs the clouds from above and all that artsy sort of thing. His idea of art, as well as that of the filmmaker's, is to point a camera at anything that might be considered photogenic — clouds, trees, waves, birds, etc.

One of Bruce's sisters is, like, you know, wow — another airhead. She goggles at the camera to further clarify her thoughts and emotions. She is not delighted to see her brother but delighted to have a chance to mug for his camera. Each time the camera is stuck in her rather pretty face, she goes through the same routine, as if she rehearsed it and is stuck with it for life. Her standard expression is "I was, like, you know, wow!" or "I was, like, you know — huh?" and then she lets her eyes roll back and forth like the last two olives in the jar.

I went to the five o'clock showing, which was attended mostly by seniors like myself. (They were probably lured there by Ebert and Roeper, which shows how unreliable those two are.) I came out of the theater into the cold fresh air after the recent rainstorm feeling a certain contempt for modern young people. None of them have any genuine identities, so what's the big deal about one who has lost his? He has to remake himself, but they are all making themselves up as they go along. They seem to do it by imitating each other. They are no different from Bruce except he was able to start with a clean slate.

I kept trying to remember a quote from somebody like La Rochefoucauld, but I haven't been able to put my finger on it. I will try to paraphrase. "Youth is a time for trying on personalities. Thus it might be said that youth is a period of assumed identities."

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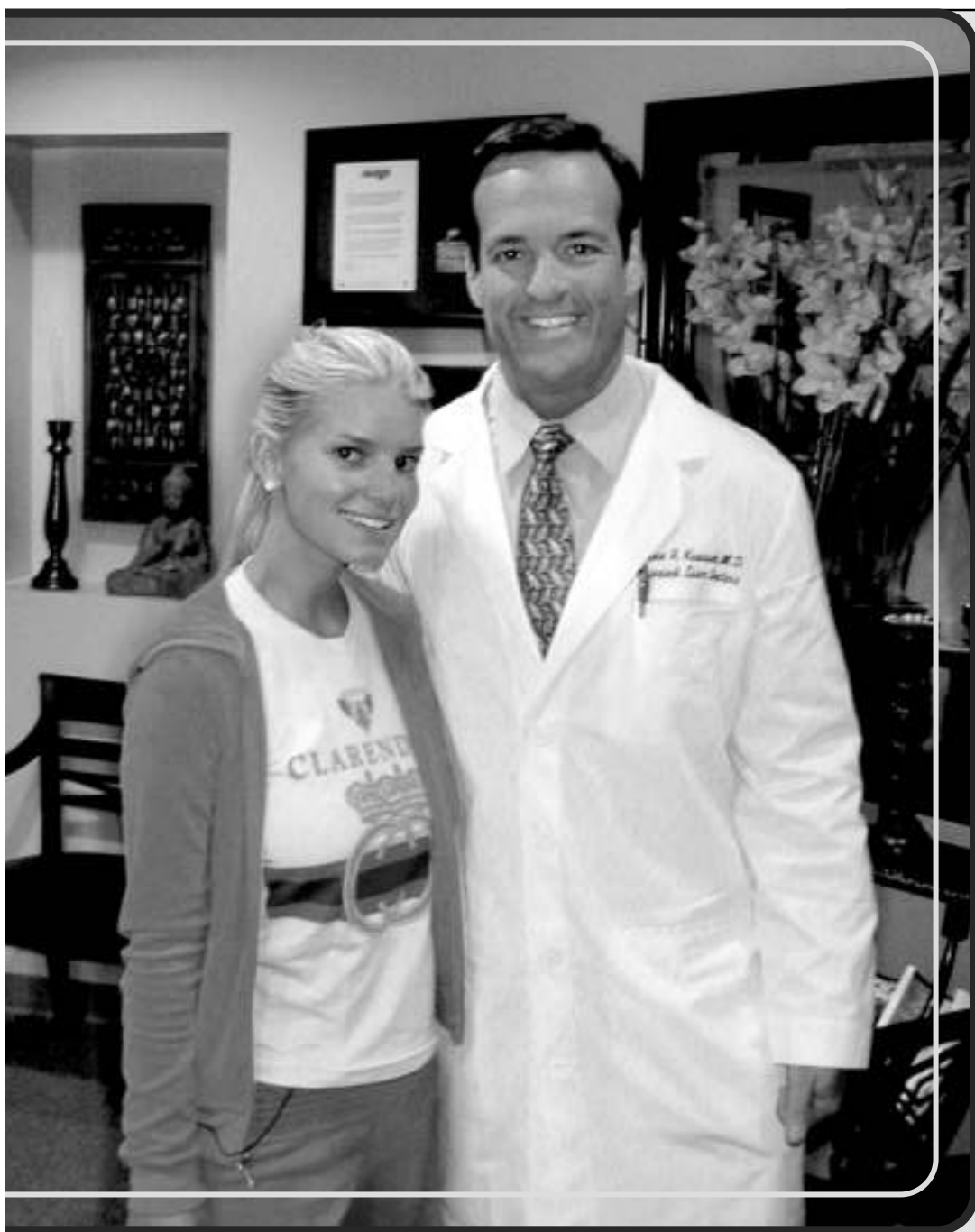
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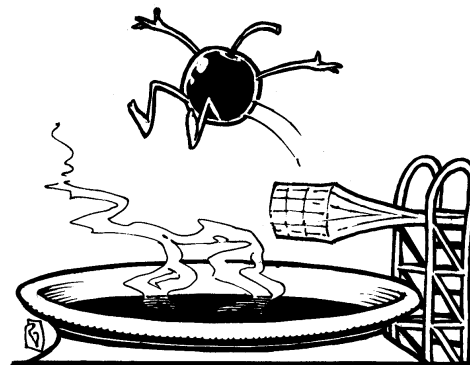
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

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Heymatt:

I love chocolate-covered cherries, but I can't figure out how they make them. Do they cover the cherry with chocolate and then squirt the juice in there somehow? Do they make the top, put in the cherry and the juice, then put on the bottom?

— Merrilee, Solana Beach

Matthew:

I thought that "Dutch chocolate" meant it was the best kind. But an ad for cake mix says it's made with "Dutched chocolate." Is that cheap chocolate made to taste like Dutch chocolate?

— Chocoholics Anonymous, San Diego

The entire Alice family has been on a big shape-up campaign lately. Pop moved the refrigerator into the garage, at least 20 yards farther away from the TV, and he breaks a nice little sweat jogging back and forth. (He also wanted to watch less TV, so he bought a set with a smaller screen.) Ma Alice is into week three of an all-turnip diet. We toss them down the cellar stairs to her twice a day. She's been stuck there ever since she went to do laundry with a Sara Lee sampler pack for company. Guess that last cheesecake put her over the top, girth-wise. Another five pounds and Pop and I should be able to grease up the door frame and spring her loose. Ma says turnips aren't half bad if you run them twice through the rinse cycle.

Anyway, I've pledged not to answer any high-fat, high-cholesterol questions until I'm back down to my fighting weight. For the past week, I've grappled with nothing but knotty posers about rice cakes and celery, so I think I've earned a chocolate day for good behavior.

The Dutch/Dutched chocolate confusion is more truth-in-packaging stuff. What in the past was called Dutch chocolate is more correctly "Dutched" chocolate. Chocolate beans are processed into various forms, one of the most useful being cocoa powder, used in drink mixes and baked goods. Cocoa is just chocolate with most of the fatty cocoa butter removed. (Add milk solids and sugar to the cocoa butter and you have white chocolate.) But this process still leaves the powder from 10 to 35 percent fat, which can cause it to lump together and fail to disperse evenly in liquids and dry mixes. "Dutching" (invented in the Netherlands) is the process of adding an alkaline solution like potassium carbonate to the chocolate. This raises it to a more neutral pH, darkens the color, makes the flavor milder, and helps prevent lumping when the powder's mixed. So, Dutched chocolate has been no closer to its namesake than has the Holland Tunnel.

The mystery of liquid-center candies, most particularly the chocolate-covered cherry, is truly a story of better living through chemistry. According to the Russell Stover company, their handmade treats begin with a maraschino cherry wrapped in a thick fondant paste made of sugar, water, and a natural plant and animal enzyme called invertase (commercially known as Convertit). The cherry-and-fondant blob is then dipped in chocolate. Gradually the invertase converts the sugar's sucrose into liquid glucose and fructose. In a matter of hours or days, depending on the fondant recipe, the cherries are bobbing around in that messy syrup. Stover warns that the internal air pocket left when the fondant liquefies can cause the candies to explode if you take them on your next high-altitude backpacking trip. Heck, sounds like fun to me.

Well, back to work. Where did I put that nagging carrot-stick question, anyway?

Dear Matthew Alice:

I just borrowed another 20 bucks from my dad. The 20 in question had red dye along one edge. Was it involved in a bank robbery — you know, exploding dye packs and all? My dad says he's repaid his debt to society and swears he hasn't robbed any banks lately.

— Eric, San Diego

In my 70, 80 years of toiling on behalf of public enlightenment, I've found the two hardest institutions to wring info from are the Federal Reserve and Disneyland. So, battered and bruised from duking it out with the bureaucrats, I know only that the dye is applied to the edge of a stack of bills during the counting and wrapping process at Federal Reserve banks, which supply our local banks with bills and coins and destroy tattered greenbacks washed too many times in our jeans pockets. The dye marking has some meaning, but apparently that's classified info, much too sensitive to be entrusted to the common man. Or even the uncommon Matthew Alice.

Matt:

The hatred of women is "misogyny," but what about the hatred of men?

— Lovers of All, San Diego

An interesting commentary, when we all know "misogyny" but not its male counterpart. The word isn't even in most dictionaries. The earliest written use of it dates to 1946, if the *Oxford English Dictionary* is correct, while "misogyny" is ancient. Anyway, if misogyny is the hatred of women, then misandry is the hatred of men (*andros*-, Greek, "male"). If you're an equal-opportunity sorehead and can't stand anybody, regardless of gender, that's misanthropy. Hatred of Matthew Alice is misguided.

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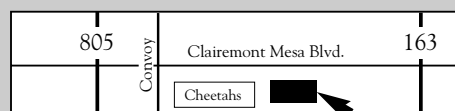
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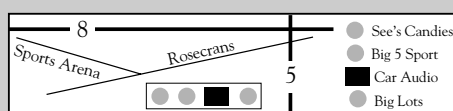
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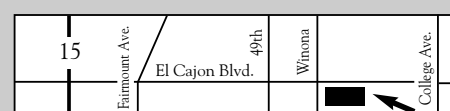
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Sports Showbiz Edition

Yes, it's time to catch up with our favorite sports heroes from yesterday. Go ahead, kick back on the big, brown living room sofa and while you're there, why not enjoy a glass of your favorite beverage!

I'll begin with Iron Mike Tyson, who, by the way, is only 39 years old. Tyson's been around so long, I thought he was 20 years older. No matter, he's still a player. The *New York Post* reports that while staying at the Metropole Hotel in Brighton, Republic of England, "Two nights in a row [Tyson] ushered hookers and strippers up to his second-floor suite."

The man is a beast. On the other hand, he might have been doing fieldwork for his new career. *Life Style Extra* tells us, "The pugilist, who reputedly has a 14-inch penis, said, 'I talked to a gentleman called Jimmy who's involved with Jenna Jameson. He said he was interested in getting me involved in the adult film industry.'"

Go, Mr. Penis.

Did you catch Monday's NCAA Championship game? I missed the mandatory headshot of John Wooden, the celebrated UCLA basketball coach. The guy is unique. Follows are a few of his stats: Led his Indiana high school team to a state championship in 1927. Led Purdue to the national championship in 1932 and was Player of the Year. Coached two years at Indiana State University (44-15), then hired on with UCLA in 1948. Won 10 national championships. Led the Bruins to four 30-0 seasons, won 19 PAC 10 (at that time PAC 8) championships, six-time NCAA College Basketball Coach of the Year, inducted into the Hall of Fame as a player and as a coach and blah, blah, blah...

Here's the one thing to remember about John: that dude is old enough to remember World War I. According to his bio, John learned basketball by making his own ball out of rags tightly stuffed into his mother's hosiery. He practiced shooting using a tomato basket hung on a barn wall. This is hard-core Americana. This is steamboats down by the levee. Wooden learned basketball 27 years after the game was invented. But (and I've saved the best for last) he's worked his way up the employment ladder and today he's an All American Talent and Celebrity Network speaker! Hear his inspirational lecture at your club for only \$50,001 and above!

Associated Press, October 25, 2005. VANCOUVER, Wash. — Tonya Harding tussled in her home with a man she described as her boyfriend, prompting an emergency call by the

figure skater-turned-boxer and an arrest of the man.

Christopher Nolan was charged with assault and pleaded not guilty Monday. He told deputies Harding threw him down and bit his finger when he said she had too much to drink on Sunday.

Chris probably wasn't aware of Tonya "Bad Girl" Harding's ring record, which, according to *boxrec.com*, is 3 Wins, 3 Losses, and 1 No Contest. Harding is ranked 25th in the latest WBAN Computerized Rankings Women's Lightweight Division.

Her record does not reflect the unfortunate events of March 10, 2005. Tonya was game, ready to take on local transvestite Daisy D at Beach Bums, a Fort Lauderdale lounge of spotless reputation. Then, at the *last* minute, something came up. "We had a little problem with the Florida State Athletic Commission," said promoter Damon Feldman. State police arrived before the match and threatened to arrest anyone who climbed into the ring. Feldman declined to return his customers' money, saying, "It's not that I don't want to give it back, it's just there was no money made."

From the "Because You Wanted to Know" file: Increasingly crazy human disappointment Tom Cruise talked to a bunch of foreigners (Germans) on foreign TV (German TV) about his new love, Katie Holmes. Tom explained, "First the baby, then the film. Then, in summer, we want to get married. I won't let this woman get away."

Finally, from the "Nice Guys and Gals DO Finish First" file: Linda Tripp, the backstabbing "friend" of Monica Lewinsky who secretly taped 20 hours of her telephone conversations with the trusting child and then ratted out her buddy to the world — "Monica gives blow jobs to the president" — is doing well. And isn't that what we all want?

Following her betrayal, Linda turned over a new leaf and obtained an eye-lift, face-lift, nose job, chin job, neck liposuction, and a Yuki Sharoni hairdo. Linda returned to her old job as a public-affairs specialist at the Defense Manpower Center, saw her Maryland illegal wiretapping charges dropped, and accepted \$595,000 from the United States government as settlement to her violation of privacy lawsuit.

Linda recently married her childhood sweetheart and opened a year-round Christmas store, The Christmas Sleigh, in Middleburg, Virginia. The newlyweds commute between Virginia and their home in Germany.

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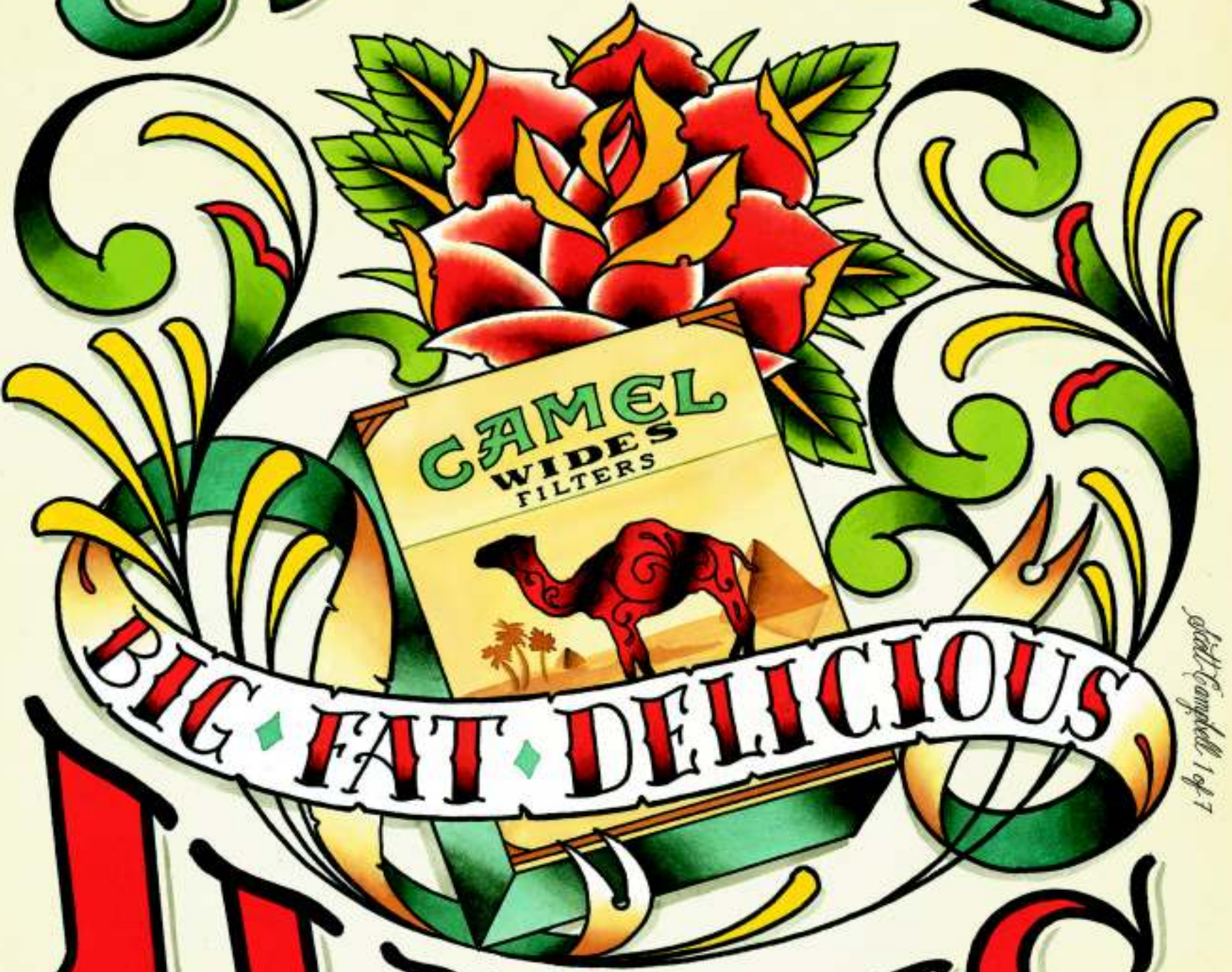
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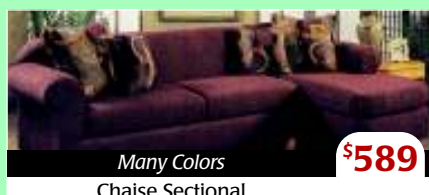
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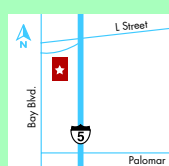


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Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: very diverse, a mix of Caucasian, Hispanic, African-American, and Asian-American
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. (lower campus), 9:30 a.m. (upper campus), 10:30 a.m. (lower campus), 11:30 a.m. (upper campus), 12:30 p.m. (lower campus), 10:30 a.m. Revolution service for high-school age students (upper campus)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: www.eastlakechurch.com

When the band started at Eastlake Community Church's 11:30 a.m. upper campus service, Pastor Ben Sigman was not in the building. He was still down the hill at the church's more churchlike lower campus, finishing up the 10:30 service. And by the time Sigman did take the stage, the band was setting up down the hill for the 12:30. The see-saw back-and-forth started at 8:30 that morning — the two Saturday-afternoon services were both held up top, in the big room inside the converted Kaiser Permanente facility. It's how Eastlake accommodates the crowds.

The band caught the flavor of the church — varied in race (an African-American drummer), in age (three youngish backup singers, three middle-aged guitarists, a Gen-Xer on lead vocals), and in gender (gals on vocals and keyboards), but all blending to produce a polished Christian-pop sound. (When people ask Pastor Sigman, "Why don't we go back to the traditional music?" he responds, "How far back do you want to go? Back to the 1st Century? God uses all kinds of churches with all kinds of music. We have a certain style that tends to work in our community.")

Pastor James Grogan — young, square-jawed, dressed in jeans, T-shirt, and sport coat — took the stage after the band. "One of the ways we affirm that we believe in Jesus besides singing about it," he began, "is by taking communion. You should find your communion elements underneath your seat" — and there they were, in an ingenious single-serving combo-pack of wafer and grape juice. "We serve what we call 'open communion.' You don't have to have gone to a certain class or be a member.... If you are here and you would consider yourself a believer in Jesus, then we invite you to participate."

Before we ate and drank, Grogan reminded us of Paul's exhortation that we examine our hearts before receiving. "If you need to confess some things, you can do that at this time." A gui-

tar strummed quietly into the silence as Grogan bowed his head.

Sigman's sermon concluded Eastlake's series entitled "10 Things I Hate About Church" — the look of the logo on the handout matched that of the recent film *10 Things I Hate About You*. The final hated thing: "Church is all about guilt, rules, and money." At the opening, the screen showed a clip from *The Simpsons* — Pastor Lovejoy preaching against a "so-called 'new religion,'" which was "nothing but a pack of weird rituals and chants designed to take the money of fools." Then he asked his flock to "say the Lord's Prayer 40 times — but first, let's pass the collection plate!" The congregation laughed.

Sigman thought this particular charge against church was "more of a caricature than a characterization," but he still thought it worth refuting. First, guilt. "Church is about grace, not guilt." Salvation, according to Ephesians, "is a gift that God gives us." He granted that "real guilt" exists, but cited Second Corinthians: "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." Sigman recalled that John Newton, who wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace," said near the

end of his life, "My memory is nearly gone, but I can remember two things — that I am a great sinner, and that I have a great Savior."

Second, rules: "Oftentimes, we think, 'If I have the right list of rules, then everything will be okay.' The Bible makes it clear that it's not about rules — it's about a relationship with God. That's where it begins. Does that mean there are no rules? Let me ask you a question: does that work in relationships? There are going to be boundaries...but the primary thing is the relationship. Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. We spend the rest of our lives trying to unpack that spiritual reality, but let's never forget that it's about that relationship."

Third, money: "The church is about ministry, not money."

The recent building campaign "wasn't because it's all about money and buildings. It was because people had a heart for their friends."

So — if not guilt, rules, and money, what drives Eastlake Church? Sigman laid out five answers: A heart for broken people, a dislike for dumb church stuff (committees, wrangling over music and the placement of the cross within the church), a commitment to your right next step, a desire to experience God's joy, and a passion for changed lives.

What happens when we die?

"I believe that people are created to exist forever," says Sigman. "We will either exist eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation or eternally separated from God by sin. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. To be eternally separated from God is hell. I believe that heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence."

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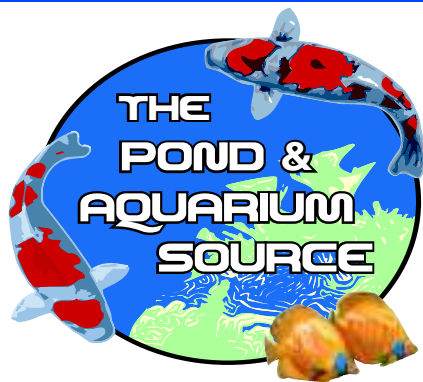


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—EVE KELLY

My sister Meg lives without most common kitchen utensils. You won't find a Pyrex measuring cup, a wooden spatula, or even a teakettle in her kitchen. On one family visit to her house, my husband Patrick went out and bought her a cheese grater because, as he said, "Who doesn't own a cheese grater?" Meg doesn't. "You can live without a lot of things," she jested to me last week.

"Who doesn't like soggy lettuce? Forget the salad spinner. But a can opener, that is another story. That is a necessity. We lived on a lot of canned goods when we were in grad school."

Perhaps Meg would become the next Julia Child if she were properly set up with kitchen supplies. I decided to pick the brains of my family and friends to put together a list of culinary *sine qua nons*.

"I live by my wooden spoons," said college chum Sarah. "I have a few different-sized round-headed ones, and then I have a flat spatula head. They are great for anything on the stove that needs stirring. I can just leave them in the pot."

Her mother-in-law, listening in on the conversation, added her own favorite utensil. "It's called the Quick Chop. It is a cylinder with a knob on top," she explained, "and you chop onions or garlic in it by pounding the knob. I'm constantly using it in the kitchen."

Cousin Laura warned me about measuring spoons. "Don't buy cheap measuring spoons, because the letters wear off on them. Then you are left guessing as to what measurement it is. Only buy metal utensils with engraved letters on them."

"I'm not the greatest in the kitchen," shrugged gal pal Erica, "but a cheap potato peeler is useless, and to peel by hand takes forever — you waste half of the potato. So a good potato peeler is a necessary item."

"My French chef Cutco knife," answered pal Vicki. "Wouldn't live without that for more than a day."

"You have to have good knives," best friend Bernice agreed. "A chef's knife, a boning knife, a paring knife, and a small serrated knife. With those four knives, you can do anything in the kitchen. I also love my Joyce Chen kitchen scissors. I use them to snip herbs, cut up a chicken, cut string. I use them all the time."

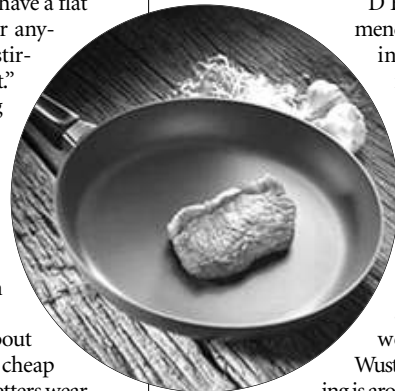
Her husband Frank, a home pastry chef by night, would not live without his double boiler. "For my birthday years ago, all I wanted was a double boiler. Bernice bought me an All-Clad double boiler, which is wonderful because it is heavy, so the top pan fits tightly in the base pan. When you are stirring ingredients in it, the pan is not moving on you. I use that for a lot of my desserts."

Friend Shawn loves her Le Creuset Dutch oven. "I make everything in it," she informed me. "It is fire engine red, made of enameled cast iron, and I wouldn't live without it."

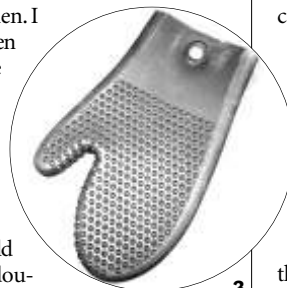
The most interesting reply came from my sister Cathy. "I would have to say my needle-nose pliers," she said. "I use them for getting things



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"A cheap potato peeler is useless, and to peel by hand takes forever — you waste half of the potato."

out of the drain, or helping get lids off of cans, lots of things."

After talking to all of these homemakers, I called Erika D'Eugenio, retail manager for Great News Discount Cookware. She gave me a long rundown of must-haves. Her first suggestion was a toaster oven. "Personally, I would die without my toaster oven. It's a DeLonghi six-slice toaster oven, all stainless steel, and it also has a rounded back so that you can fit pizzas in it [\$99]."

"For cookware, I would say All-Clad and ScanPan together. All-Clad for your stainless steel cookware and ScanPan when you need a really good nonstick. ScanPan is a ceramic titanium nonstick [with a] lifetime warranty. It doesn't have the Teflon properties in it. [ScanPan frying pans start at \$39; All-Clad start at about \$100 apiece. The 9-piece set runs \$539 with two free gifts.] You save about 20 percent when you do the set."

D'Eugenio also recommended an All-Clad roasting pan or a Mauviel roasting pan, "which is a seven-ply stainless-steel roasting pan so that you can make gravy in it on top of the stove top [\$220]."

"Every kitchen needs good knives," she continued, "I would recommend Wusthof or Shun. The pricing is around the same for both [sets start at \$299]. A good chef's knife is going to run you about \$90."

"I would do Emile Henry casserole and baking dishes [\$25 and up]," she added. "They are from freezer to oven. And some high-quality cookie sheets that won't warp, like a Chicago Metallic cookie sheet, which runs about \$22."

Hitting her stride, D'Eugenio continued, "We promote our silicone pot mitts. [About \$20 apiece]. They go up to 600 degrees and you can put your hand in boiling water with it on."

"You also need a nice wood cutting board. We carry bamboo cutting boards, which are a harder cutting board, and they are not going to warp. Smaller sizes run \$30 to \$100. We also carry Epicurean boards, which are a composite of different woods, and they are a dishwasher-safe wood [\$20 and up]."

"For utensils, every kitchen needs a whisk, a good high-heat spatula, a ladle, and tongs. And I would recommend the Rosle garlic press [\$32], which is a one-piece stainless steel press. I would also have a probe-style meat thermometer. The probe piece sticks in the meat, and the meter is on the outside of the oven so you don't have to keep opening your oven [\$24]."

Before we hung up, D'Eugenio had one last addition. "Every kitchen needs a Microplane zester [\$12.94–14.94]. The small, skinny, hand-held grater is wonderful for grating chocolate, nutmeg, cheese, and zest of lemons, limes, and oranges."

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MULTICULTURAL MIXERS

by Josh Board

Tiffany was turning 30 and hosting a party in the clubhouse of her Mission Valley apartment complex. I got there a few minutes after 7 p.m. as she was setting up, so I shot pool with a friend I brought with me. I overheard someone say that it's \$100 to rent the clubhouse if you are a resident.

A guy who looked like Bill Murray was watching *Speed Racer* cartoons on a big-screen TV. He was a criminal lawyer named Blake, and he was with a woman younger than himself. Blake said they met when he sang the '70s pop hit "Brandy" in a karaoke bar. "We talked, and she moved in one week later." She laughed and denied it, but she later admitted that Blake's story was close to the truth.

Blake told me he reads the *Reader* during his downtime in court. He asked me, "Are you that Josh Beard guy?"

He and I talked about music. He told me he was taking drum lessons and that his teacher was here. As I recall, it was Indian drumming.

Another guy I talked to at Tiffany's party arranged music for silent films and played with the San Diego Symphony. He told me about playing oboe at the Museum of Contemporary



Art and opening for Sue Palmer. He had a leopard print suit on and told me, "I keep the microfiber suit in the car. It never wrinkles and is great for parties."

When I asked him about scoring silent films, he told an interesting story about using coconut shells for sound effects.

Tiffany reminded me of a young Sally Field. She was concerned about the event and

"I keep the microfiber suit in the car. It never wrinkles and is great for parties."

said, "A lot of these friends of mine are meeting for the first time." She's a writer and wondered what I'd write about her party, but she didn't want to influence what was written.

Tiffany has a boyfriend in



India, and I asked her if it was an arranged relationship. She said, "No. Everyone is always asking me that." She told me a romantic story of how she met him when she traveled with her friend (his brother) to India.

The brother helped prepare this party, which explains why all the food was Indian. A few people joked about how we should try the "salty balls." One thing I tried looked like a meatball but tasted like dirt.

I noticed the *Speed Racer* cartoons had been changed to Bollywood movies. They had the volume up so loud that I couldn't hear the people I was talking to. The Indian songs weren't as bad when they brought them into another room, where the lights were turned low and everyone danced. The Indian women were teaching the Caucasians how to do an Afghan dance. One of them didn't want to tell me her name but did. However, when I spoke with her later in the evening, she used a different name.

After trying the food and

not liking any of it, I decided to grab a Coke from the kitchen, and I saw a guy cut himself on an ice scooper. I noticed the woman who didn't want to tell me her name went outside for a cigarette. She eyed me suspiciously through the window.

I was getting ready to head to another party when Tiffany's aunt arrived. The aunt looked only a few years older than Tiffany. She's a first-grade teacher taking classes to become an architect. She told several stories about things that her students have said over the years. I couldn't imagine changing careers later in life, trying to work and go to school at the same time.

I hate meeting someone interesting as I'm ready to leave. But I had another party to attend.

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The party in National City was thrown by a Filipino guy in his early 20s. He had food there that I liked and a DJ playing a mix of dance tunes and songs in Tagalog. In the back yard, he had a bar serving fruity drinks. I ordered a margarita.

I talked with a guy named Nick who asked me why I showed up at 11 p.m. I told

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him about the other party I went to. When I mentioned Tiffany having a boyfriend in India, he said, "My girl-friend is in the Philip-pines." He told me that she was a cousin of the guy throwing this party and that he agreed to marry her so she could live in this country. After they made this arrangement, the couple fell in love. I told him that I would be wary of the situation, but he was convinced it was true love. Someone overheard this and said, "Yeah, we'll see. She'll probably try to bring her whole family over." Another person explained how that isn't possible, and a big argument started as to how it is possible. The more I talked to Nick, the more complicated his circumstances seemed. He had been waiting a year for her to come out here, and they still had a lot of hoops to jump through.

Two guys showed up who looked like they were in a gang. An older lady yelled at them and, like the

music, the voices went from English to Tagalog. I heard her say, "If there are any problems, I will not hesitate to call the police."

The guys didn't cause any problems, but they did go to the side of the house to smoke joints. The lady that warned them did not see that.

There were several girls in half-shirts, exposing tattoos on their backs. An older guy said to me, "If my daughter did that, I would kill her. She is only 13, but she already talks about how much she wants ink and body piercings. I blame it on those rap bands she listens to."

I said, "It's funny, because people used to blame Elvis for things the youth did in the '50s. And in the '60s, they blamed the Beatles for their teenagers smoking pot. If a teenager can be influenced by the music they listen to...well, there are bigger problems in the parenting going on."

This guy got offended.

He thought I was knocking his parenting skills. I said, "Look, I grew up loving the Doors. I didn't become an alcoholic because of Morrison. Hell, I've never even tried a joint." He then screamed, "So what? This makes you better than my daughter? I can't wait until you have kids and they go and get tattoos. We'll see your attitude then!"

I left about 15 minutes later, and a lady convinced me to take food home. "I saw you eat a lot of it. I know you enjoyed it." I replied, "That's because I couldn't eat any of the Indian food earlier."

She handed me something wrapped in aluminum foil. I forgot the leftovers in my car, and the next day my upholstery smelled of dead skunk. ■

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by Barbarella

Fancy Feet

It's a pleasant thing to be young, and have ten toes.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

I should have taken her someplace nicer. As I parked the car, I tried to remember my motives for bringing her here — any other place would have been like trying to

expose her to Mexican food by taking her to Taco Bell. I was committed to giving her the full experience, regardless of how confused and frightened she might be. Whatever sympathy I felt for my apprehensive sister was eclipsed by incredulity — how did she make it to 26 without ever getting a pedicure?

Entering this popular walk-in salon always reminds me of the first time David took me to a dim sum brunch on Convoy. Orders and questions are fired at me faster than I can decipher them — the words carried on thick accents like intricate oral designs interwoven on a ver-

bal blanket. My friend Stephanie calls this place, “Youpickculuh!” because that’s what is shouted at anyone who crosses the threshold.

“You, pick culuh!” Jenny looked at me for guidance and I pointed to the shelves on the back wall, lined with bottles of nail polish. I went straight for the reds; Jenny examined a deep burgundy.

“Manicure and pedicure?” I couldn’t tell who had asked this; when I looked up at the room, at least four slight Asian women in white coats — their straight, dark hair pulled back into ponytails — were looking at me in expectation.

“Just pedicure,” I said, aiming my answer at some point in the air between them.

“Spa?” This was asked in

a nasal tone not unlike the thick whine of actress Rosie Perez, whose shrill Brooklyn accent sends shivers down my spine. To our right were two large, vibrating spa chairs, only one of which was available. “Come, sit, have spa, relax,” said the whiny one.

“We’ll wait until they are both available,” I said.

The woman-in-white shook her head left to right and gestured emphatically toward the available spa chair. “One now, few minutes, together.”

“We’ll wait, thank you,” I said, a little more forcefully. The woman’s bluish-green eye-shadow, hidden beneath her heavily penciled black brows, was revealed when she closed her eyes for a moment — probably in frustration. She prepped the spa chair with water and supplies, sat on the stool from which she would work, and stared at us.

Jenny and I stood near the entrance. “Sit,” demanded the woman, who suddenly reminded me of an iridescent and carnivorous dragonfly.

“I’ve been sitting all morning,” Jenny said, and laughed nervously.

The Dragonfly stood from her stool and walked the three feet to our side, where she pointed between us at the white plastic chairs against the windowed wall. She tried her command once more. “Sit!”

“No! Thank you, we’ll stand,” I said. “And we’ll wait until both spa chairs are available before either of us will sit in one.” The woman

undergoing treatment to our right looked our way. “Don’t worry,” I said to her, “We’re not in any hurry, so relax and enjoy yourself.” This seemed difficult to do, especially with my sister and I hovering over her — two vultures circling her spa chair.

The spa chair, what an invention! In this newest version of what I like to call the “pamper-me throne,” the chair doesn’t just vibrate, it also *kneads*. Fist-sized balls installed beneath the faux leather intermittently protrude into your back; I’m not sure how it all works, but rarely do I ponder it for long. When it was our turn, Jenny and I rolled up our pants to the knee and sat on our respective thrones, placing our feet in the tanks of tepid blue water beneath us. Air jets circulated the water, though not as forcefully as my feet would have liked.

Dragonfly grabbed one of Jenny’s feet after it had barely touched the water.

“This isn’t supposed to hurt, right?” Jenny asked. Her face looked a little pale.

“No, not really,” I said, but not very convincingly.

A man sat on the stool before me. *What? A guy? Isn’t that breaking some kind of code? And what’s with that extra long thumbnail? Usually it’s the pinky nail one cultivates to facilitate the snorting of illicit powders.* I glanced over at Jenny, who was unusually quiet. She looked pained.

“You can turn the kneading part off,” I offered to Jenny. Relieved, she reached for the

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appropriate button. Meanwhile, this *man* was applying cold polish remover to my toes, which were covered in last-month's red.

"Fuh sub?" Dragonfly called up to Jenny. She held up three fingers and repeated the question. "Fuh sub?" I wish I knew what went through my sister's head at that moment, because her expression was comical. She looked bewildered, as though she'd just been asked, "Do you walk to school or take your lunch?"

"Yes," I called out, "We both want a foot scrub, and we know it's three extra dollars." Then, to Jenny, I added, "This is good, it's like the apricot stuff you use on your face."

"Is it going to tickle?" "No. I mean, it's mind over matter. You'll be fine." Despite my assurance, Jenny furrowed her brow in trepidation. At least I couldn't remember it being ticklish.

The grainy green slime reached Jenny's foot and her entire body stiffened — the vibrating chair hummed

along to no effect. Her lips grew white as her face reddened. And then her eyes began to water as she strained to stifle her giggles and keep her foot from wildly kicking her tormentor. Seeing my sister react in this way awakened the overactive juvenile that had been lying dormant within me. So when that *guy* took the scrubber to my foot, I was uncontrollably ticklish for the first time in years. I never knew that, like yawns, ticklishness could be easily passed from one person to another. When the "fuh sub" torture finally ended, Jenny and I melted back into our chairs — she to vibrations, I to intense kneading.

Dragonfly and Thumbnail exchanged a few words in their native tongue, looked at us, laughed, and then continued speaking to each other in the foreign language. Jenny eyed me uncomfortably. *They're totally talking about us*, she silently communicated to me. *Duh*, I nodded. *Can you blame them?*

The next part in the pedicure process is usually my favorite, but my pedicurist's gender was a distraction. Lotion was pumped from its plastic container and applied generously to my legs and feet. Those thumbnails were held aloft as the rest of his hands massaged my flesh. The last time a man touched my feet like this, *I* was the one getting paid. I wondered if this was strictly business or if this man was living his dream.

"Did you pick a color?" I opened my eyes. The massage was over. Funny he should ask, as if he wasn't well aware that the one prerequisite to sitting in this chair was to pick a goddamn color. I handed him the bright red bottle. Dragonfly was already halfway through painting Jenny's toes a dark merlot.

I finally learned what those thumbnails were for after the footman applied the first coat of red polish to my big toe. When he painted along the edges of my freshly filed and buffed toenail,

some of the red pigment made it to my skin. In a movement as fast and natural as the blinking of an eye, he brushed a thumbnail along my cuticle, and the red was gone. He must have quickly wiped his thumbnail on something else because when I next caught a glimpse there was no trace of red there either. This man was the Neo of nail painters, and I was in the Matrix Salon.

Dragonfly led us to the toe driers. Once our feet were nestled inside the boxes that harden the paint with ultraviolet light and a fan, I turned to my sister and said, "See? That wasn't so bad, right?"

"How long do we keep our feet in these?" she asked. "Am I in far enough?"

"Yeah, totally. So? What did you think?"

"It was weird. The scrubbing was horrible. God, that feeling was just so...Wow! My toes look great! I'm never going to wear shoes again! How often are we supposed to get this done?" ■

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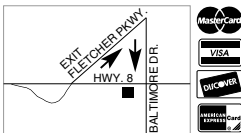
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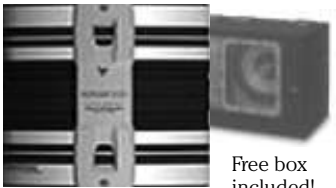
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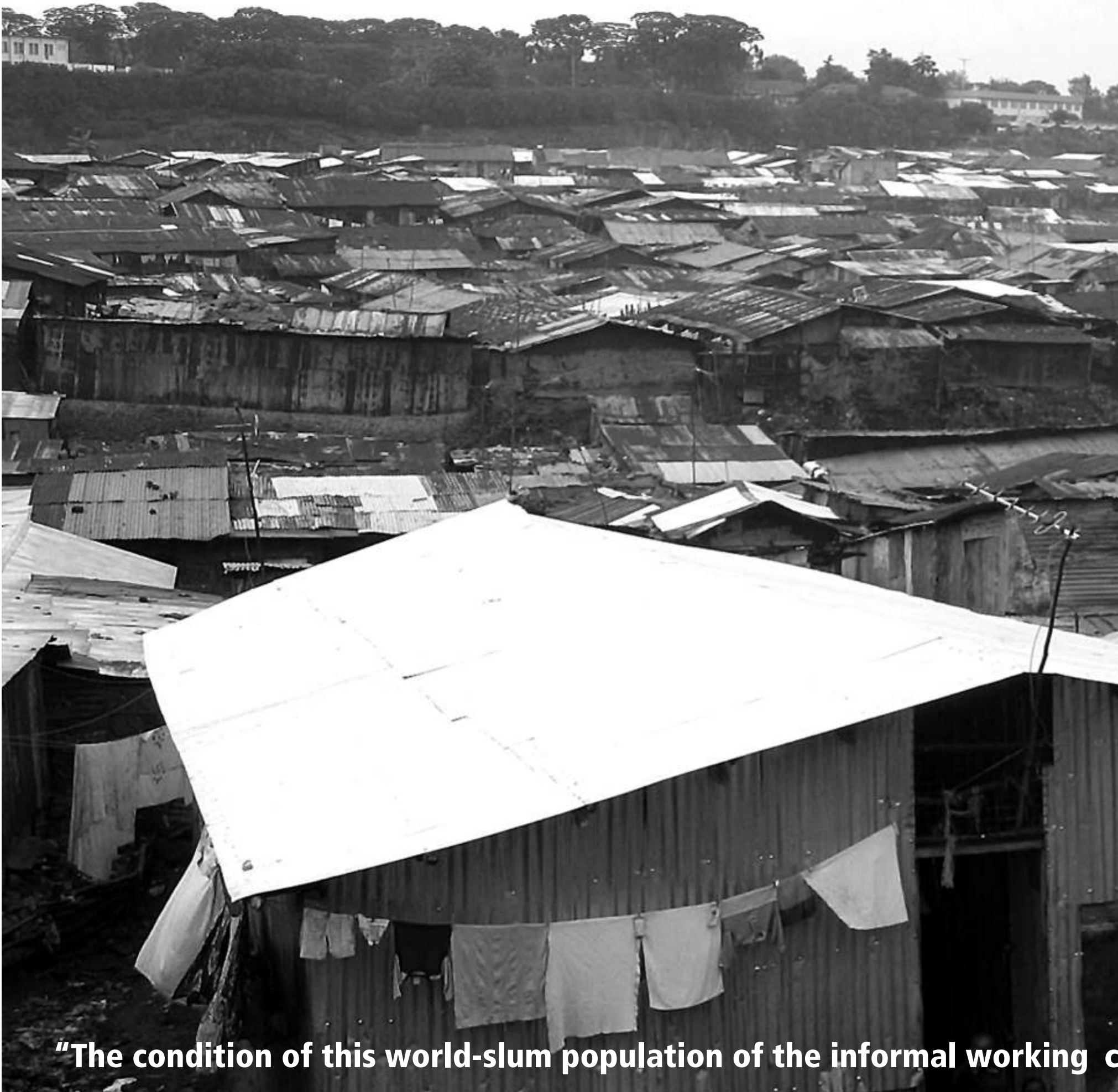
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San Diegan Mike Davis, author of eight nonfiction books and *Planet of Slums*, the ninth, comes on the line, voice weak from recent pneumonia. We launch in.

"You were educated...?"

"I went to UCLA. I started when I was 29, or 30, something like that."

Could I have heard right? "You started

when you were about 29 or 30?"

"I went to school as a freshman. I worked [first] for about 10 or 12 years."

"Oh, so you went late in life?"

"Yeah."

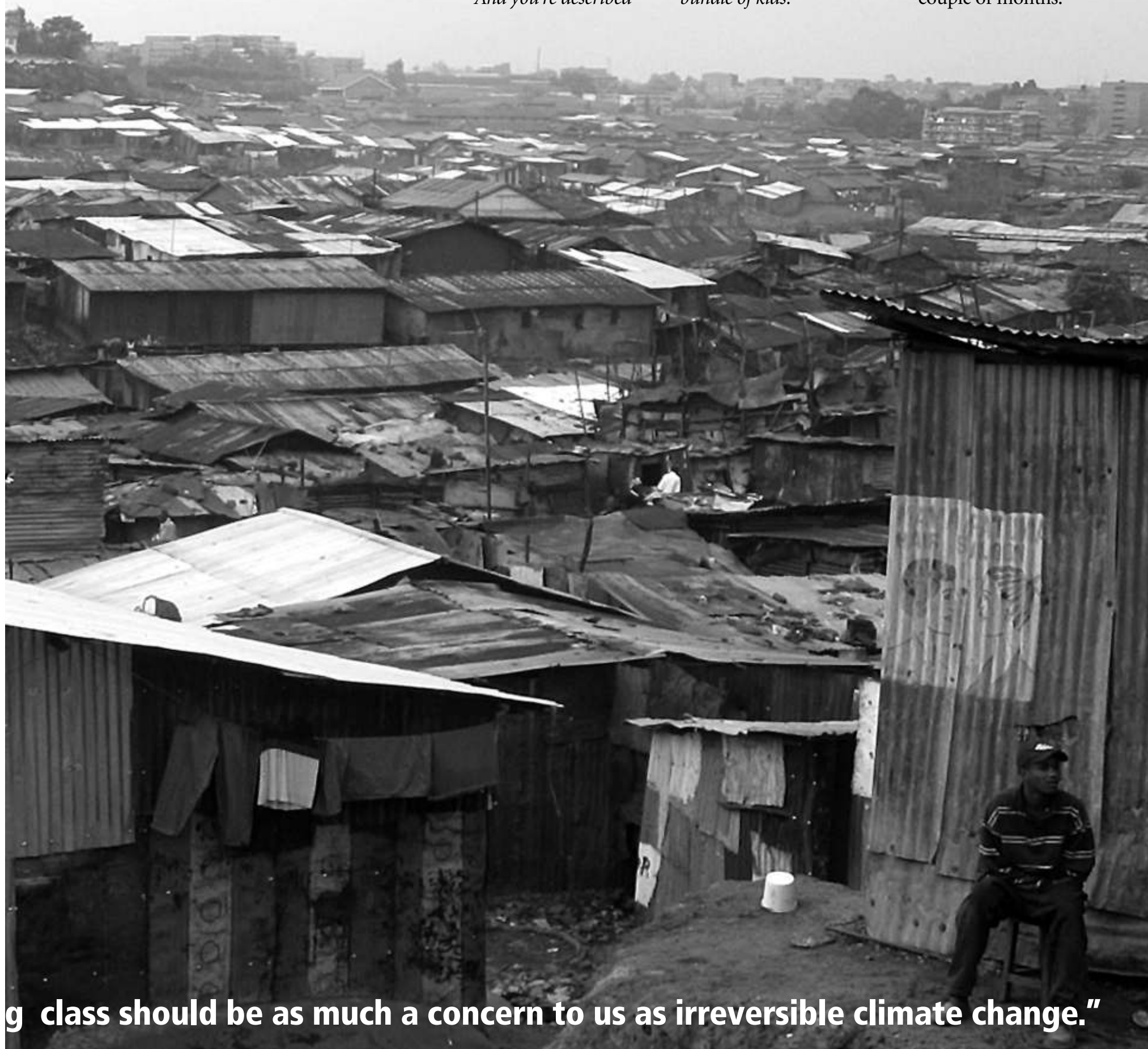
"And you're described

as an 'urban theorist.' I was wondering if you see yourself that way."

Mike Davis sounds impatient. "What does that mean?"

"I don't know," I confess. "And you have quite a bundle of kids?"

"Not actually. I only have two two-year-olds here, twins, and then I have two older kids in Ireland. I spend time commuting between here and Dublin. Both my Irish kids are coming over in a couple of months."



g class should be as much a concern to us as irreversible climate change."

"So you split your time between San Diego and Dublin?"

"Yeah."

"And your wife resides in which location?"

"She is here. Her name is Alessandra Moctezuma, and she runs the Gallery Studies Program at Mesa College. She is an artist."

"Uh-huh. What year were you officially declared a genius?"

"Excuse me?"

Mike Davis is mildly put out. But eight years ago he was the recipient of a MacArthur fellowship and an award of \$315,000, which is often referred to as a "genius prize."

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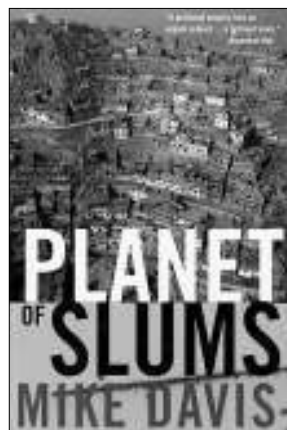
"I don't remember."

It was — Jesus, when was it? — in 1998."

"Was that around the time of City of Quartz being published?"

A landmark book on Los Angeles, in which Davis predicted the L.A. riots that were to follow two years later.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Mike Davis, a native Californian, lives in San Diego. He is the author of *Prisoners of the American Dream*, *City of Quartz* (in which he predicted the 1992 L.A. riots), *Ecology of Fear*, *Magical Urbanism*, *Late Victorian Holocausts*, *Dead Cities*, *Under the Perfect Sun*, and *The Monster at Our Door: The Global Threat of Avian Flu*. He was named a MacArthur fellow in 1998, a rare recognition of talent that is accompanied by a generous financial award. He was also a Getty fellow and is a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Ireland.



Mike Davis

of interests is so wide? What connects the dots, what connects the subject matter in your writing?"

"Well, first of all, I went to college late and then mainly enjoyed the library in college. You know, I'm kind of a typical self-educated person. Of course, I've learned to write, and I tend to write about the things that I study. So each new interest usually produces some spin-off interest. For instance, I used the MacArthur fellowship money to take my kids all over the world. I took my son to Greenland, and then that ended up becoming a story, which ended up becoming a kid's novel. But I find it difficult to describe what I do. I work as a historian now, but I've taught in geography departments and in architecture schools, taught political science and political economy. So [the various themes of interest] have a kind of common thread, but it may be only visible to the author."

"What sort of work

"No, *City of Quartz* was in 1990, this would have been after *The Ecology of Fear*."
Of course. The riots

were in '92. I run down the list of his titles chronologically: *Prisoners of the American Dream*, *City of Quartz*,

Ecology of Fear, *Magical Urbanism*, *Late Victorian Holocausts*, *Dead Cities*, *Under the Perfect Sun*, and *The Monster*

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"Initially I was involved in the civil rights movement in San Diego, in the early '60s. And I went to work for Students for a Democratic Society, at the national office in New York at the end of '64, and worked for SDS for a couple of years and then got married and worked for a while as a meat cutter with my father here, in San Diego. And then I went through a War on Poverty jobs scheme, the Teamster Opportunity Program in Pico Rivera, which trained heavy-duty truck drivers — which was the best thing that ever happened to me (at least it was a hel-luva lot more fun than the MacArthur). And then I became a heavy-duty truck driver.

Worked at that for about five or six years, then went to college. I lived in London from 1980 through 1986 or '87 and had worked in publishing [there] and was sick of intellectuals. I came back at the end of the '80s. I went back on the road, trucking, for almost a year and had a lot of fun but lost my shirt."

"Where did you work in publishing?"

"I worked for Verso in London. Verso Books is actually owned by the *New Left Review*, and I worked for the *New Left Review* and then for Verso. I've been associated with Verso since, oh, 1980–81. And I used to have a series at Verso, which I did with my best friend, Mike Sprinker, who was at Stony Brook. He died some years ago, and the series disappeared after his death. We did that for about a decade."

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and that must have been '82 or something like that — '83. So I've known Colin well over 20 years."

He is someone I know too. "Where is Colin now?"

"Back in New York and kind of looking at his options. He has some really interesting offers on the table."

"In publishing?"

"He may go back to Verso. Some complicated negotiation going on, but I was...I was pretty shocked by what happened at the New Press and still don't quite understand what went on. I mean, I wrote to André Schiffrin [proprietor of New Press, who let Colin go] and never got a response."

I glance down at my notes. "How did you come to do a book on avian flu?"

"It is actually a spin-off of larger interests, which are in this book that just came out,

Planet of Slums. My intention was to sit down and try and read as much as I possibly could of this huge literature on contemporary urban poverty. And, of course, one of the issues is public health in today's megacities and slums. And I taught before on the history of infectious disease. I just got interested in the whole question of how you have slums which are growing so rapidly and teetering with poor sanitation, worse than anything that existed in the Victorian world. Much worse. I got interested in the ecology of disease. One thing or another led me to thinking about avian flu, and before I knew it, this turned into some columns and eventually into this short book."

"The Monster at Our Door: The Global Threat of Avian Flu."

"If you go back to the turn of the century

and you either look at the third plague pandemic, which started in the 1890s and persisted through the first decade of the 20th Century, or you look at the flu pandemic of 1918, the mass

Century. And it appeared that in the case of India, density and railroads and poverty made disease far more deadly than in the case of China, which lacked railroads. So diseases

"Some cities very soon, I think, will begin to see the impact of environmental crisis in terms of conditions. Particularly resources like water, for example."

of the mortality was in the colonial world. And more in India than in China. Much more in India than in China. This is something I've been trying to unravel and understand. I deal with this a little bit in a book I wrote called *Late Victorian Holocausts*, about empire and famine in the late 19th

communicated and spread rapidly in India."

"And now, of course, we have jet travel to accelerate infection."

"I have a young friend at Irvine who is trying to model how an avian flu pandemic would spread. And his maps and analysis are very scary."

"Rapidly, unfortu-

nately," I chime in, aware that 2 million people worldwide cross borders daily.

"He believes that it will be on our doorsteps before it's been identified at its source."

"Planet of Slums, your book, is about the slum, which seems almost a medieval creation, it is so dark and so menacing. You write: 'No one knows whether such gigantic concentrations of poverty are biologically or ecologically sustainable.' Also, 'In many cases rural people no longer have to migrate to the city, it migrates to them.' In south Asia, 90 percent of urban population growth is in slums. In Africa, slum populations grow twice as fast as the cities, doubling every 15 years. It's an international phenomenon, a worldwide catastrophe. A third of the planet's urban residents subsist in slums: 6 percent of First World cities, 78 percent of Third World cities. Megaslums are growing exponentially. How were you first attracted to this, where

have you seen slums locally? Have you gone to see the colonia in Palm Springs, do you go down to Tijuana to look at the pueblos? How do you personally contact it?"

"I actually, a couple of Christmases ago, I spent some days in the Coachella Valley with a former student of mine, Juan De Lara. He is the first Rhodes scholar from Coachella, and we toured 'Duroville,' one of the two colonias on the Torres-Martinez Reservation, where poor farmworkers live in trailers. And of course, I go to Tijuana quite frequently. But the occasion for this book was really the pathbreaking study by the United Nations on urban poverty, which was unprecedented in its methodology and data. [It's] the first really global survey data on poverty, a whole set of new databases that UN-HABITAT [the United Nations Human Settlements Program] has come up with: it is really the first time in history



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that it's been possible to look at urban poverty on a global scale and actually come up with estimates about living conditions and about poverty that are reasonably accurate.

"The picture is a shocking one. Over a billion people live in slums worldwide, and the number of actually poor people living in cities is greater than that. So, not quite a sixth of the world's 6.5 billion inhabitants. But that [slum] population will double by 2020, and the build-out of the human race will achieve its maximum sometime

just after the middle of the century: 10 billion people. At that point slum dwellers will be 20 percent of the total.

"Almost all of the increase [in slum residents] was occurring in cities of the Third World. The rural world has reached its maximum population, and even declined. All the additional humans born on this planet will be born in cities. A large proportion of them, unfortunately, will be housed in slums.

"I think probably the core of the book is simply that for the last 25 or 30 years, the

World Bank and international organizations have written off the ability of states, of governments in the Third World, to provide either housing or jobs for the poor. What they've counted on is self-built housing, [achieved] basically through squatting on the periphery of cities. And secondly, through the so-called informal sector, where people essentially create their own jobs in one form or another.

"We've relied on the poor to create their own conditions for existence and to improve that over time. What the literature

shows, and shows very dramatically, is that the frontier of squattable land, free land, has been settled. Filled. That poor people who arrive in the city today actually have to pay for their plot of land — something called 'pirate urbanization.' Or they become renters, because the supply of free land has disappeared. The second thing is that the [poor's] informal economy is grotesquely overcrowded. People tend to be crammed into a small number of niches or occupations, and increasing numbers of slum dwellers just

ensure it is a kind of Darwinian competition that either degrades or reduces income to impossible levels or leads to depletion of everything for all but a few people. So the core of the book explores the consequences, the fact that the means of adaptation within the city, among poor immigrants, are beginning to fail."

A car passes on the Berkeley street outside my window. It is 2:30 in the afternoon.

"And you charge that the International Monetary Fund and World Bank are actually con-

tributing to the extraordinary growth of slums worldwide by pressing debtor nations to shrink government programs, privatize housing markets, eliminate urban housing projects, and eliminate welfare. This through so-called structural adjustment programs (SAPs) instituted in the late 1970s."

"Well, they did, yes, because of the whole process of [their economic] structural adjustment programs, which the majority of countries in the Third World eventually had to agree with. The structural adjustment pro-

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grams, as the United Nation's report emphasizes, and experts in the [impoverished] regions agree, were extraordinarily anti-urban in their bias, reducing expenditures on urban infrastructures, cutting back urban social services, decimating urban work forces, [with] huge impacts on formal employment. They really devastated the state at the urban level. And what you see is this kind of big bang of urban poverty that comes out of the '80s, the decade of structural adjustment, of debt, of negative economic woes. This is when the [world's] slums really grow at extraordinary rates."

"What prompted this extraordinary growth in the last century? I mean, slums have been around for quite a while, but suddenly they exploded."

"Historically, slums

have especially grown since the 1970s. Before that there were factors that retarded the growth; in fact, retarded the entrance of rural people into cities. Obviously in the former state socialist countries — Stalinist countries — migration was strictly controlled. China was remarkable in restricting the growth of its cities in the '50s and '60s, just as colonialism forbade, or made it extremely difficult, for instance, for Africans to move to British colonial or French colonial cities.

"Likewise, Latin America, in the '50s and '60s, had political regimes that fought the growth of slums; they fought the migration of the poor into the cities. But a combination of wars of national liberation, national independence, and more free-market regimes opened the floodgates to a countryside being rapidly

transformed, just as its people were pushed off the land.

"What's happened, particularly since the 1980s, is [that] cities are taking the place of the countryside as warehouses of surplus labor.

"Popular culture more than ever is being driven by kids in the slums, by poor urban youth who maintain exceptional creativity."

And the vast majority of people coming to the cities are being born in the slums. They're no longer incorporated into the formal economy."

"The other thing I was struck by, as I read, was that it doesn't seem

to matter whether the prevailing system is capitalist or communist or totalitarian. They all seem to have failed in anticipating this universal phenomenon of the megaslums. Continuous corridors of human mis-

ery surviving in housing built of discards — garbage. Human dumps teeming with the unwanted, occupying even graveyards in some instances, like the City of the Dead in Cairo, where one million people have

taken up residence in cemeteries, in tombs, stringing laundry between headstones, filling mortuary shelves with pots and pans and TVs."

"There are two things that underlie this. One is the question of jobs, and, above all, of formal employment. Or for that matter, an informal sector which offers some kind of mobility. The second is the way that shelter is provided. And there are some exceptions. China, you know, has managed, even though it has this huge floating population of workers from the countryside. China has been outstanding in some ways in the provision of housing. Likewise, Singapore and Hong Kong. I explain a little bit about the special case of Hong Kong, where housing has been provided but with a density that would be intolerable in other

countries. So I don't think it's correct to say that all social systems produce the same result."

I paraphrase Mike Davis back to him. "China also now boasts gated communities, called things like 'Orange County,' 'Long Beach' north of Beijing, 'Palm Springs' in Hong Kong. But I was more alluding to each system failing to anticipate slums. Even Karl Marx seems to have missed the boat on this, and he certainly had enough personal contact with impoverished living. You'd think he'd get the idea, but he too seemed not to have."

"The slums that Engels wrote about, of course, were different kinds of slums. Those were the slums in the shadow of the Industrial Revolution, inhabited by people who worked in factories. The slums today are inhabited by people who are essen-

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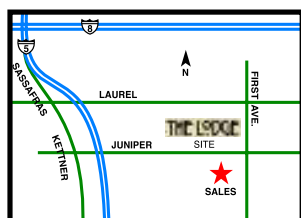
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tially exiled from the world economy, from the world of branded commodities made by giant corporations. And, at the end of the book, I peruse what I think is the most profound problem of our time, as profound and threatening in its long-term implications as global warming. And that is the fact that such a large portion of humanity essentially has become surplus to the world economy.

"I mean, you go back in the '60s and post-Stalinism, and both Russia and America claimed to be able to solve the problem of humanity and offer a future to everybody in the world. Nobody makes claims like this at all now. Nobody is talking about fundamental solutions to poverty or housing. The last blast at that kind of global idealism has been the millennium goals program of

the United Nations, and now it's almost unanimously agreed that those goals won't be achieved. In fact, some of them probably won't be achieved for a century at the current rate, much less within the next decade.

"So the book, at the end, starts to pause and reflect a little bit: What are the potential consequences of this idea of this surplus humanity, warehoused where free 'squattable' land is disappearing and the informal economy is super-saturated with people competing for jobs? What are the political and moral implications of it, and to what extent is current world disorder an expression of this?"

"In the '60s, American administrators like Robert McNamara saw Third World revolutions as 'diseases of modernization,' which they addressed with every-

thing from land reforms to B-52s, carrots and sticks. That has surrendered to pessimism in the face of these urbanized hells filled with people without jobs or futures. Places like Mogadishu (made famous by Black Hawk Down), like Sadr City in Baghdad, where Iraqi teenagers taunt American troops by calling a main boulevard 'Vietnam Street.' Do you want to talk about Vietnam Street for a moment?"

"An example that haunts me is the kids in Casablanca who came into these cities to conduct suicidal, al-Qaeda-like terrorism a few years ago. It turned out they had all grown up on the outskirts of Casablanca, but far beyond traditional poor neighborhoods and traditional urban life. For some it was the first time they had ever been in the city center. And they were staggered by the kind of

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"This is a subject that I'm taking up in a sequel to this book, with a young friend of mine, Forrest Hylton, who's lived for years in Colombia and Bolivia and has just written a book for Verso on that. He actually has two books coming out: one on Colombia and one on Bolivia."

"You write: 'The demonizing rhetorics of the various "international wars" on terrorism, drugs, and crime are so much semantic apartheid...that disable any honest debate about the daily violence of economic exclusion.' When you were an activist yourself, did you realize at that time you were sort of dealing peripherally with the consequences of this — what was called then 'the diseases of

modernization'?"

"My activism was in the mid-'60s, when we all truly believed that it was possible to create an egalitarian, just society. People were talking about the end of work but not imagining that the end of work would be mass unemployment across the world and the warehousing of a large portion of humanity and that slums would reproduce the worst features of the 19th Century. I mean, this is totally off the horizon then, in the 1960s."

"Impossible question. How has your outlook changed from then — the '60s — to now?"

"In some ways probably less than almost anyone's I know. I don't know whether that's a good thing or a bad thing, but I would say that my essential politics haven't changed very much at all. The context of those politics, of course, has

changed. And like other people, I in some ways tremble for the future we're giving our children and our children's children. And the whole point is to make the case that the condition of this world-slum population of the informal working class should be as much a concern to us as irreversible climate change.

"These two things at some point will begin to interact. Some cities very soon, I think, will begin to see the impact of environmental crisis in terms of conditions. Particularly resources like water, for example."

"What does slum life look like in Palm Springs?"

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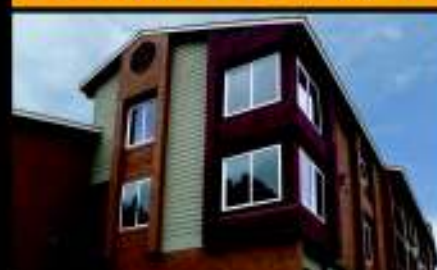
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in beat-up trailers and some even sleeping outside. In Palm Springs, what happened was that Riverside County, for whatever reason, decided to clean up people, mainly farmworkers, living illegally in trailers. Riverside County supervisors started enforcing this law against illegal trailers, not bothering to think about the situation the people lived in and the contradictions created by agricultural needs. And what happened was that Harvey Duro, the former chairman of the Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians, allowed people to come and rent spaces on their land. And what you have now is the emergence of these two camps that are [slum] colonies within eyesight of new golf courses and some of the richest communities in the West.

"The same kind of colonial incursion can be seen all around El Paso on the American side of the border. This is classic informal housing, what you'd call pirate urbanization anywhere else in the world, with the poor subletting to the poorer. You'll find similar examples in Europe, in places like Naples or Lisbon."

"Who is the next Karl Marx, if you can identify him or her? Can you describe that person? Where do you think he or she lives?"

"I think Karl Marx would have been appalled by that question because he always thought in terms of the European labor movement, particularly the British labor movement. As he pointed out, the British working class itself had come up with things like the labor theory of value. This whole idea of supergeniuses and condescending analysis is kind of an anathema, and I think it should be an anathema

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"The Marxists' position on social theory, or the idea of social movement, is that they have to come out of a movement themselves — real movements of history. I don't think there is a [next] Karl Marx. I disappoint a lot of people, including students, who come to me expecting world-shaking metaphysical ideas. I don't have any."

"So, Mike, you think it's going to be incremental and accrued and very broad, and it's not one central core idea or ideology that is going to launch anything. The problem is much larger scale. The solution is going to have to be large."

"The number of people doing intellectual work is incomparably larger than it was, even in the 1960s. And the idea of gurus or single philosopher figures... I mean, what is exciting to me is simply how many young scholars and scholar activists there are writing and researching, and their endurance, their engagements and struggles and existential knowledge."

"In other words, I think that radical social theory is much more democratic in production. Nothing has been quite as devastating as world geniuses like Lenin and Mao Tse-tung. I mean, nothing could be more un-Marxist in my mind."

"What I do, actually — to be honest with you — when I teach, is just try to stimulate them to go out and become engaged in some part of the world."

"What about the cultural effect of slums on the greater world society?"

"I actually don't deal with the culture of slums very much. But one of the most striking things is how much popular culture is still

coming out of the slum.

"You look at music in particular. The root signs aren't so much from the countryside as they once were. They're from city streets. Poor in the slums of the great cities remain immensely

creative. I remember once I was terrified when somebody said that, in L.A., both the music industry and the fashion industry have people who just basically hang out in the ghetto, kind of spying

out and finding out what the trends are, because they realize that street culture is the creative engine for popular culture and ultimately of consumer culture.


"The problem is that increasingly large

numbers of people live in the cities but aren't, in any real functional or cultural sense, part of the city. You know, they're not poor in the traditional sense that people on the Lower East Side of New York or

the East End of London were. They were poor, but they were integral, central parts of city life and had access to the public space of the city.

"Now you have so many people who are warehoused just beyond

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the city. And not just in the Third World. I mean, the explosions last summer in France are very striking. Because of course in Europe, the working class seldom lives in the central city anymore. This is even more true in the Third World. So on one hand, street culture in the classic slum remains as it has been for a century — an enormously powerful generator of popular culture. But, on the other hand, an alarming number of people no longer live in the countryside but only on the edge of the city, the scraps of the city, its waste margin. So they don't have a classical relationship to the city anymore."

"Right. As in Iraq's slums right now, which is what you also suggest."

"[Baghdad's] Sadr City is very much the kind of new megaslum that I write about. And,

by the way, it's almost impossible to find out anything interesting, any serious social studies of that part of Baghdad, partially because most of the population is so new. They were shifted there when Saddam pushed the Shiites off the land around the time of the Iran-Iraq War. The population has just bloomed there in the last 10 or 12 years. But it's almost unknown. I've talked to Shiites and other people who have been in Baghdad, because I've been trying to find out more about the Sadr City area, and nobody seems to know anything."

"I was also startled by the very high percentage of urban residents in Iran who are living in slums: 44 percent are slum dwellers."

"In Iran, during the Islamic Revolution, the slum dwellers were used by Khomeini against the organized working class.

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The current president of Iran, if you ask where he's most popular, what his real social base is, it tends to be among military veterans from the poorest part of the city rather than from the Khomeinist middle class, the traditional working class. Interestingly, Hezbollah's roots in southern Lebanon were the huge burgeoning slums of southern Beirut."

"Mike, another shocking figure in the book is the number of countries in which the slum-dwelling population is over 90 percent. Ethiopia: 99.4 percent of the urban population, for instance."

"Those are the UN-HABITAT statistics, and some of them are almost hard to believe, just like other African cities. In Africa you have some of the most extreme examples. Almost beyond imagination. Kinshasa is the one I focused on, but you could have taken other cities as well. Cities where the state has almost entirely disappeared except as a corrupt site, and people have been left to shift for themselves."

A heavily clothed female vagrant pushes a shopping cart down the middle of the street outside. It's filled with discarded soda cans inside a huge plastic bag.

"If there is no ultimate solution," I say, "it may be that these entities will become their own kind of nations/states then."

"I do obviously profoundly believe there are solutions, and the second book, the sequel, will explore a whole range of possibilities: from Pentecostalism through fundamentalist Islam, to more classical, radical, urban movements. The Pentagon believes that the major problem of nonstate violence has moved from the countryside to the city and in the

potential for parts of the city to concede their power to gangs or militias. The Mogadishu model. I just yesterday received a huge document from the Army War College about the slum's ability to basically

assume state power, or exercise state power. Again, the military strategists are thinking well ahead."

I ask Mike Davis about the odd partnership of former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara after he became

president of the World Bank with a far-sighted architect named John Turner. (It proved a slightly touchy subject.)

"Well, I don't want to overdo this. Turner is actually a noble figure in

many ways. He had gone to Peru and worked on housing for the poor. McNamara inherited a situation where it became obvious to him that the World Bank was really failing to address issues of the city, and

Turner's ideas offered an appealing new solution. Because the state, in Turner's mind, was the problem, and he was saying, let the poor build their own housing. Put resources [directly] in their hands [instead of

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"Actually I do like Turner. And I don't want to represent this as anything more than a marriage of convenience. Turner's ideas ended up serving the opposite ends. Turner wanted to short-circuit corrupt governments and put resources directly into what he calls the homebuilders."

"It didn't work."

"There is no question that Turner's idea of self-building has been blown way out of proportion. For instance, there is a book out

called *Shadow Cities*, written by someone who lived in the slums of several cities. It's a very good book, colorful and alive. But he just makes one essential mistake: it talks about a billion heroic squatters.

"And the truth is, the expert literature points out that squatting is disappearing and vanished in some places a long time ago, that the heroic squatter is a myth. More likely he is a renter. And that this whole idea that the poor can solve all their own problems with a minimal amount of aid is a huge excuse for disin-

vestment in the poor and in the cities."

"Where are you teaching now?"

"I teach at UC Irvine."

"For how long?"

"I've been there for three years. We came back to San Diego because my wife got a job here and her family is here. She wanted to have children. Otherwise, I was quite happy teaching kids from Queens and Brooklyn at Stony Brook."

"Do you think rap music is a safe form of slumming?"

"Rap music is everything. I mean, it is

the free press of the streets, and it is the most cynical commercialization of other people's suffering. It's all those things and more. I don't think you can make a simple statement about rap music, or a simple characterization.

"It is a constant struggle between the media or the culture industry and kids and their experience. I've been very critical of gangster rap, but again, as I said earlier, what's so striking is that popular culture more than ever is being driven by kids in the slums, by poor urban youth who main-

tain exceptional creativity. Particularly now. One thing that has changed about the slum in our world is it used to be the ultimately parochial place, a small village in which you'd live and vie with people from other small villages.

"Now poor kids across the world are in touch with each other, exchanging ideas and culture and music, and that has led to some electrifying possibilities."

"There is an odd universality to the problem, though. I mean, I think at this point, Colin

Robinson or somebody could actually publish a pictorial coffee-table book of all of the Olympic cities in history and their attempts to build cosmetic shields against the eyes of visitors. Screens and idyllic scenes painted on sides of decrepit housing to hide their homeless, their slums. It's been done by everyone: the Nazis for the 1936 Olympics, in Seoul, New York, Barcelona, Mexico City, Athens, and continues to this day. It doesn't seem to matter the kind of regime or the time period."

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now a cut above almost everybody else."

"But in Shanghai, for instance, its slum is a huge problem."

"They're not slums in the sense they are in some other countries in Europe. In other words, China before Deng Xiaoping, and for a decade after market reforms, built impressive amounts of fairly decent housing for people who lived in poverty. Much of their slum poor are real migrants who live an underground existence. They tend to live in particular parts of the city or on the outskirts."

"The Chinese solution was simply to force them back to the land at one point, and the number of urban poor actually decreased because of that."

"Yes, it did. But in that period, the urban working class in a sense wasn't leaving China. It had shelter and a great deal of security. But in

the cities, China dealt very impressively with the problems that faced other countries. It was such an exaggerated inequality [in China] between rural and urban life that it led to what you have to describe as almost ethnic conflict between the traditional urban populations and the migrant workers from the countryside. People I know who have lived in China tell me it's very shocking

to hear other urban people talk about the new immigrants. It sounds like somebody in Costa Mesa talking about the Mexicans."

"Jumping subjects: how long did it take you to write City of Quartz?"

"Oh, City of Quartz took me the longest. I think it was put together over about three years. And the core of it was actually written in Canada, when I was teaching in Canada."

"Where did you teach there?"

"I taught at Carleton in Ottawa and then at York University in Toronto. And in both cities, I was lucky to have libraries that actually had, or could get for

me, the entire run of the L.A. Times. I read the L.A. Times in six or seven different regional editions covering about a 35-year period. Which is the only way you can do something like reconstruct the history

of people fighting over land-use issues and water rights. It also helped that, when I was in L.A. and driving a truck, I was out in the city in a way that I haven't been since. Anyway, the actual core of

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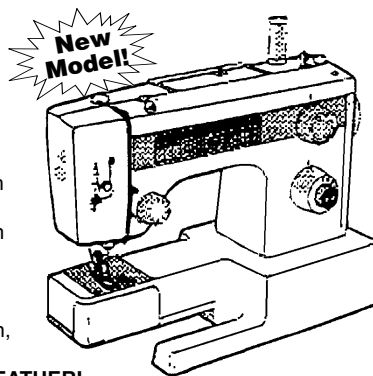
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the writing was done — 60 or 70 percent — when I was in Canada, which is not a bad place to work.”

“And what inspired *City of Quartz*?”

“Well, *City of Quartz* I suppose rose out of kind of an internal contradiction. As a Marxist early in my life, I thought I pretty well had an idea of how history worked and most societies worked, but I couldn’t possibly explain Los Angeles as the society I grew up in. And so I thought for years about how you would begin to explain and how L.A. would fit into world history.

“Before I left for England in 1980, I’d written a giant, long thing, which I never published. My interest then was the economic history of Southern California. And it made a kind of scaffolding that,

when I went back, I realized — instead of starting in sort of classical fashion from political economy — in the case of L.A., you begin to excavate its history from its self-images, changing self-images.”

“Are you sick of hearing how brilliant it is?”

“I’ve never understood it. I thought the book would sell about five copies. Anybody who writes an almost 100-page chapter on suburban land issues [and] homeowners’ movements can’t have much hope for it. I’ve never quite understood the success, but I think part of it had to do with the kind of enlarged packaging. It was a period when there was a great hunger for stuff about L.A. There was very little available at that time. Now there is a huge renaissance of writing about L.A. I find

it difficult to keep up with how many interesting books: eight or ten a year.”

“You’ve inspired a trend, Mike. There is no higher capitalist accolade than that.”

“You know, it is also very strange, because the book I pictured it as being, people should have taken offense at. But they liked it, or misunderstood it as innocuous. Richard Riordan, before he was mayor, took me out to lunch at the California Club. And I had to sit down and explain to him that I had actually portrayed him as a rather diabolical figure. He hadn’t read the book. So I actually offered to do some work to kind of retrieve my own radical image — to piss people off enough to stop complimenting me about it.” ■

— Juris Jurjevics

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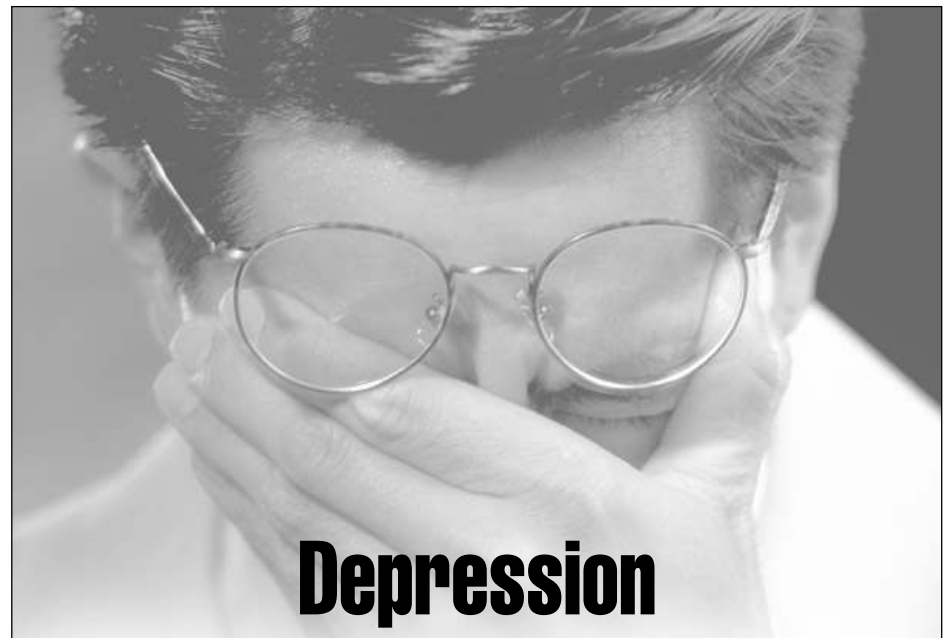


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HOT BREATH

It was 12 o'clock in the morning and I was lying in my bed, half asleep. The moon was shining so brightly through the blinds that I could see almost everything in my bedroom. All of a sudden, a light much brighter than the moon came through my window.

I was surprised to see in front of me the figure of my cousin Jordan. I blinked a few times to see if it was real or just my imagination. He smiled at me and told me that he loved me. I felt how much I'd missed him during the past three years. On September 9, 2003, my 12-year-old cousin was taken by cancer. Ever since that day, his life has been on my mind.

I jumped out of my flannel sheets to hug him as soon as I knew he was real. He asked me how my family was and I told him they were all doing fine. Then, he took my hand and told me he wanted to show me something miraculous. I just smiled because seeing him was enough of a miracle. We began to fly through the air. He pulled me higher, higher, up into the starry night sky, above all the rooftops and mountains. I watched as the world passed underneath me. The cool night air ran through my veins and sent a chill up my spine. I held his hand tightly, wanting him to never leave me again. We kept soaring until we reached a giant white cloud. In a swift motion, he let go of me and I landed on the huge cotton ball.

Sitting in the bright sky, he told me something that I will never forget. "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." A tear ran down my cheek and fell through the cloud. He told me that he needed to take me home and that he would see me again soon.

Once I was back in my room, I looked out the window. It was raining hard, and Jordan was no longer with me. I lay in my bed with my blankets around me. I could not cry because I knew he was happy where he was. I smiled to myself and thought, "I'm glad there is a heaven, so Jordan can be where he belongs."

— Natalie Venolia,
Ramona H.S.

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It was pretty dreary out and I'd just gotten home. I dropped my keys on the table and slumped onto the couch. I flipped on the tube and found myself staring at a woman wearing a tie-dye shirt, faded jeans, and flip-flops. She had on a large, outdated set of headphones and seemed consumed by whatever it was that she listened to. Confused because there didn't seem to be a television program to accompany the woman on my screen, I turned off the TV. To my surprise, the woman was still there. She looked up and seemed a little startled to be on my screen. She removed her headphones and calmly introduced herself, as if she appeared on television screens all the time.

Her name was Maya. She told me she was an angel. My response was that of any sane human being: I laughed. It's not that I didn't believe in angels, but if she really was an angel, why was she on TV, where was her halo and shiny, white gown? She began to explain that angels came to humans in the form that the individual could most likely relate to, which explains why she came to me as a hippie. She said that every angel had a pair of headphones and through those headphones God gave them their assignments. With the assignments, they were given a brief description of the individual's history and what kind of comfort they needed at that

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She apologized for being a little disorganized and explained that she wasn't expecting to see me for another half hour; our appointment was for five o'clock sharp. She said that the more urgently the individual subconsciously cries for help, the sooner they arrive. Then she told me what I'd been hearing for years (but never listened to until then): Stop stressing out, let everything take its own course. My overanalyses only created problems that were beginning to take a toll on those around me. I tried to thank the angel, but no words left my mouth. She just smiled and said, "All in a day's work, my friend."

— Marion Finocchiaro,
Grossmont Middle College H.S.

After I dropped my notes off at Lena's house last night, I found that I had lost control of my body. Instead of walking to my car, my legs led me to the convent across the street. I went through the courtyard and began climbing a 12-foot wall that blocked off the nuns' private garden. As my body climbed, I tried harder to regain control of myself. Yet, nothing my brain demanded seemed to work until I had reached the top of the wall and heard a screaming "STOP!"

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escape my lips. My body crumbled, and I fell from the top of the wall into the huge rose bush beneath it.

I lay there in pain from the thorns and bruises, wondering how I was going to explain myself to the nuns who tended the garden. Then, my body picked itself up and began walking across the garden. I walked through the nuns' maze of exotic flowers until I arrived at a table set for two at the far end of the garden. My body sat down at the table. I'm not sure how long I had been seated there before the chair across from me became filled with a glowing figure. I felt my body fill with an eerie warmth.

The figure spoke in a language I had never heard before, and I felt my mouth reply fluently. I began to serve tea. Despite the fact that I couldn't comprehend the words, I understood that I was discussing the universe, a war, and somebody called the "Infinite Spirit" and "Divine Master." Yet, the longer we talked and the more tea we drank, the more I felt myself slipping away. Soon I was completely detached from my body, physically and mentally, and I fell into a deep sleep. When I awoke, I was back in my car, wondering if what had happened had been a dream, but the cuts from the rose bush were proof that it had not been.

I doubt a real explanation of last night will ever be provided in this lifetime,

but even if it were possible for me to know what had happened, I wouldn't want to. Some things are better left unexplained, and I am content in believing that the figure I drank tea with was an angel of God.

— Amy Culley,
Academy of Our Lady of Peace

It was pitch black. I heard sounds in the distance, someone talking. The voice came closer, until it was right by my ear. And then I opened my eyes. Still, I could barely see. A mixture of brown and red, a sort of burgundy color was all I could make out.

"Can you hear me?" I could. I tried to move my head toward the voice.

"Don't move. An ambulance is coming." An ambulance. I tried to remember what had happened. It smelled of asphalt and gasoline. I felt the hot breath of the voice beside my head. A cloth gently wiped my face and I could see. I looked around slowly, taking in what I could. There was so much to process, I could almost feel my brain swirling. I was upside down. I could feel the warm wetness of blood crawl from my forehead and into my hair and ears. My eyes moved with my head toward the voice. I wanted to see who it was.

"Don't move. You're fine," said the voice. "You're fine. An ambulance is coming, I hear their sirens." I listened. No sirens. Not yet. I

opened my mouth to speak. It was dry and my lips were cracked. My mouth tasted of iron, and I felt the heat of my breath.

"What," I panted, "happened?" I drew my bleeding tongue out and licked my lips. Blood on blood.

"You cut me off." The voice was warm against my head. "And then your car rolled off the side of the road. You're okay. Just stay put." I wanted to apologize. I couldn't speak. I slowly lifted my hand toward the voice. It was covered in the same burgundy that had masked my face. I licked my lips slowly. I wanted to speak. Or nod. I did neither.

Sirens. Off in the distance. I felt relief swarm over me.

"Are you ready?" the voice asked. And then it was black. Pitch black. I heard sounds in the distance. Someone talking. It was getting farther and farther away. It was a mere whisper. And then I opened my eyes. Still I could barely see. It was bright. A golden white, it was like looking into the sun. My pupils danced and morphed inside my head as they adjusted.

"I told you you'd be fine," a familiar voice said. I turned my head. There he was.

— Erin Bradley,
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I had hoped for divine inspiration; I never expected to get it. I was on the verge of falling asleep

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"What the..." I managed to stammer, knowing that this great luminous being was an angel.

"Well, if divine inspiration is what you want, then here I am."

"But I never actually expected to...well, get it. I mean, really now, how many people actually get to see an angel in their lives?" I asked, beginning to get my nerves back.

"Maybe everyone does; they just don't stop to notice." Then, in a quieter voice, it muttered to itself, "You're all too self-absorbed."

"I don't see how anyone could not notice," I said sarcastically.

"Hmm, no matter. Any-

how, we're getting off topic. I only have a short time. I have other things to do, believe it or not. You people and your petty requests.... It would never occur to you that we have things to do, too. Back to that whole egotism thing," it said with a hint of stuffiness.

"Yes, but you have all eternity to do it. I just have a short time."

"Eighty-six years, actually, but that's not important," it said, interrupting me.

"Oh, so it's predestination now? What's next, 'Unto me a child is born?'" I asked, jokingly.

"I hadn't gotten there yet, but if you must know,

yes."

"Oh, you're kidding; I didn't know it was even possible for you folks to have a sense of humor," I said.

"Well, all of eternity would be awfully boring without one. You'd be amazed the stuff we come up with up there," it said, clearly enjoying itself.

"Hmm, now who's getting off topic, huh? I thought you were here to help me, not tell me about heavenly humor."

"Well, fine, if that's all you want. I was just trying to lighten the mood, be conversational, but no, all you humans want is help with your insignificant little problems. Why should I inspire you? We created you, and now that you're here, it's your job to inspire yourself; after all, what would the point of life be if all your problems were solved for you? Live your own life, don't let others live it for you."

Then, as suddenly as it had come, it disappeared. I, still in shock, sat upright in bed and thought about what I had just witnessed.

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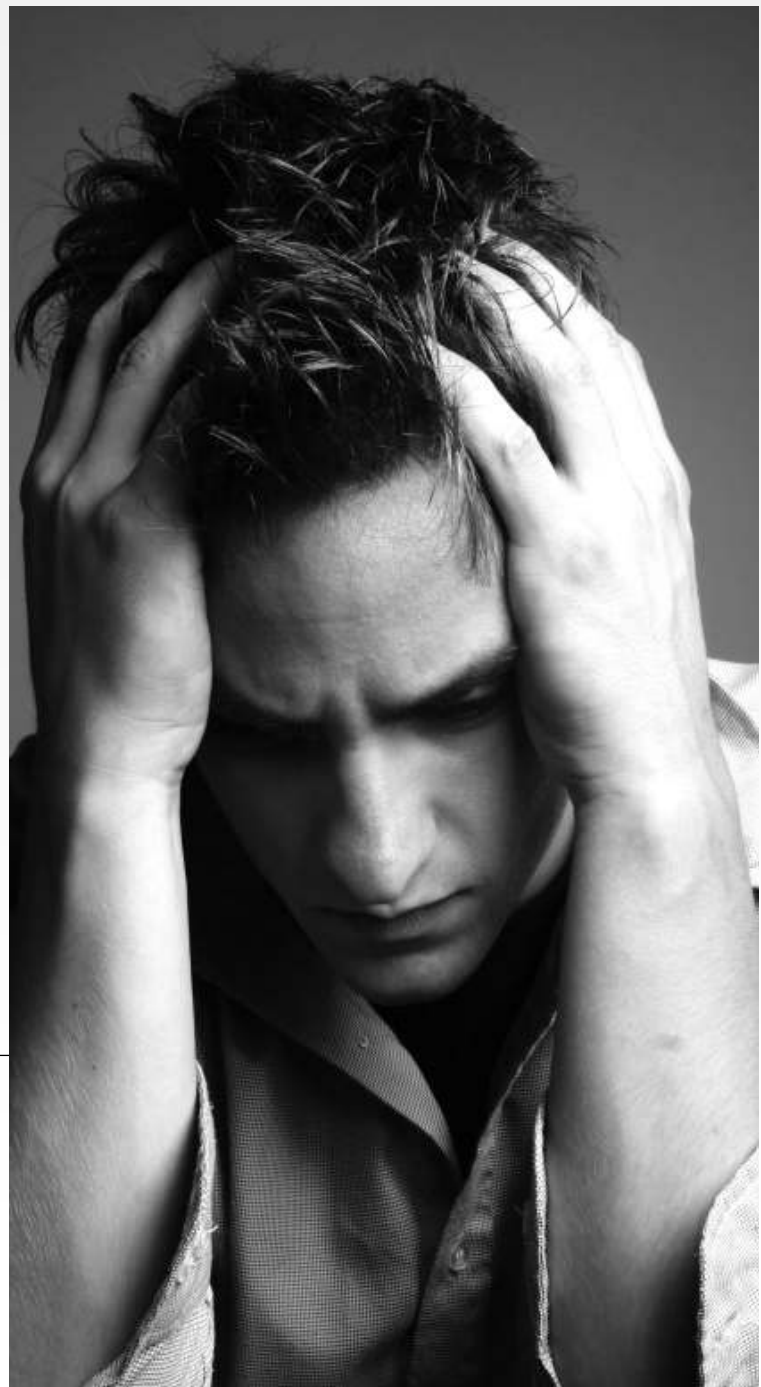
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EDITOR'S NOTE: LYN NOFZIGER DIED OF CANCER IN FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006. THIS AND THE SUBSEQUENT STORY WERE BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH NOFZIGER BY JUDITH MOORE IN NOVEMBER 1992.

Born, he says, "a right-wing kook" in Bakersfield in 1924, Franklyn Curran Nofziger attended Canoga Park High School, where he worked on the school paper and quit the paper over a difference in political opinion with his liberal New Deal Democrat journalism teacher. He graduated in 1942, joined the Army, serving three years in England and France. In 1947, he married a former WAC who took a job with the telephone company so that Nofziger could attend college (45 years later, they are still married). After a semester at UCLA, Nofziger enrolled at San Jose State, where he was reporter for and then editor of the college newspaper, *The Spartan Daily*. He came to the conservative Republican Copley papers, who would be his employers for 16 years, through a senior-year internship at the Copley-owned *Glendale News-Press*, which hired him after graduation. From 1950 to 1956, Nofziger shuttled between the *News-Press* and the *Burbank Daily Review*. From 1956 to 1958 he was the *Daily Review's* managing editor.

For the next eight years Nofziger was Washington correspondent for the Copley papers, at that time a chain of 16 papers in California and Illinois with headquarters in La Jolla. In his recently published book, *Nofziger: A Reagan Insider and Spokesman in His Own Words* (Regnery Gateway, Inc.), described by its *New York Times* reviewer as

"no air-brushed memoir" and "invaluable for illuminating the tangle of Republican debts and double-crosses," Nofziger writes about his first days as Copley's Washington correspondent:

I arrived carrying one piece of advice from Hoyt Cater, the *Burbank Daily Review* publisher, regarding Robert Richards, the Copley bureau chief.

"Don't," he said, "try to drink with Bob Richards. He has a hollow leg."

That was a scary piece of information because in those days the Copley people prided themselves not so much on the quality of their product as on their ability to hold their liquor. I fit right in. But as far as Bob Richards was concerned, I quickly learned that Cater was right. Richards, a little man with a loud, snarly voice to go with his hollow leg, owned a corner of the men's bar in the National Press Club which, in those good old days, had no women members. Three drinks at lunch was minimum for Richards, but he always filed copy in the afternoon, even if it meant writing a new lead on a wire service story and filing the whole thing as his.

Five years after I arrived, Richards died from a massive stroke, but he died the way he would have wanted to. He was at a cocktail party and had just announced, "I think I'll get another drink," when he crumpled



Ronald Reagan, Lyn Nofziger

to the floor.

In those days the Copley bureau was on the 12th floor of the National Press Building, one floor down from the National Press Club, and therefore 30 seconds from a drink, less if you were really thirsty....

Nofziger covered the Kennedy-Nixon campaign, where, he told the Washington Post in 1981, as a conservative Republican, "I felt like an outsider. All those hot-shot names, whose

bylines I had read out in California, were on the other side of the fence, acting like pseudo-sophisticates who loved to sit around in the bars and aboard the plane making superior comments about Nixon. And they thought my ideology was getting in the way."

Nofziger suffered through Camelot and the Great Society. Then came what he describes in his book as "the telephone call that changed my life."

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uary of 1966. The caller was Captain E. Robert Andersen, USN (ret.), the chief aide to James S. Copley, who owned the chain of newspapers for which I worked.

He came right to the point. "Jim, would you like to take a leave of absence and come out to California and be Ronald Reagan's press secretary for his campaign for governor?"

Thus ended my career as a Republican politician.

After Reagan's inauguration in 1967, Nofziger served as the governor's communications director. Early in Reagan's first term, what Nofziger perceived as a problem arose.


Ron and Nancy Reagan had spent much of their adult lives in Hollywood, where dwell and work a significant number of homosexuals. As a result, both were tolerant of this sort of aberrant sexual behavior. Indeed, when Reagan was president, Nancy's interior decorator, Ted Graber, and his "significant other" were overnight guests in the White House.

But public attitudes in 1967 were not nearly so sexually liberal as in the 1980s; the closet was a lot more crowded then. Once, at a 1962 press conference, a reporter asked Reagan if he would approve of a homosexual group distributing flyers at a county fair. The usually verbose Reagan gave a curt no.

But Reagan had been in the governor's office barely six months when a problem, that later became a scandal, arose involving alleged homosexuals in high places on his staff. Reagan's first executive secretary (Ed Meese later changed the title to "chief of



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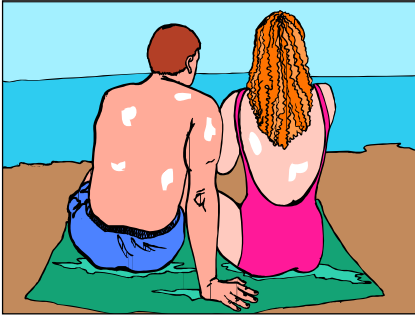
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staff”) was Phil Battaglia, a pudgy, balding six-footer in his early 30s who chewed his fingernails to the quick. He was married and the father of two toddlers, both adopted.

Shortly into the Reagan administration, Battaglia began to view himself as more than just the chief of staff. At the very least he considered himself the deputy governor and, as such, often made decisions for the governor without bothering to consult him. His egotism and aggressiveness paralleled in many ways that of a much later Reagan

chief of staff, Don Regan. But whereas Regan stuck close to Reagan’s side, Battaglia moved out in front, seeking, perhaps subconsciously, to outshine his boss.

As far as I could tell, Reagan was not put off by Battaglia’s executive style until his alleged homosexuality was brought to his attention. Battaglia was forced to resign, but in truth, he would have had to go anyway, for in trying to control the governor’s office he had lost control of himself, as well as the respect of his peers in the administration.

An innocent victim of the almost hysterical way that Battaglia performed was a young man working as an intern in the governor’s office. His name was Jack Kemp, and in the fall and winter he was a professional football player, starring as a quarterback for the Buffalo Bills in the National Football League. Before being traded to the Buffalo Bills, Kemp had been the quarterback of the San Diego Chargers. When not playing football he worked for the *San Diego Union*, the flagship of the Copley news-

papers, as a public relations representative.

Kemp also was a friend of the *Union’s* editor, Herb Klein, and a conservative Republican already looking down the road to a career in politics. In 1964, when I was covering the California presidential primary race between Goldwater and Rockefeller, Klein sent him to travel with me for a few days so he could get a close-up view of what a political campaign was all about. But in 1967 Klein, a part of Nixon’s inner circle, didn’t have much direct clout in the Reagan organization, so it was another San Diegan, Gordon Luce, Reagan’s secretary of business and transportation, who arranged for Kemp to intern in the governor’s office in the spring of 1967.

Battaglia was immediately taken by the intelligent, articulate, and handsome football hero. He took Kemp under his wing and had him accompany him whenever he left Sacramento, which

was frequently.

Kemp and I later discussed the situation; he had been, he admitted, naive. He was excited, understandably so, when Battaglia made him a kind of personal aide and, in doing so, gave him an inside look at the inner workings of the governor’s office in the biggest, richest, and most complex state. The two became friends, but nothing more. At times Battaglia cried on his shoulder, disclosing his fears and frustrations, but not his desires, if he had any.

Kemp accepted the trips to Washington and elsewhere as a learning experience, unaware that Battaglia was attempting to keep his presence secret; unaware, too, that the close relationship was causing talk and breeding suspicion in the governor’s office. And he compounded his mistakes by going in with Battaglia at Lake Tahoe. Later, he sold his half back to Battaglia, but not before the Washington political gossip

columnist Drew Pearson had written a completely false column charging that members of Reagan’s staff had used it for a homosexual orgy.

This seemed to confirm rumors that Battaglia and a third young man named Richard (Sandy) Quinn, Reagan’s scheduling aide, were involved in homosexual activities. The talk had centered around Quinn before Battaglia; ironically, I had discussed the Quinn rumors with Battaglia — which he pooh-poohed.

I am not a homophobe, though I would not want my daughter to marry one, nor my son either, if I had one, but I had two serious concerns about the possible presence of homosexuals or a homosexual ring within the governor’s office. To repeat, in 1967 most homosexuals were still in the closet and for good reason. Those on the inside were pretty thoroughly ostracized, except in the arts and entertainment....

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My concerns were purely political, and they had to do with Reagan. I wanted him to be elected president, and I was certain it would hurt his chances if the voters, especially conservatives, who were his base, thought he had surrounded himself with "queers." Because he came out of the Hollywood scene, where homosexuality was almost the norm, I also feared that rumors would insinuate that he, too, was one. In those days that would have killed him politically.

Therefore, with the help of Art Van Court, who was then in charge of the governor's security, an investigation was begun. I discovered shortly that Bill Clark, the cabinet secretary, had heard the rumors and that he and Tom Reed, back in civil life, were also looking into them. We decided to hold a meeting of Reagan aides we knew were heterosexual, trustworthy, and loyal to Reagan. Attending were Clark, Reed, Meese, Van Court,

Curtis Patrick, who worked with Van Court, Gordon Luce, and Ed Gillenwaters, who represented California in Washington. I had known Gillenwaters, who initially informed me of the situation, for several years when he was administrative assistant to Representative Bob Wilson of San Diego and, in fact, had persuaded Reagan to appoint him to his current position.

We agreed to investigate. We did. And we made the Keystone Cops look good. When Van Court went to investigate Quinn's apartment, he couldn't get in. We tried and failed to bug Battaglia's office. We sent a man to tail Battaglia and Kemp, and he lost them even though they didn't know they were being followed. We searched out their room arrangements in a hotel in San Francisco and discovered they took separate non-adjointing rooms and slept in them all night. Despite Drew Pearson's columns to the con-

trary, we never took pictures — we could find none to take — and we never taped the sounds and sighs of an orgy — we heard nothing to tape.

But still, we were convinced. We knew in our minds, though no place else for sure, that there was hanky-panky; we just couldn't prove it. In August, we decided that we would approach the governor with our suspicions. I drafted a report outlining what we thought we knew and what we suspected and what we had heard. Put together, they made a convincing case. Even more convincing, as far as Reagan was concerned, was the fact that the report was presented by men in whom, for the most part, he had developed a great deal of confidence.

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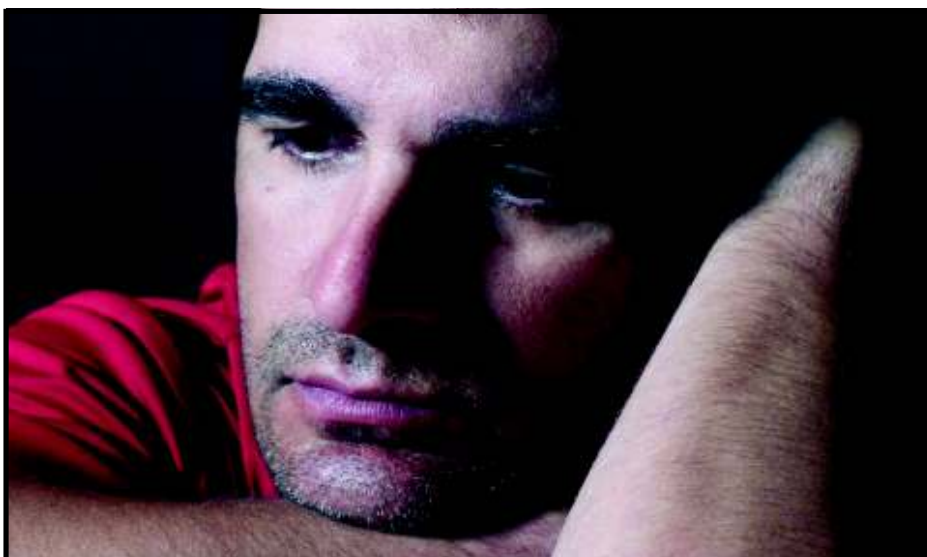
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weeks before. Eleven of us barged in unannounced. Nancy, who had just finished showering, at our insistence joined us wearing a terry cloth robe with a towel wrapped around her head. Naturally, the Reagans were curious.

I handed each of them a copy of our report. We waited silently as they sat side by side on the sofa in the living room and read. Nancy finished first and gave us a quizzical look. In a moment he too had finished.

Looking up, he quietly asked the old question, "What do we do now?"

The discussion lasted for nearly an hour. At the end

Reagan agreed that Battaglia and Quinn would have to go. Kemp, the victim of circumstances, had already left to begin football practice. He would not return....

After our meeting with the Reagans, those of us who headed back to Sacramento celebrated by getting drunk at the airport and drunker on the airplane, or at least trying to. I know I succeeded pretty well.

Nofziger quit Sacramento to run the Senate campaign of California's anti-conservative Max Rafferty.

The first time I quit Ronald Reagan's staff was on

October 1, 1968. I had worked for him for 32 months all told, including the 1966 campaign, the transitional phase between his victory over Pat Brown and his inauguration, and close to two years while he was in office. It was long enough.

I walked out of the governor's office and into Max Rafferty's dying campaign for the United States Senate. Rafferty was an easy man to dislike. For one thing, he was not only a demagogue at heart, but an effective one. For another, like a lot of overly bright people, his judgment wasn't on a par with his intellect. Finally, if you hadn't gotten to know and understand

him, he appeared arrogant and sometimes even rude. He was, in fact, both a good deal of the time.

But I liked him. Most of the time. And at one time I had high hopes that he could be elected a United States Senator. Not that I thought he'd be a great senator. He was too much a maverick for that and too outspoken. And then, as I said, there was the matter of his judgment.

But Rafferty was the best rabble-rouser I have ever known, better than Reagan, better than most television evangelists. He could bring an audience to its feet cheering.... I visualized him not as

a statesman in the Senate but as a great Republican money raiser.

Nofziger concludes his chapter "The Reagan White House: Policy and People" with this:

The great political adventure that began with Reagan's speech for Barry Goldwater in 1964 and reached its peak with Reagan's election as president in 1980 is now consigned to the archives and the history books. Reagan's handpicked successor, George Bush, has dashed whatever hopes many of us had that he would carry on the Reagan legacy. He has proved that eight years of personal loyalty

are not enough, that no man, including George Bush, can carry out another man's dream if he doesn't share it.

And the men who did share it — Ed Meese, Bill Clark, Martin Andersen, John Herrington, and others of us — leaderless and in many ways abandoned, have gone on to other things. The Reagan revolution has ended where it began, with the pragmatists and mercenaries in full control. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, as the sun sets over the Pacific, it is plain that Ronald Reagan doesn't know it, doesn't believe it, or no longer cares. ■

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"Jim Copley was, one, a patriot, and, two, a Republican, and, three, he didn't have any of these phony ideas that you gotta be absolutely impartial."

Nofziger answered the telephone in his Washington office on a recent morning, and then, the line went dead. Redial brought back his raspy basso. "The phones," he complained, "haven't worked right ever since that damned judge screwed up the phone system." (Nofziger was referring to Judge Harold Green, who in 1982 oversaw the breakup of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.)

Nofziger asked immediately if I had read the review of his book by *San Diego Union-Tribune* associate editor Peter Kaye in the October 4 *U-T*.

"Well," said Nofziger, "he just cut me in little pieces. I thought he was an old friend."

Titled "Insider 'Nofziger' gives no insights," the review begins, "In 40 years on the politi-

cal scene, Lyn Nofziger became known for his bad puns, good humor, and doglike devotion to Ronald Reagan. Unfortunately, none of these qualities qualify him to write a book, but he's done so anyway." Kaye concludes, "Nofziger is knowledgeably, at times entertainingly, written. But Nofziger has neither the candor of

Ford's campaign press secretary in 1976." Nofziger added, about Kaye's review, "I thought that maybe he was expecting a different kind of a book. Maybe he wanted a book that would delve into policy, and when he didn't get it he was disappointed. But I didn't intend the book to be a policy book. Go read Ed Meese's book



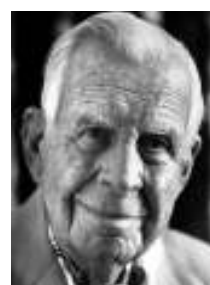
James Copley



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C. Arnholt Smith

Reagan biographer Lou Cannon nor the cattiness of Kitty Kelly. As a chronicle of a fascinating period in political history, the book reads like a mini-memo."

Why did Nofziger think Kay wrote so unkindly about his book?

"I don't know. I really don't have the vaguest damned idea."

It was, I say, mean-spirited.

"It was mean-spirited. I'll grant you that. Maybe he is still mad at us because he was

if you want a book about why Ronald Reagan did this and did that."

I mentioned that the *New York Times* reviewer had praised Nofziger on the previous Sunday.

"The *Washington Times* yesterday had a good review, the *Sacramento Bee* had a good review, in fact Pete's is the only nasty review we've had so far."

Nofziger early in his book mentions E. Robert Anderson, the retired Navy captain

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who served as chief aide to *Union-Tribune* and Copley News Service owner James S. Copley. What, I asked, did Anderson do for Copley?

"That's a little hard for me to say; he did a little bit of everything. He was Jim Copley's right-hand man. He was the guy who passed along the word from Jim Copley. He didn't have anything to do with the day-to-day running of any of the papers, except if they didn't like what appeared

in one of the papers or how something was handled. Then, you heard it from E. Robert Anderson."

Did Nofziger recall how he and Captain Anderson met?

"I don't have the vaguest idea, except that I used to say 'Jim Copley collects admirals and generals.' He did, too."

What did Anderson look like?

"He was a little man, about five-four or -five, slender build, a rather stern-

looking man. When I knew him he was gray-haired. His loyalty was to Jim Cop-

ley. Jim Copley was an easy man to be loyal to because he was loyal to people who worked for him.

"Herb was Nixon's press secretary in that '60 campaign, so I would work with him there and we were both in the Nixon White House."

What would Anderson and Copley talk about? "I didn't socialize with them. I was a reporter. I never worked in San Diego. I knew Jim when he would visit the papers or when

he came back to the bureau or when they would have me come to La Jolla."

What was that like, when Copley came back to the bureau?

Nofziger laughed. "Well, Jim was a neat-desk man so everybody quickly took all the stuff off their desks and hid it in the drawers. Then he would go, and the stuff would come back out. I said one time, 'A clean desk is the sign of an empty mind,' and I don't think I was appreciated. He was a

nice man, Jim Copley was. We would all go to lunch. We would go up to the press club. Jim was a punster and he liked to pun, and so that gave me a little in with him."

Did Nofziger know Jean Copley, Jim Copley's first wife?

"I knew her, and you heard all the rumors about her not being sober and one thing or the other, and I don't know because I never had any dealings with her."

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I asked if Jim Copley were as big a drinker as some of his news service employees were reputed to be. Nofziger said no, Copley was not a big

pie-shaped utilities empire in Illinois, and he sold that out and began buying newspapers, and he served a couple, three terms in the House of Representa-

"It's kind of like, 'Once a Copley person, always a Copley person.' It gives you a very nice feeling."

drinker. I asked about Copley's toast, "Happy Daze."

"Jim Copley's dad, his adopted father, old Colonel Copley, had had a kind of

tives, but he had a lot of dough and one of the things he bought was a big yacht, and the name of the yacht was the *Happy Daze*, and that's where the toast came

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Had Nofziger known Jim Copley's second wife, Helen?

"I had met her, because she was his secretary, and I would come out to La Jolla for one thing or another. But I was not close to either Jim or her. Once

again, she was a nice lady, she's a *tough, smart* lady. I always get a Christmas card from her. Hell, it's been 1966 since I last worked for the Copleys, so it's been 26 years. But I get Christmas cards from her, and every now and then they will have something back

here that I will get invited to. It's kind of like, 'Once a Copley person always a Copley person.' It gives you a very nice feeling."

Did Nofziger work with Herb Klein when Klein was in an editorial position at the *Union-Tribune*?
"Herb would be in and

out of here [Washington, D.C.], and he spent some time in the bureau here, but that was before my time. But we both came out off the Copley Los Angeles papers — he came out of Alhambra, and I came out of Glendale and Burbank — and then he of course went on down to San Diego. I worked with Herb. Herb was Nixon's press secretary in that '60 campaign, so I would work with him there and we were both in the Nixon White House. He was there a lot longer than I was, because I'm smarter than he is." Nofziger laughed. "Herbert is one of the world's truly nice men, a much too nice man to have ever got-

ten into politics."

Did Nofziger have any Herb Klein stories?

"Herb is always late, always a half hour late. I got tired of it after many

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"There were two or three of us who prided ourselves on our dirty desks, and Herb is a great dirty-

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in it. Probably there was stuff in there from the first presidential campaign."

When Nofziger was editor at the Copley's Glendale paper, would Jim Copley come to the paper's offices?

"He probably came up to visit. I met his foster brother, the other adopted brother, Bill [a painter], shortly after I went to work in Glendale. At the time Bill — that would be about 1950 — Bill Copley was living in Paris, and to justify that crap, he was writing a weekly column and the *Glendale News-Press* would run it. They always ran a thumbnail picture of Bill Copley and he had a big

head, and I thought, 'My God, this guy is probably about six-foot-two,' and he came into the office one day and he was about five-foot-two with a big head."

I asked about C. Arnholt Smith. What did Nofziger remember about him?

"Not the most honest man who ever lived. He was in all kinds of legal trouble, was under indictment back there in the early '70s when I was running Nixon's re-elect campaign. Of course, C. Arnholt was a big Republican boy. I had a tough time when Nixon visited San Diego — *I had a terrible time* — keeping Smith off the platform.

These guys just don't understand."

Nixon called San Diego his "lucky city." Why?

"I don't know. I'll tell

"I am sure he endorsed Nixon.

But Jim Copley never dirtied his hands in this business. He supported, he lent people, and I'm sure he contributed money."

you this, as far as Reagan was concerned, San Diego was our *best* city in California. It may be because it is just such a good Republican city, or used to be."

During the late '60s there were allegations that some Copley reporters were agents for the CIA. Did Nofziger think there was

anything to those allegations?

Nofziger laughed again, a low, deep laugh. "I have no way of knowing. I wouldn't be surprised if two or three of them weren't

helping. Jim Copley was, one, a patriot, and, two, a Republican, and, three, he didn't have any of these phony ideas that you gotta be absolutely impartial, which means to go out and help the Democrats. I don't know it, but I could believe it," he laughs, "and it wouldn't bother me."

Speaking of Democrats, did Nofziger remember Lionel Van Deerlin (the nine-term Democratic Congressman who lost his House seat in the 1980 Reagan GOP sweep, now a *U-T* columnist)?

"Sure, old Van is a friend of mine. Van one time had the gall to call me right after Reagan

became governor and suggest we name that bridge down there over to Coronado, Brown Bridge. And I just laughed at him. I said, 'Hey, Van, we're Republicans.' I am very fond of Pat Brown, he's a nice old man, but having said that you don't go out and reward your enemies."

The U.S. Grant?

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On page 11 of his book, in the chapter titled "Politics and the Press," Nofziger writes about being a reporter on the 1960 Kennedy presidential campaign, "I was never a pool reporter. Eventually I found

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out why. Don Wilson, as assistant to Salinger, who handled the pool assignments, took my name whenever it became my turn and moved it to the bottom of the list." Was Wilson biased against all Republicans or Copley reporters in particular?

"There are so damned few Republicans on those campaign planes it's hard to tell. Copley was an avowed Republican at a time when most publishers had given up control of the editorial content of their papers. So it may have been that these boys were biased in particular against Copley reporters, and it is also always possible that it was me he didn't like. Except that I got along fine with Salinger. I think it was mainly, 'We don't owe these guys anything. They are never going to do anything for us.' Hell, I would have done the same thing if I had been in their position.

"I don't do much complaining in the book. Because I don't think I have much to complain about.

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What role did Jim Copley and the Copley papers play in Nixon's '62 gubernatorial campaign?

"In the gubernatorial campaign he supported, he lent people, he gave Herb Klein again. Herb was the press secretary. I am sure he endorsed Nixon. But

absence, and he said he would. They paid me more, too."

Was Jim Copley cheap, as far as salaries for reporters were concerned?

"I don't want to say cheap. Copley's papers for the most part were small newspapers, and small newspapers don't get paid as well as big newspapers, and we certainly never got

"Copley personally assigned me to full-time coverage of Goldwater, which should not happen to anyone, but Jim wanted to be sure Goldwater got fair treatment."

Jim Copley never dirtied his hands in this business. He supported, he lent people, and I'm sure he contributed money."

How did this loaning of people to campaigns work?

"In my case, they just went down and asked if he'd give me a leave of

paid what people on the *Washington Post* or *New York Times* got paid, so maybe you say he was cheap, but the thing you always want to remember..."

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Somewhere Around Elvis Costello I Stopped Keeping Up

"Music is love looking for words," I wrote in a diary in 1972. I was 21 years old. It is impossible to think I was ever that naïve, romantic, ingenuous, and dumb. I think I found the quote in a science fiction or fantasy novel. At the time I obviously thought it sufficiently profound to write down — though unattributed.

Music is many things, many of them closely, historically associated with love, emotion seeking expression, but with "looking for words" you're out of music's province and — ideally, anyway — into poetry. Much evidence can be found across the radio dial, or on MTV or VH1, for bad music looking for equally bad language and finding it. But to relegate music to an exercise seeking another vocabulary is, understating grievously, to miss the point.

"...Our capacity to 'read' rhythms, melodies, and pleasing harmonies like our uniquely human ability to learn language, was genetically prescribed. These three elements were found by anthropologists to exist in all musical cultures. Our ear for harmony was hardwired. (Furthermore, without a surrounding context of harmony, disharmony was meaningless and uninteresting.) Understanding a line of melody was a complex mental act, but it was one that even an infant could perform; we were born into an inheritance, we were *Homo musicus*; defining beauty in music must therefore entail a definition of human nature, which brought us back to the humanities and communicativeness..."

— from *Amsterdam*
by Ian McEwan

The above quote is from a short novel I am reading that is only partially about music, but McEwan is eloquent on the subject. If the art form is

indeed love looking for words, one could do worse than going to McEwan.

At my age, looking back on some 40 years performing

mostly rock, rhythm and blues, popular music, country, western, even folk when a metaphorical gun (euphemistically referred to as "rent" or "union dues") was to my head — that is, needing what money was to be had doing it — I have to grin, even laugh out loud. I'm doing so now. The ideas I had at the time about what I was doing, what was possible, what I might expect from those listening, have changed dramatically, mercurially — for many years dictated by the imperative of making a living and having little to do with art.

I once played with a blues band in Oakland in 1969 consisting of all black musicians except me. The band was called Cannonball and the other guys, Luther, R.C., and "Pops," were middle-aged. Everyone was pretty good when sober, which was for about two 45-minute sets out of four at dive bars and military bases. I learned a few things, but rather than "going to school" on Cannonball, my motivation, when I was 20,



Chris Decatur

was biographical material for the liner notes of my eventual solo blues album: as clear in my mind's eye as the eventual novel sure to induce a cultural eclipse of the works of Kesey and Kerouac. Lord in Heaven I was young.

I wanted to be Robert Johnson, Eric Clapton, and Keith Richards, but also Donald "Duck" Dunn, Jack Bruce, and Harvey Brooks, Ray Brown, and John Entwistle: a notoriously killer side musician, in the shadows, backing up some charismatic, half-mad extrovert, a musician's musician but a star to the savvy listener. Growing up in Chicago in the 1950s and '60s it was rock and roll and blues. My mother played boogie-

woogie piano ("Pine Top Boogie" was for me as seminal a work as "Louie Louie" or "Rumble"), but she always seemed vaguely embarrassed by the fact that she could. Her record collections were show tunes: *West Side Story*, *My Fair Lady*, etc. The only classical records I recall are *The 1812 Overture* and *The Peer Gynt Suite* (if those are indeed considered classical and I'm in severe doubt). I know there were others I took in subliminally, but I don't remember what they were now. Liszt comes to mind and Strauss, the Strauss of "Death and Transfiguration," not the other one.

From Elvis Presley and Muddy Waters (in that

uniquely white-middle-class order) to Pink Floyd and Elvis Costello pretty much mark the highlights in my musical attention, and it was somewhere around Costello that I stopped keeping up, searching for new sounds that articulated youthful desires, sub-currents of emotions, 12-bar jingoes to lifelong neuroses. I was no longer youthful. But the musicianship in music was and remains paramount to me (it presents problems at times such as justifying my affection for Neil Young's guitar playing or Keith Jarrett crawling into his grand piano to pluck strings seemingly at random). Musicianship has been largely relegated to "a '60s thing" in today's pop

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music and commercial jazz. Certainly there are exceptions.

What is important now to young musicians? What is the point? Is the payoff an MTV crib and a mountain of cocaine or to move the masses in ways they do not understand?

CHRIS DECATUR

Former local bandmates of mine, Jan Tonnesen (he performs as Troy Dante) and Bill Richardson (performing as Jose Sinatra) referred me to a young singer-songwriter opening for the old lads, "Jose Sinatra and the Troy Dante Inferno," at Claire De Lune and Lestat's. Chris Decatur is a 28-year-old Point Loma resident who performs solo (sort of) at the Sandbar, Blind Melon's, the above-mentioned coffeehouse venues, et al., as Chris, Chris, Chris. His self-billing is not so much a case of rampant ego (his is healthy) but an intimation of the Decatur concept.

Not a tall man and looking younger than his years, Decatur tells me over coffee, following a performance at Lestat's, that "the show as it is started about two months ago [this was in April 2005]. It started out as 'Come watch me play with myself.' The music itself isn't spectacular; it's not where I want it to be yet. It's more a matter of showmanship. I try to get the audience to participate in this huge backstory. It's kind of an Andy Kaufman thing. You know it's not true — but is it?"

Not sure exactly what the clean-cut but bed-headed musician means, I have to concede my own youthful nod to showmanship; wearing gold lamé pants and doing steps à la the Young Rascals, the Temptations, and the Four Tops, with five of us in matching shag haircuts in 1966. I even played bass through a Fender "Showman" amplifier. I tell Decatur I like his bass player.

"Coming from you, that's quite a compliment. I'll tell him you said that."

Heh, heh. Is Decatur delusional, or is he just taking showmanship as far as he can? He goes on about the other members of the band, Sabado Domingo, Lic Brockoley, Chris Hardy, and Chris Capri. It shortly becomes clear he has given his band members far too much thought.

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Is this funny or terribly sad? I can't decide, so I let him go on.

"Yeah, the reason Sabado plays with headphones on all the time is because he's listening to the samba version of our songs." Surely Decatur is "Taking the piss," as Lic Brockoley would say. "He's also a closet Flamenco dancer and an obsessive-compulsive. Every time he sees a closet, he has to duck in there and dance Flamenco style."

I didn't have my glasses with me at Lestat's, but I was only in the second row, and Decatur was the only guy onstage except for his so-called band members on a 19-inch television monitor. Some of the guys had mustaches and whatnot, but even half-blind I could pretty much make out that they were all Decatur. He's videotaped himself playing all the instruments and somehow synced up the images and music, a kind of visual overdubbing; a direct audio visual descendant of Les Paul, who first overdubbed his guitar on a tape recorder. Video-wise, the first guy I saw do it live, at least in San Diego, was, again, Jose Sinatra. Sinatra appeared onstage at the Spirit Club (now Brick by Brick) with a "satellite" image of his father, Julio Iglesias Sinatra or something, the two performing a duet of "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," culminating in a crescendo, a mutual crooning of "Fuck you!" — father and son.

I am willing to be corrected; possibly Mike Nesmith or any of a number of rock video pioneers did things like this, but not exactly like this — and I didn't see them. One possible reason for this, if true, is that I live in San Diego. I am a booster of nothing pretty much, but as for the artistic talent in San Diego I can wax with genuine enthusiasm. But for, darnitall, the

love of Mike, there is some kind of black hole principle operating here when it comes to creativity that, like light from a black hole, is unaltered to escape. Conversely, neither does it enter all that readily.

Decatur is going on. "Brockoley's therapist in England told him he was having heart palpitations and had high blood pressure, had to quit playing that Brit-rock and mellow out. So he moved to Austin. Oh, he's got an

anger management problem too.... People comment on the fact that we all look so much alike and I say, 'Yeah, we've been together for seven years. When you've been together for so long, share the same toothpaste, you

start to look the same...' " I had to steer him away from the band history. It was not certain whether I was expected to believe all this. Presently, it became obvious that it was all in good fun. Still, for some reason, I found

something about the sheer quantity of detail a little alarming.

"I noticed your lyrics were very..." I almost said "complicated," thought of "difficult," and finally said,

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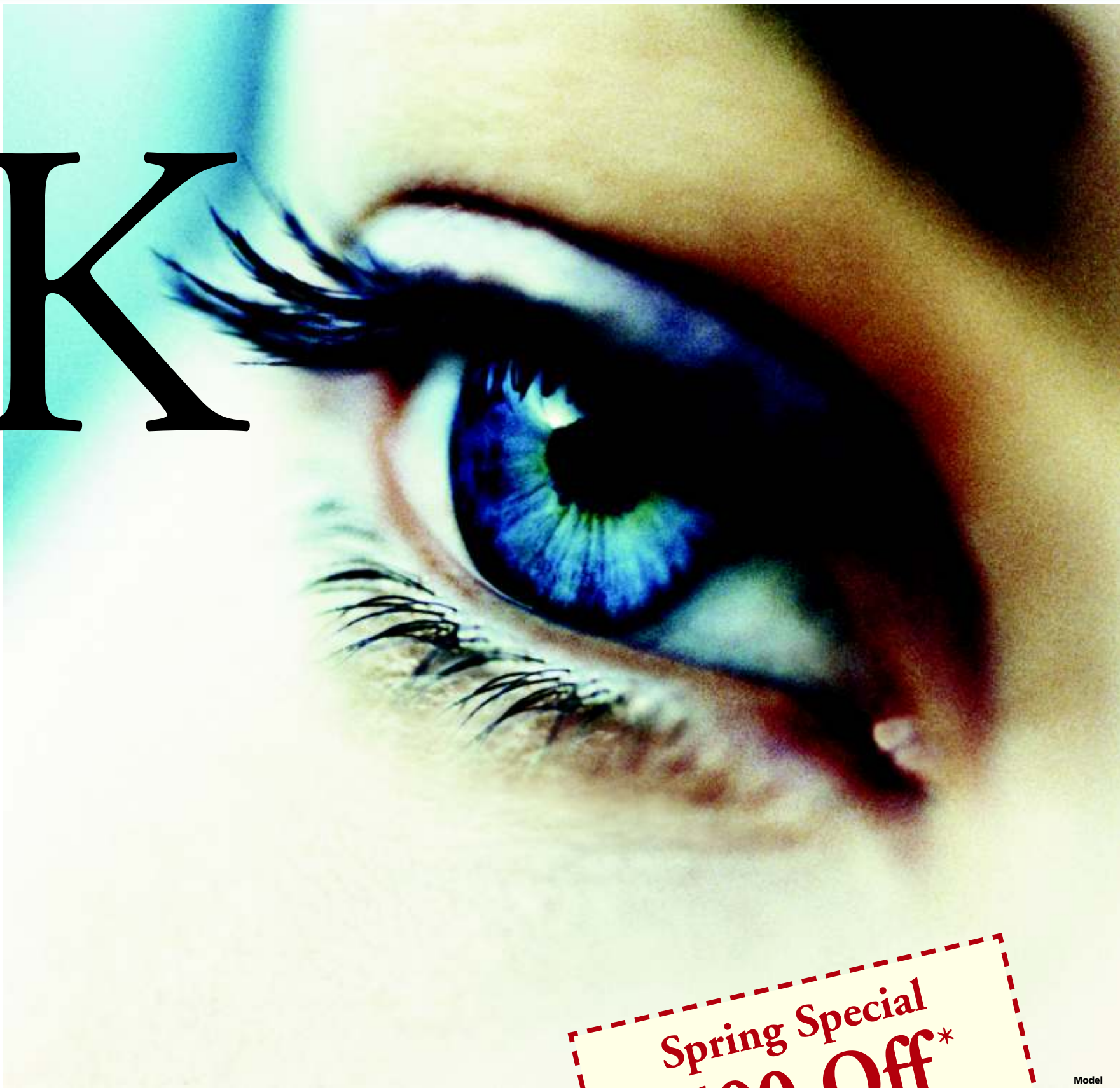


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Somewhere Around Elvis Costello I Stopped Keeping Up

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“often jammed together very close to one another...the words. That must be challenging. Do you have ambitions as a writer or poet in any way?”

“I used to write a diary every day. Do you mean *writing* writing? I wrote a diary every day for a website I did about a relationship I was in. That really helped a lot. Did you ever hear of Kinky Friedman?”

His literary idol? “You mean, ‘...and the Texas Jewboys?’ ”

“Yeah. The Texas Jewboys. I still haven’t heard his music yet, but his books I just live by. And, like, the way that he writes is so poetic. It’s the same way I want to write songs. I’m still trying to figure that out, like, what am I trying to say without saying it? So that it gets a message across. Instead of singing, ‘Dang, this coffee is good,’ you might think I’m singing about coffee or a car or a woman. That’s what I

like about Kinky Friedman. He’s a jokester. He’s got this cosmic spirituality. He just jumps from one thing to the next. He’s always looking, always watching, taking it in and processing it and thinking of a new way of saying something. I used to want to write like that, and I started writing like that. I adapted it. I would read it so much I would kind of look at things that way. Like calling a \$20 bill a Jackson. Like, ‘I put two Jacksons down.’ ”

I did not mention Raymond Chandler, or the fact that I once set T.S. Elliott’s “Hollow Men” to rock music in a projected opera, to establish, for Decatur’s benefit, that I, too, find rock-and-roll sustenance in language. Had I done so, I would have begun with Little Richard and “Wop-bop-a-loo-bop” and John Lee Hooker’s boogie cadence/antecedents in Zulu chants.

“I kind of eventually want to write,” said Decatur, resuming his approach to the subject of music vs. language. “For me, it’s difficult just playing. Trying to focus on playing the guitar and

singing at the same time, since I’m really not a guitarist or a bassist. Trying to remember my lyrics, which I’m forgetting all the time.”

Decatur, aside from his own material, performs a song by Muse and a Britney Spears cover. “And I rap too. I do this, like, little scat rap, well, you heard it. That’s quite a mouthful, but I’ve done it so many times.... But I’m always distracted. Like, is the PA on? Am I too loud? Am I popping too much in the mike? Is my guitar overbearing? Somebody looked like they just waved to me. I’m trying to think of all that as I’m singing and trying to remain on key at the same time. At some point you just lose it, but I’m sure everybody does that onstage.

“Being behind the scenes, like a drummer — I was a drummer a little bit [in Austin] — and you could drop your stick and still play like the Def Leppard drummer for a minute while you get your stick back. If you’re the front man, you can’t skip a beat. Especially if people know your songs — which they do now! They’re singing

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along with my songs, and I feel like an idiot if I can't remember them."

While Decatur does not think much of his lyrics, his audience seems to differ, and Decatur certainly seems to enjoy himself while delivering them.

He may appear deliriously mindless while singing, "La-da-da-da / La da-da-da / To and fro we wander / Knowin' nothin' is forever..." from the song "He's in the Way." Or appear deceptively dismissive, as in "Wrapped Around Your Finger," a darker, scatological anthem of emotional bondage. Upon close examination this is an unblinking examination of a post-postmodern brutalization of the sexual imagination in the context of media and millennial angst; the ineluctable modality of the visual as James Joyce termed it, coupled with hints of the Keatsian innocent turned jackass cynic. All the while this is artfully underpinned by Freudian themes of abandonment on the shoals of puberty — implying, of course, the obvious Oedipal

dementia praecox at the root of the Chris, Chris, Chris experience. Decatur sings:

"So here I am
Makin' some grilled cheese
I asked you to come over
I even asked you please
But you had to go and just
say no
Girl, why did you have to
go
I should have made some
sloppy joes
But hey that's just me
...Girl, you've got me
wrapped around
your finger
That stinky, middle finger
And I love you
So here I am
Sittin' on the toilet
And I seem to remember
You the last one on it
...You left no toilet paper
on the roll
And now I'm sittin' here like
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...So-now-I'm
masturbating to a porno
And I hope that you don't
know
That I stole it from your little
brother
It's a porno of your nudie
of your mother

He took while she was in
the shower

...my favorite part is when
she bends over

You should really think
about comin' over..."

Clearly, the (Rod) McKuen-like restraint in forgoing both iambic pentameter and the heroic couplet form is nearly heartbreaking in its poignancy. Philip Larkin may have said it best when he pointed out, "Poetry is nobody's business except the poet's, and everybody else can fuck off."

Decatur's self-effacement aside, he seems to be doing something right even if he doesn't know what it is or how to articulate it glibly. He has only been performing as a solo act with the monitor and phosphor-dot image sidemen for a few months as of spring 2005, yet he fills Lestat's to some 50 or 60 paying audience members, and several of them, in fact, *do* know his songs.

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doing it so I could play music. I realized that for me it wasn't just about the music, it was about the performance. It was about, 'You can do this. You can get onstage and be creative and make it entertaining. The music can be good. You can send somebody home with a CD and have him or her remember your show.'

"For instance, there's a band out called, I think, Arcade Fire who has got a guy hitting himself in the head with a drumstick — he's got some kind of helmet on — and that's what he's using as percussion. Then there's a guy running around hitting cymbals. Now people just love this band, they love them. It's a little kitschy, I guess, if you can use that word, but whatever works. If it brings people back or gets them talking, gets them to listen to that music again. That's all it takes, to me."

On the way home from

Decatur's show at Lestat's, I asked a friend if she thought Chris was aware that much of his material (certainly not all) owed its flavor to London's West End Music Hall tunes. Some Kinks material came to mind along these lines, some Rod Stewart, and even some early Pink Floyd. My friend doubted Decatur would even know what that genre (or subgenre) of music was.*

"I don't," Decatur admitted flatly, but seemed pleased that it was something. "That's interesting. This one guy said I sounded like Paul Simon, but I don't see it."

"No."

Some days later, I heard echoes of what Decatur is up to in a rock video/single by Jack Johnson, called, I think, "Where Have All the Good People Gone?"

When asked how long he has been playing music, he skips over his stint as a drummer in Austin and describes his recent years

learning "power chords," by which, in this case, he means bar chords. "When you're a drummer, you can't really serenade your girlfriend. It took me, what? About six years just to get to where I am now, and it's still bad. I mean, I don't practice on a regular basis. I don't think I'm really interested in being a musician's musician. I'm still trying to figure out how to play the songs I'm writing without looking down at the guitar. It's the show that really makes the music fun. I'm not the kind of guy that you might want to take the CD home and listen to it every day — there might be people like that, I don't know."

A Journalism 101 kind of question: Where would you like to be ten years from now? His answer: "I'd like to be touring with this show, just to see the world. Opening up for comedians or opening up for bands with a somewhat quirky edge or similar sound. Frankly, I don't think mine is the kind of band that lasts. I don't really see myself on the radio. I just see myself as this guy who people walk up to on the street and say, 'Hey, you're that guy who brings a TV onstage!' Not, 'You're the guy that plays all those characters onstage.' I'm not the guy that plays that killer music or killer guitar."

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"I think this is a flash in the pan," Decatur says in response to my suggestion that at 35 he will be on to other projects. "You go up, it spikes, and then you get trashed because more and more people are going to catch on to how lame it is." Possibly Decatur should not represent himself in a promotional context. Offstage he seems to forget, at least momentarily, the sheer sense of fun he generates on it. "Eventually, they're gonna be all, yeah, that's great hah hah, and they'll be on to something else. I hope I'll be known as, 'Hey, you're the guy who put together the Chris, Chris, Chris Show!'"

Speaking with the per-

former/musician/songwriter I was riffling through memory cells to identify a quote. I think I narrowed it down to either Gore Vidal or La Rochefoucauld. It was something to the effect that "For completely missing the point, there is nothing like the artist's evaluation of his own work." This I take to apply regardless of the (theoretically) objective quality of the art.

Much in line, I think, with this idea, is Decatur's possibly generational sense of ambition, an idea of success. "To be on the Conan O'Brien show. That would be it, ultimately. Even if I was just on my way there, on an airplane and it crashes,

at least I would die knowing I'd been invited to play on the Conan O'Brien show. That would be it. I'd be done."

It struck me that it was the second time in a matter of weeks I had told a younger person, with heavy irony, to reach for the stars in response to what I felt might be, say—what is the word?—ah, *nugatory* ambitions.

WESLEY COLE

The hook, for me, was in the press kit. Phrases beckoned. Phrases like "...lyrics and poetic grace... has opened a lost door in modern music... Wesley Cole and [band] the Contrary are setting out to be the voice of a generation... The

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One hears the phrase, "Music saved me," as one hears, "Books and reading saved me," or maybe mathematics. At times, music has literally saved musicians, at least as far as "Don't shoot the piano player" goes or the classical performers in concentration camps during WWII. When I have said it, I was thinking of the dysfunctional family from which I was delivered and the dour, Slavic streets of Chicago from which blues, R&B, and rock offered transcendence.

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When I hear a tone of near reverence or nobility when someone speaks of music, it is with a sympathetic ear. But at my age, my hearing, along with other things, is going. It may be imperfectly that phrases like "voice of a generation" and "...give back to music what it gave us" resound in my doddering and disgruntled skull.

Another young San Diegan, from Fallbrook, Wesley Cole (who, by the way, has yet to say that music saved him from anything), could be reached only in Boston, where he is attending the Berklee College of Music. He has had a considerable head start in



Wesley Cole

that his father is a local blues musician (ten years in the San Diego blues group Worm Unit) who initially schooled the younger Cole. "He taught me the fundamentals," Cole told me by phone from Boston. "I wanted to get away from blues and started to listen to a lot of jazz and some of the big bass players like

Les Claypool and Geddy Lee." I had to ask to establish that Claypool was with Primus, Lee with Rush, neither bands ever having been my cup of meat, as it were.

Wesley Cole and the Contrary's CD *Dreaming in Subtitles* (a title oddly similar to San Diego's Comanche Moon's 1998 *Dreams in*

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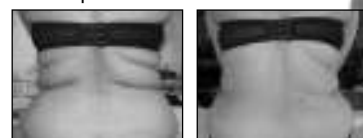
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Rewind) came to my attention through another music writer and editor and proved as promising and interesting as puzzling and frustrating.

I will try not to simply review *Dreaming...* (It probably merits a generous review if for no other reason than in deference to the musician's age of just 20 years and his remarkable accomplishment on bass guitar.) I will mostly attempt to describe its components. For the most part, those components are bass, acoustic and electric guitar, vocals and drums. Cole sings his stuff, although there is a guest singer on the song "Common Courtesy," Holly Brandt.

The music is strong on rhythm tracks, a vital *sine qua non* and something Cole has down, putting him much ahead of any perceived competition at this stage in his career. The recording opens with "Sacrifice" and several bars of full, open-tuned chords played with a slide evoking metal, balls, and to me, Southern sweat and violence.

A lyric sample, taken

from that first song, belies the comparison to Dylan or Neil Young as touted on one tour flyer, and for me, dispels the promise and power of the instrumental hook.

"Sacrifice, compromise
Don't you realize, my forcing you to stay
Is now what's pushin' you away
I switch from side to side
Ain't nothing left to hide
I'm not quite sure where I am
But I hope I'm someplace good."

As much as I would like to help with Cole's musical question, I don't know where he is either, and while I too hope he's someplace good, these lyrics are of no help.

Cole's music, however, keeps busting moves of mighty promise.

An example of that on acoustic guitar but again coupled with fuddling language is "Common Courtesy," sung by Holly Brandt.

"She walked up and spoke to me

This is just what came from me
It's all the things you've done
Call it regret or remorse
And that's what makes you who you are
It's all the things you do
As you walk from day to day
And that's what makes you who you are
[Chorus]
Be as though I walk with me
Be as though I talk with me
Walk with me, walk with me
Talk with me, talk with me, talk with me
Walk with me, talk with me,
To talk and talk with me, that's common courtesy"

Possibly this is not the song Cole (or the press-kit writer) had in mind when referring to "Cole's lyrics and poetic grace." None of the others really seem to have it either. Yet the stirrings of a formidable player are unmistakable. The notable exception

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on the album is the song “Monday,” where the lyrics take on an almost narrative maturity.

I woke up once again
Numbers flashing 6 a.m.
And to no surprise
She’s lying right there by
my side
I dream of sleeping in
But the coffee is on the
way
The morning paper is
here today
Why does it feel this
life’s a joke
Working 365 all day
working 9–5
North to south and
south to north
Traffic’s jammed on I-5
Another day another
dime another sigh
Why does it feel like all I
do is work and then I
die

The second verse is from the point-of-view character’s wife:

He gets up and leaves for
work today
Pretend I don’t hear any-
thing he’ll say

And he says goodbye
To which I offer no reply
Just another Monday
This love’s like a cold
December...
...Today is Monday

And, finally, their kid’s point of view:

...Just another lonely
mixed-up kid
Behind my books is right
where, where I hid
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Of his own parents or family Cole only mentions his father’s musical context and that his “Mother is a belly dancer.” To this information I replied, “Cool,” or “Far out,” or something. He only said, “Not really.”

Cole lists Victor Wooten (of Bela Fleck and the Flecktones) among his influences. “A pretty experimental bass player,” Cole terms him. “A lot of people call it [Wooten and the Flecktones] Dave Mathews on acid.” The appeal

of Dave Mathews speeds past me but snags an irritated nerve on its way. “I went and saw them play, and by a fluke I met Anthony Wellington, Wooten’s bass tech and pretty noted bass player. He mentioned to me that if I was ever in Nashville, give me a call. When I got done with school I moved out to Tennessee, and whenever he was in town we would get together and play, which was a pretty unique experience.”

Steering him toward the CD work, I tell him his vocal style is, at times, reminiscent of John Lennon, with a pinched, nasal quality. “Could be. I definitely listened to him a lot and a lot of the older songwriters like Dylan and Neil Young. So that’s definitely a heavy influence. In general, a lot of the modern rock or contemporary pop, whatever you want to call it, has kind of lost its focus on quality songwriting, lyrically speaking.”

“A lot of musicianship is missing too,” I tell him. “It’s good to hear someone playing so well.” I then ask Cole why there are no lead

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guitar parts, no melodic piano or horn fills. He asks me, "Think of 'Imagine' by John Lennon. There was no piano solo or anything else in there. It just didn't belong in the structure of the song. I try to write that way."

Cole's technique and accuracy is extraordinary for a musician of any age. I ask him about practicing. He doesn't give me his rehearsal schedule, but he has something to say on the subject.

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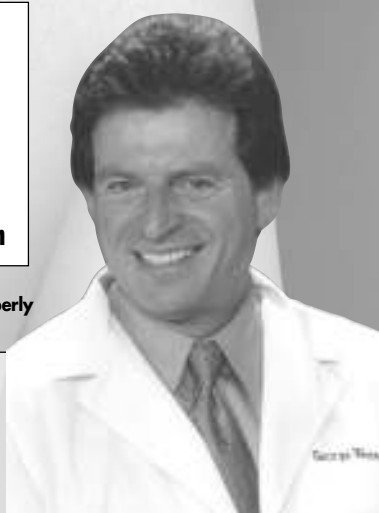
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“...Sometimes Clive worked so hard on a piece that he could lose sight of his ultimate purpose — to create this pleasure at once so sensuous and abstract, to translate into vibrating air this nonlanguage whose meanings were forever just beyond reach, suspended tantalizingly at a point where emotion and intellect fused. Certain sequences of notes reminded him of nothing

more than the recent effort to write them...”

— Ian McEwen,
Amsterdam

“On the album [*Dreams*] that you heard,” Cole said, “I did all analog for that reason. I didn’t want there to be any editing possible, any overdubs possible. Everything was one take, first take, live.”

I mention my enthusiasm for the slide guitar open-

ing and subsequent guitar instrumental on “Sacrifice.” I ask Cole about his influences on slide. Again, they are not my own. I have never even heard of these guys. “Ben Harper [of the Innocent Criminals] and a guy named Xavier Rudd. He’s an Australian slide player on tour now with Robert Randolph.”

Cole begins talking about the Bonnaroo Festival in Tennessee, “The closest thing I can think of to a modern

Woodstock. A three-day festival, half an hour south of Nashville.”

Back, however, to Cole’s own music. I was not aware, at this point, that Cole was studying production and recording (I would have thought he could teach it) and made the erroneous assumption that he was studying music formally. Theory and such. “I do study theory every chance I get, but I read music only very slowly.”

“I am the same way,” I tell him, puzzled. I still think he is undergoing a classical training. I read him a quote from conductor and composer Gunther Schuller. I found it in the *New Yorker*, embedded in a Stanley Crouch article about Sonny Rollins.

“...the classical musician — no matter how great — is, on the one hand, reading music or playing it from memory. On the other, he is too closely connected to what he was told about how to play by his most influential teachers. This makes it veritably impossible for him even to encounter, much less master, that kind of personal hearing knowledge from within his own being.”

Cole then tells me he is studying production and recording; he also tells me that studying classical forms “can only increase your vocabulary as a musician.” Listening to a live/studio CD he sent me from Boston with only bass and guitar on three cuts, I hear a unique combination of classically influenced stuff combined with powerful funk riffs. Recorded at the age of 19 years. Recalling my own level of musicianship at that age, I am duly impressed.

On one track titled only “Solo,” and with no percussion, Cole inserts Hendrix’s “Voodoo Chile,” melody runs, fills, and simultaneous bottom all at one time. Listening to this, I am put in mind of the first time I heard a Robert Johnson recording. I remember thinking, “Those guys are good.” It never occurred to me that it was a single musician playing live in a studio.

Along with the live CD, Cole sent a letter. In it he writes: “Here is another CD for you to check out, much less formal obviously...”

“As a point of reference, these songs are not made

readily available publicly and I would prefer to keep it that way. A big thing for me is that these ‘solos’ are something people see live. When you listen to a CD, it’s simply audio, and a person doesn’t really consider what is making those voicings sound the way they do. Live, however, a person can realize there are no multitracking, overdubs, etc. It’s simply what your hands can do at a given moment. When a person can see it live, it’s much harder to take for granted. On a CD, the average listener really doesn’t know what they are hearing...

“Live, your eyes break down the sounds for you, explaining it to your ears...”

“My playing is all over the map, but there is a method to it all here. I can explain it if you want, babe...”

“Anyway, happy listening!”

* “Winchester Cathedral” (1966) by the New Vaudeville Band was a prime example of this influence in pop though not, in this instance, necessarily similar to the material of Chris, Chris, Chris. ■

—John Brizzolara

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Downloading has be-

come epidemic to the point of disgraceful. It exists because it's at your fingertips and people are tired of paying outrageous prices for a CD, a piece of plastic less than five inches across, an inset panel card with lyrics which you need a magnifying glass to read. It's not worth the price that we are forced to pay if we choose, but as a consumer of music we pay the price anyway, in more ways than one.

Tony D. Metal
Spring Valley

Ollie Induced Spasms

Ollie, Ollie, Ollie...I wish I could describe in words how my friends and strangers have looked at me as I've read some of your "Remote Control King" columns! My jaw will drop, a sudden burst of laughter will project from my mouth as I throw my head back, and soon

the stomach spasms will turn painful as my eyes begin to water. This gets worse each time I read it to whoever will listen. I look forward to seeing what sort of off-the-wall comments you will write each week. The ones that have caused me the most frightened looks from others have been: Staging famous movie and TV scenes with frogs from March 9, Moesha from March 2, and the entire "What I Will and Won't Watch This Week" from February 2.

It's refreshing to read a column by someone who has the same (sometimes sick) sense of humor as I. I also applaud your cover stories. Keep up the good work.

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via e-mail

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The Gone Ranger

Author Signs The Last Season

There were three bizarre theories for his disappearance, beyond the possibility that he had met with a tragic accident: That he committed suicide, that he had taken off and started a new life, and that he sensed his own death was coming,” says author Eric Blehm. The disappearance to which Blehm refers is that of backcountry ranger James Randall Morgenson, the real-life character in Blehm’s new book *The Last Season*. Morgenson disappeared in 1996 after 28 years of working as a ranger for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in the High Sierras. On

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, April 10, Blehm will discuss and sign his book at The Book Works in Del Mar.

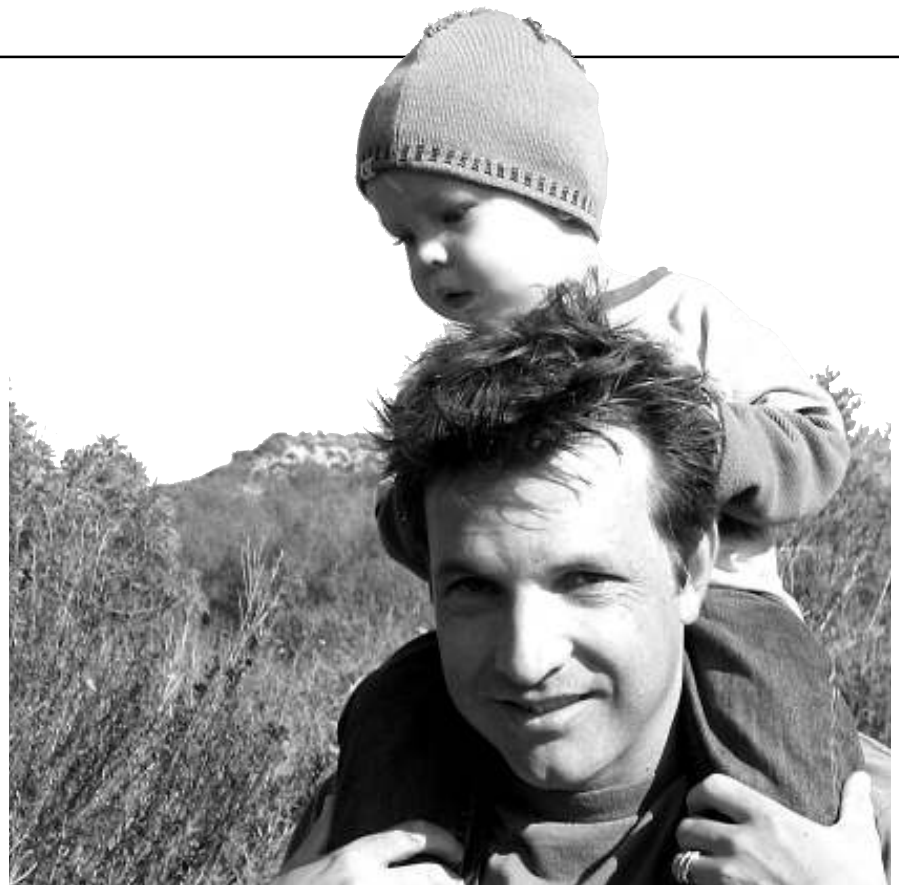
There are back-country ranger stations approximately every 20 miles along the John Muir trail that runs south to north in Sequoia and Kings National Parks. Blehm explains that the men and women who have served as rangers for as long as Morgenson “became like an elite special forces group. They were the most trained in everything. They were flown in or packed by mule to where they would stay for up to four and a half months.” Morgenson, who was 54 years old when he left his ranger station for the last time, grew up in Yosemite. “His father was a renowned naturalist who worked for Yosemite Park & Curry Company [a concessioner].” The only trace Morgenson left was a note he had fastened to the canvas flap of his tent at the remote Bench Lake Ranger Station on July 21, 1996, which read, “Ranger on patrol for 3–4 days. There is no radio inside the tent — I carry it with me.

Please don’t disturb my camp. This is all I have for the summer. I don’t get resupplied [sic]. Thanks!”

“I used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain logbooks and was given access to his personal diaries by his wife,” says Blehm. “I use a lot of his writing interwoven throughout the book. Fellow rangers came to call his journal entries ‘Randy’s Gospel.’ They still have many quotes from it posted at ranger stations throughout the park, including Bearpaw Meadow Ranger Station in Sequoia.” One quote, posted over the toilet paper roll in the restroom, reads: “Sitting on a rock for the noon radio check, halfway down the South Fork, I feel no questions, no troubles, just a great oneness with all welling up inside me. This moment is all that is, all that ever will be. Memories can never equal the experience, and at best we can only attempt to visualize the future. The best we can do is absorb the most possible from Great Moments Like These.”

Morgenson learned about expedition planning, high-altitude climbing, and guiding from the Sherpa in the Himalayas during the late 1960s as a volunteer for the Peace Corps. On separate occasions he visited the Everest region and Annapurna with a fellow volunteer. “He got into Zen Buddhism and Hinduism,” says Blehm. “[In his journal] he called some people ‘trail pounders,’ or those who don’t have enough time to see what’s going on around them.”

Among the clues that led the National Park Service’s search and rescue team in different directions were the books Morgenson had been reading at the time of his disappearance. In one of these books, *Everett Ruess, a Vagabond for Beauty* by W.L. Rusho, Blehm



Eric Blehm and son

says, is a very “telling” quote: “I shall go on some last wilderness trip to a place I have known and loved. I shall not return.” Morgenson had given another book, *Blue Highways* by William Least Heat-Moon, to a friend one week before he vanished. This book is about “a guy who was having marital problems and took off on a road trip across the country,” says Blehm.

Through his research, Blehm discovered that Morgenson’s wife of 21 years had served him with divorce papers in May and that her primary reason was an affair Morgenson had had with a fellow ranger. They had no children. By the time he received the papers, the affair had long been over. “Basically,” says Blehm, “he had no wife, no girlfriend, and his life as a ranger would be coming to a close in future years [because he was getting old].”

In *The Last Season*, Blehm relays the words Morgenson had written on a loose piece of paper at McClure Meadow in the northern part of Kings Canyon National Park in 1990: “I live in a valley at 9700 feet in the

High Sierra. I won’t tell you where it is, for what I have to say about it may entice some of you to come, and there are enough already. Fortunately many of you prefer your screaming, blackened sulfur dioxide cities. Splendid! Let not I be the one to draw you out. The more of you who remain, the more lonely will be my mountains, which is just the way I prefer them. Nor would I tell those of you who are seeking this country where I live. Find it yourselves, and it will be all the sweeter.”

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Selections by Debussy, Schoenberg, Luna, and Coral promised when Conservatorio de Música Ensemble performs Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

“Grieta de Fatiga,” Fabio Morábito discusses, signs his new book, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

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Mayan Kings, Astrorumberos, Acteal, Almalafa in concert, Friday, April 7, 7 p.m., at Teatro Zaragoza (4th Street and Mutualismo Avenue). \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-206-1530. (TIJUANA)

Carambola, jazz and Afro-Cuban music by Luc Delannoy of Belgium and Raúl Gutiérrez of Chile on Saturday, April 8, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1320). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

5K Night Race, Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., at Malecón Playas de Tijuana. Routes, details: 011-52-664-683-6962. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Tania Libertad in Concert, Saturday, April 8, at 7 and 9:30 p.m.,

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Ska, Reggae, Salsa, and Punk promised when Tokadiscos, Stranger, Acteal, and guest DJs entertain, Saturday, April 8, 8 p.m., at Teatro Zaragoza (4th Street and Mutualismo Avenue). \$6 U.S. 011-52-664-206-1530. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Warmer Temperatures and increased humidity coincide with the subtle onset of San Diego’s spring season. By April’s end, the intermittent showers, Santa Ana winds, cold nights, and crystal-clear, sun-drenched days of winter will likely be distant memories. The nocturnal, low overcast hugging the coast,

which may linger until the late morning, will gradually build into “June gloom” — the days-long episodes of perpetual overcast most common during May and June.

A Relatively Dry Rainfall Season this year is resulting in ever-lower water levels in some of the county’s reservoirs. Lake Hodges has shrunk, though not to the extent that it did before last winter season’s rains replenished it. Lake Murray’s water level remains low, but only because of ongoing construction at the adjoining Alvarado Water Treatment Plant. Some fishing enthusiasts aren’t unhappy about low water levels, though. Less water in certain reservoirs means more concentrated stocks of fish, and that makes for easier catches.

The Coastal Wildflower Bloom, only a fair one and a late one due to spotty rainfall that came largely in March, should continue through

April and well into May. One of the best spots for viewing the greatest variety of flowers is Torrey Pines State Reserve. San Onofre State Beach, just north of Camp Pendleton, should have acres and acres of monkeyflower, with a half-dozen different shades, blooming on the coastal bluffs. Inland a little, on grassy hillsides in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and in Mission Trails Regional Park (especially behind the Old Mission Dam), you will find spotty displays of California poppies, purple nightshade, pinkish owl’s clover, and blue-colored lupine. North County residents should check out the huge Daley Ranch preserve in northeast Escondido. Its rolling hillsides and grassy meadows may be alive with wildflowers before long.

Grunion Greeters, Unite! Pepperdine University’s Grunion Greeter Project allows volunteers to help researchers and experience grunion runs. Participants monitor local beaches, collecting basic information for about two hours during grunion runs, April through early June. Greeters select nights and beaches to monitor.

Training sessions offered Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive), and on Saturday, April 15, 1:30 p.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). To register for one workshop, leave e-mail address at 619-733-0725. (OCEANSIDE, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Early Spring Migrants are possible sightings, along with Pacific-slope flycatchers, when Audubon Society birders head to Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Saturday, April 8. Meet at parking lot at 8 a.m.; find reserve on Espola

Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature over level ground. Free. 619-280-7710. (POWAY)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including April 8. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

View Ruins of Adobe Home inhabited by South family on Ghost Mountain during outing led by Canyoneers, Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., in Blair Valley area of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Visit Historical Grinding Rocks Site and see San Diego River during guided nature walk, Saturday, April 8, 8:30 a.m., beginning in Kumeyaay Lake Campground of Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Mulefat and Monkeyflowers! See these plants on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, April 8, 9, and 12, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m., at visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, April 8, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

See Wildflowers and observe birds and wildlife during guided nature hike along trail to historic Sickler Mill, Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m., at Wilderness Gardens Preserve (14209 Highway 76, ten miles east of I-15). 760-742-1631. Parking fee: \$2. (PALA)

Archaeology Weekend hosted by Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9. Field trips, lectures, demonstrations. Lectures are free; fees for guided outings. Reservations, details: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

San Diego Kite Club hosts kite flying second Saturday of each month, including April 8, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Help Maintain a Nesting Site for California least terns during volunteer work party, Saturday, April 8, 8:30 a.m., at Mariner's Point. Wear work clothes, bring work gloves, weeding tools if you have them. Free. Reservations and directions: 619-682-7200. (MISSION BAY)

Birding in Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Reserve, just north of Fallbrook, provides corridor for many bird species. \$69 fee includes transportation. Registration: 619-255-0203. (FALLBROOK)

Discover and Identify Track and Sign from many animals when tracking team at Mission Trails Regional Park leads guided nature walk, Sunday, April 9, 8:30 a.m., starting at entrance kiosk at One Father Junipero Serra

Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. Cancelled for rain. (SAN CARLOS)

Hike up Volcan Mountain during docent-led five-mile round trip, Sunday, April 9, 9 a.m. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Free. Directions: 760-765-4098. Moderately difficult. (JULIAN)

San Diego River Walk hosted by Walkabout, Sunday, April 9, 3:30 p.m. Moderate one-hour walk starts at Mission Valley trolley stop entrance to river walk. Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION VALLEY)

Frogs, Toads, Tadpoles sought during hike led by Will Bowen in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, April 9. Meet group at 3 p.m. at Carmel Mountain trailhead (at Fairport and Shorepointe Streets). Wear hiking boots, bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Sounds of the Chaparral, naturalist Larry Allen Tonar leads "fairly easy" three-mile full moon hike on Creek Crossing and Chaparral trails in Daley Ranch, Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. Meet group in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Bohemian National Polka (Part 2) featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, April 7, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by review of Bohemian national polka (part 1), mixers, and open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing Kids, Unite! Golden Hill Ramblers make music for Cafe-Savoy Swing Dance event, Friday, April 7, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Av-

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enue). Introduction to swing lesson: 8 p.m.; band plays 9 p.m.–midnight. Performance at 10 p.m. \$12 general. All ages. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

String Theory makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradance, Friday, April 7, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Dexter Ardoin and the Creole Ramblers from Louisiana rock the house for zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, April 8, in Recital Hall (on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7–10:30 p.m. \$12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Bulgarian Dance Review planned by Mary Marshall, Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Request program follows teaching session. (\$6). 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including April 8, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). \$7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Sarasvati Modern Tribal performs fusion-style bellydance, Saturday, April 8, at 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free. 619-265-7287. (SDSU)

"Swan Lake" is presented by dancers of San Diego Civic Youth Ballet at Casa del Prado Theatre. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, with 1 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 9. Tickets: \$10–\$15.

The troupe's youngest dancers showcase their talents in *Crowns and Tutus* and *The Swan Princess*, Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. \$8–\$12. 619-233-3060. (BALBOA PARK)

50 Years of Genius! Paul Taylor Dance hits stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Sunday, April 9, 7 p.m. In celebration of 50th anniversary, program showcases dances "to represent various facets" of Taylor's repertoire. Tickets: \$15–\$45. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

ROAM-○-RAMA

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

A wild and scenic section of the Santa Margarita River, a part of the last undammed major watercourse in San Diego County, is open to visitation by self-propelled explorers, courtesy of the Fallbrook Public Utilities Department and the Fallbrook Land Conservancy (an advocacy group). A rather free-form recreational trail, for hikers, horses and leashed dogs, incorporates fragments of earlier dirt roads, paths, and an old railroad grade, and wends its way nearly three miles along the south bank of the river. Additional looping side paths descend to the sandy banks of the river itself.



Fording the Santa Margarita River

Despite the paucity of recent rain, water still slides down the silty, willow-fringed riverbed and gurgles its way around obstacle courses of rounded granitic boulders. The trail is semi-shaded by trees and chaparral, which keeps things cool this time of year — though in summer

you'd best get an early-morning start to avoid the midday heat.

To find the trailhead, first drive to downtown Fallbrook's northwestern corner, which is where Mission Avenue northbound from Highway 76 meets Mission Avenue westbound from Interstate 15 at a right angle turn. Just one block east of this turn, follow Pico Avenue north; it quickly becomes De Luz Road. After negotiating a short, twisty downgrade, turn right on Sandia Creek Drive. Proceed 1.2 miles to a large dirt trailhead parking area on the right. There's a trail register here; please sign in.

In the first half mile of trail you negotiate a couple of slippery stretches where the trail, squeezed by the river, presses close against a steep slope. Here and there in the next two miles, side paths lead down to the river, some crossing it to meander amid the dense growths of willow on the floodplain. Try to stay on the main south-side path, where all around you filigrees of wild grape and poison oak climb the trunks and limbs of sturdy live oaks and many-trunked California sycamores.

The serene, almost pristine scene around you belies the state of affairs over a century ago, when trains following the tracks of the short-lived California Southern Railroad rumbled through here right on top of some of the flat-bedded pieces of today's recreational trail. Completed in 1882, ripped apart by winter floods along the Santa Margarita in 1884, rebuilt, and finally destroyed and abandoned

for good in 1891, the Oceanside-to-Temecula section of this railroad was San Diego County's first connection to the nation's transcontinental rail network.

0.9 mile, finally reaching a bridge on Willow Glen Road, 1.3 miles north of Mission Road.

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SANTA MARGARITA RIVER

Trace the remnants of an old railroad grade along the bank of North County's Santa Margarita River.

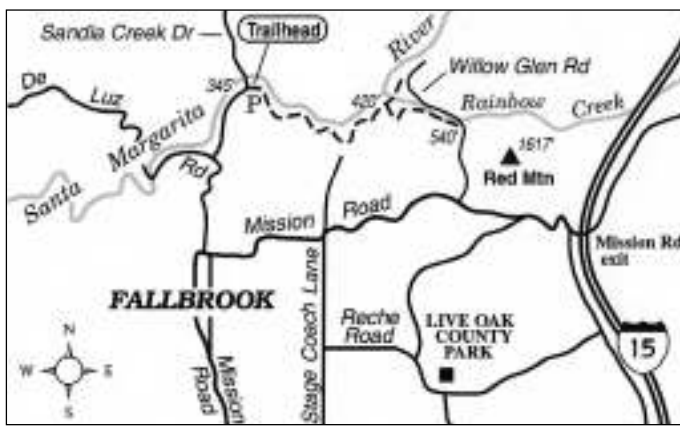
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At 2.5 miles into the hike, there's a fork in the south-side trail. The left fork, Willow Glen Trail, continues on a level course toward Willow Glen Road. The right fork, signed Rainbow Creek Trail, meanders upstream along gorgeously shaded Rainbow Creek for another

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.



Fusion Hip-Hop dance competition, Sunday, April 9, 6 p.m., at UCSD's Rimac Arena. Teams from all over California compete; performances by KunFusion, Culture Shock, Funkanometry SD, 220 Second 2 None, others. Tickets: \$13 in advance, \$15 at door; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS); \$15 at door. (LA JOLLA)

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

Sunday Zapateado on April 9, 2 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la

Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Ballet Folklorico en Aztlan performs dances from different state of Mexico each month. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Sunday, April 9, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7 general, \$4 for full-time students; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including April 11, 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)

FILM

See *A Special Day* when it's shown at House of Italy, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. UCSD professor Pasquale Verdicchio introduces, leads discussion. Free. 858-831-1717. Film is in Italian with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

Women's Roles and Lives in Contemporary Iran examined in Tahmineh Milani's 1998 film *Two Women*, screening Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State Uni-

versity. Discussion follows. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

The Italian Film *Caterina in the Big City* screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, April 7. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Italian with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

The San Diego International Children's Film Festival runs April 7–9 at Museum of Photographic Arts. Festival showcases more than 60 short films from around world. Festival begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with San Diego premiere of new film *Akee-*

lah and the Bee, starring Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Keke Palmer, who will attend opening-night event with director Doug Atchison. Requested donation: \$5.

Films clustered for ages 1–17 and their families shown 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday. One-hour morning programs for all ages, followed by films for those 6–12. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$4 for those 17 and younger.

Beginning animation workshop for those 3–13, Saturday, 2 p.m., followed by one-hour make-a-movie workshop for all ages at 3 p.m. \$10 per student.

Films for teens and college students shown on Saturday, 4–6 p.m., with panel discussion examining opportunities for women in film, with emphasis on directing, editing. Donation: \$5.

Sunday's events run 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., with films again clustered for different age groups (same prices as Saturday). Tickets, information: 760-470-2481. (BALBOA PARK)

"Feisty Quantum Fable" Director's cut of Betty Chasse's *What the Bleep!?* — *Down the Rabbit Hole* screens Saturday, April 8, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, April 9, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

Explore the Dark Heart of Hollywood in *The Dying Gaul*, Craig Lucas's film screening for Film Forum on Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Stars Campbell Scott, Peter Sarsgaard. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"I Know I Am Not Alone," musician, human rights worker Michael Franti travels to Iraq, Palestine, and Israel to explore "human cost of war" with friends, guitar, and video cameras in this film screening Monday, April 10, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4764 Santa Monica Avenue). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Carlsbad Reads Together" focuses on Ray Bradbury, as does the ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. See *Fahrenheit 451* on Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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LECTURES

Share Your Thoughts on transportation and land-use issues during six workshops with residents, community leaders, officials planned April 6–20, 6 p.m., at various sites around county. Input also requested for update of Regional Transportation Plan. Details, locations: 619-515-4727. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

What Do We Want from a City? Explore the changing nature, shaping of our communities in series offered Thursdays, April 6–May 18, 7:30 p.m., in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106 at UCSD. Professor Marcel Henaff of UCSD’s literature department presents “Toward the Global City: Monument, Machine, Network,” April 6. Professor Yingjin Zhang examines “Cinematic Configurations of Beijing and Shanghai: Western Conquistadors, Chinese Bricoleurs, Transcultural Brokers” on April 13. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

“Art in the Age of Mozart: The Courts of Versailles and Vienna” illuminated by University of Sydney, Australia, art history lecturer Jennifer Milam, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Distinguished Author Series continues when Jacob Goldberg focuses on “The State of Israel,” Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., in David and

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Surviving the Tour de France opens Friday, April 7, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

(SEE FILM)

Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$12. 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)

“The Effects of the Current Election in Israel!” examined by UCSD political science professor Sanford Lakoff, Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El (6299 Capri Drive). Admission: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 619-463-4556. (DEL CERRO)

History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society continues when artist Janne LaValle displays, discusses her latest series of paintings, entitled “The Life, Death, and Resurrection of the American City and Landscape,” Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m., in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

“Courbet and Impressionism” pondered by Getty Museum assistant curator Mary Morton for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Mu-

seum of Art, Friday, April 7, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“My Ancestor’s Village,” author, teacher Roberta Labastida speaks for Second Saturday Family Day series on April 8, 11 a.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). She’ll share her research experiences, as well as contributions of Kumeyaay she met and how they influenced her. \$5. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Plein Air Oil Painting demonstration by Edward Juárez promised when Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, April 8, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Illuminating Medicare Part D Drug Plan is goal during workshop with pharmacists, billers, and others on Saturday, April 8, noon–4 p.m., at Thornton Hospital (9300 Campus Pointe Drive).

Free. Suggested reservations: 858-657-8612. Workshop repeats April 15 at UCSD Medical Center. (LA JOLLA)

Poet and Teacher Susan Luzaro leads poetry-writing workshop, Saturday, April 8, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Registration: 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

“Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget” — landscape designer Jan Tubiolo plans program on Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

“The Films of James Prescott” on roots of violence and how to prevent it — gather with Humanist Fellowship on Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

Who Is Steve Morse, and what is his “one-step portal for online genealogy”? Find out when San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society gathers on Sunday, April 9, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). 619-583-0826. \$3. (LA JOLLA)

Professional genealogist Joan Lowry explores Morse’s website for Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, April 11, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

“Gallant Ship, Brave Men” is topic when Hank Rosen, survivor of torpedoed ship sunk in Indian Ocean in World War II, speaks Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., for People to People International, in second-floor meeting room at San Diego National Bank Building (16789 Bernardo Center). Free. 858-484-6069. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“The Garden as Sanctuary,” nursery owner Lawrence Lee presents slide-illustrated lecture for San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, April 10, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Heath is co-owner of Brent and Becky’s Bulbs. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

“Wills, Probates, and Land Records” discussed by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society beginner course, Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., at Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues when Scripps College art history and humanities professor Bruce Coats presents “Meiji Memories: Japanese Arts of the Meiji Period 1869–1912,” Monday, April 10, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Winds, Currents, and the Voyages of Discovery,” Scripps professor emeritus Joseph Reid chronicles what earliest sailors knew about oceans and how technical achievements through ages have allowed ocean explorers to venture far and wide. “Perspectives on Ocean Science” lecture, Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

“Soviet Submarines of the Cold War” discussed by Gary Weir, who has collected oral histories from a dozen retired Soviet officers of Soviet submarine service, for ongoing “Undersea Stories: Submarines Through History” series, Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., aboard ferryboat *Berkeley* at San Diego Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive). Booksigning follows. \$10. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

Boating Skills and Seaman-ship Course offered by Flotilla 16-03 of U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary, starting Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego County Health Building (3851 Rosecrans Street). Subjects: which boat is right for you, trailering, handling, rules of road, inland boating, more. \$25 materials charge for

The Finger thinks that streaking would be more fun if it were called “the running of the junk.”

The Finger agrees that a grown man should never skip. Unless he is holding a basket.

The Finger thinks fifth year seniors should be considered grad students too.

The Finger thinks pj’s are acceptable attire to an 8:00 am class.

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nine-week course. Registration: 619-446-2145. (SAN DIEGO)

"Critical Elections in Palestine and Israel" examined during panel discussion with Nancy Gallagher, Gershon Shafir, and Salim Yaqub, Monday, April 10, 3 p.m., in Weaver Auditorium at Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

Learn About Handel's *Giulio Cesare* when USD music instructor Ron Shaheen lectures on Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front

Street; 619-298-9978). \$2.25. (HILLCREST)

"Pacific Crest Trail — A Perspective of 25 Years" offered this week at Adventure 16 stores. A PCT "through-hiker" will offer hiking strategies, tips on gear, preparations, on Tuesday, April 11, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700); on Wednesday, April 12, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and on Thursday, April 13, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). 7 p.m. Free. (OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

"How to Live Happily Ever After With Your Cat" is topic, Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SCPA (5500 Gaines Street). Cat behavior, socialization with people, communication,

more. \$15. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

Where Are the Best Spring Day Hikes? Day hiking spots, gear, nutrition, hydration, footwear, safety precautions divulged Tuesday, April 11, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020), and on Wednesday, April 12, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"La Imagen del Arte Mexico (Images of Mexican Art)" is subject when Gregorio Luke — director of Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach — presents lecture in Spanish with simultaneous English translation, Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Mean? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

OUT & ABOUT

WORLD CHAMBER MUSIC! Violinist Kim Angelis, Oceanside Library, Saturday, April 8.

(SEE IN PERSON)



"The Shebab of Brooklyn: Life Writing in Post-9/11 Arab America" is subject when Brooklyn College professor Moustafa Bayoumi speaks Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m., in Aztec Athletics Center Auditorium at San Diego State University. Bayoumi conducted study among Arab youth in New York on their sense of identity. Free. 619-723-2478. (SDSU)

"Desire and Devotion: Symbolism of Floral Garlands in 17th-Century Flemish Painting" is

chronicled by James Grebl during Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, April 13. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

How to Pack a Kayak divulged on Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Hands-on demonstration of gear and packing techniques is free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Beauty and Practice" is topic when Nikolaus Harnoncourt, considered "authoritative specialist in historical performance practice for classical music," presents keynote address for 2006 Kyoto Laureate

Symposium. Program includes lecture, rehearsal with combined orchestras of USD Symphony and Sinfonica de Juvenile Tijuana.

Harnoncourt appears at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free; for required reservations, call 619-260-4231. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

Lanford Wilson's 5th of July receives staged readings, April 6-8, in Studio Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Shows begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Free. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

"Elevated" poetry reading showcases Talaam Acey, Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

Traditional Music of Afghanistan promised when Fraidoun Aramesh performs for First Thursday Concert on April 6, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

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his own “Shofarr,” Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m., in Warren Music Center studio A at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

“**César Chávez: From the Fields to Our Hearts**” — Fred Blanco’s one-person presentation for those ten and older, Thursday, April 6, 10:30 a.m., in children’s room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5838. (DOWNTOWN)

The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra led by Irvin Mayfield performs Friday, April 7, for La Jolla Chamber Music Society. Concert begins at 8 p.m. in Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$20–\$50. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

“**Save Those Necco Wafers,**” “traditional audience-participation melodrama” continues

through April 8 at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Will the villain take over the candy shop? Will Goodheart save the day? Find out at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$12, \$14, free for “folks over 100 years.” 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

“**From Broadway to Hollywood,**” Marvin Hamlisch joins San Diego Symphony for Winter Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Expect a Barbra Streisand medley, selections from *A Chorus Line*, *Over the Rainbow*. Tickets: \$20–\$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“**Poet of the People**” series — a “conscious poetic slam/competition of poetry, spoken word, and rap (a cappella)” — Friday, April 7,

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8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Rudy Francisco will be defending his championship. \$2. All ages. 619-239-7121. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Swingin'," Point Loma Nazarene University's Vocal Jazz Ensemble performs Friday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

World Juggling Champion Scotty Cavanaugh, magician Joel Ward, and comedy hypnotist Michael Swenson perform for "The Show" on Friday, April 7, 7 p.m., at King Middle School (1270 Ivey Ranch Road). \$12.50. 760-801-5236. (OCEANSIDE)

The Musical *42nd Street* continues through April 8 in Westview High School Theatre (13500 Camino del Sur). Play begins at 7:30 p.m. each evening, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets: \$8, \$12 general, \$6 for matinee. 858-780-2000. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Folk-Roots Singer-Songwriter Tracy Grammer performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, April 8; \$15, \$20. The Limelites take stage on Sunday, April 9; \$18, \$22. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Carlsbad Reads Together, community-wide reading program showcases Ray Bradbury's *Fahren-*

heit 451. Bradbury will discuss his book and work on Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2038. (LA COSTA)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert with Elivia Melodey (and her 42 crystal singing bowls), Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals, Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m., at Shanti Yoga Center (West Bluff Plaza, 6996 El Camino Real, C-1). Bring blankets, pillows. \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-471-7304. (LA COSTA)

"Beyond the Pale," comedian/actor/writer Jim Gaffigan entertains, Saturday, April 8, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$27.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

World Chamber Music, violinist, composer Kim Angelis performs for World Music Series, Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., in Oceanside Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Angelis joined by flamenco-inspired guitarist Josef Gault. \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Chicano Poet and Activist Alurista reads from his poetry collections, Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m., at Chicano Perk Morgan Square (616 National City Boulevard). Free. 619-474-7375. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Bang! Bang! The Music of Cher" showcased in concerts by Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego, April 8 and 9, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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TWO TO TANGO

Camarada plays Piazzolla, Sunday, April 9, Neurosciences Institute.

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Kurt Weill's Populist Opera

Down in the Valley is presented by Palomar Chamber Singers, April 8 and 9 in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). *Valley* follows a "sort of hootenanny" with guitars, pennywhistles, harmonicas, singing. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$5. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Gypsy, Middle Eastern, World Fusion

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Deli Delights, Sheryll Bellman discusses, signs *America's Great Delis: Recipes and Traditions from Coast to Coast*, Sunday, April 9, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). D.Z. Aikin's provides food samples. 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Mellotones perform at 1:30 p.m. for party hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego (JAG), Sunday, April 9, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$12. 619-561-1518. (MISSION VALLEY)

Author Joanne Ryder discusses, signs *A Pair of Polar Bears*, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Civil War Book *The Sixth United States Infantry Regiment, 1855 to Reconstruction* discussed by Clifford L. Swanson, Sunday, April 9, 1 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). The "Company G" Civil War reenactment group will be on hand in period attire. Free. 619-298-3944. (OLD TOWN)

Nobel Prize-Nominee and Thriller author Robert Taylor signs *Paradigm*, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"West Side Story" presented by Saints Players of Saint Augustine High School, April 6-9, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). \$13.50 general. Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 619-895-0531. (NORTH PARK)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with Jazz Van Gogh, Will Edwards, Kornflower, and Heather Baker on Sunday, April 9, 4-7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: \$3, benefiting Boys and Girls Clubs. 760-747-1882. (ESCONDIDO)

Renowned World Religions

Maven Karen Armstrong discusses *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions*, Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Admission is free; books to be signed must be purchased from Warwick's. (LA JOLLA)

What Happened to Ranger James Morgenson? Author Eric Blehm discusses the solitary man's

disappearance and Blehm's new book, *The Last Season*, Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

"Beautiful Bodies" by Laura Cunningham presented during staged reading by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Nevada City Poet Gail Rudd Entekin reads from her book *Change Will Do You Good*, Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Third Season Jazz Ensemble from San Diego State University performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 10, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Historical Romantic Fantasy

Author Kinley MacGregor signs *Sword of Darkness*, and contemporary romantic dark fantasy author Sherrilyn Kenyon signs *Unleash the Night*, Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

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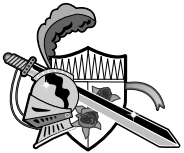
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April 10, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Free for spectators, \$5 for competitors. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Jazz Standards promised when Jazz Band and Combo performs Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). 619-849-2445. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Poets "Old and New" beckoned to open-mike poetry night, Monday, April 10, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

I.R.S. Appreciation Show presented by comics Wally Wang, Rick Gene, Mark Schreiber, sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction, for Comedy Grill, Tuesday, April 11, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

"Mrs. Hunter's Happy Death" discussed, signed by John Fantesil, Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Southwestern Suspense Author Betty Webb visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign *Desert Run*, Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

2006 Battle of the Bands for teen bands, Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m., at

the Boulevard (925 San Marcos Boulevard). Admission for spectators: \$10. 760-744-1306. (SAN MARCOS)

"Voices in Praise," Point Loma Nazarene University Gospel Choir in concert, Tuesday, April 11. Singing starts at 7:30 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall; find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Free. 619-849-2445. (POINT LOMA)

"Pre-Emptive Strike (On the Barrio Streets of Your Mind)" — this "multimedia comedy of political and satiric sketches" is presented by Chicano Secret Service, Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m., in Performance Space of Visual Arts Building (north of Pepper Canyon Hall) at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3210. (LA JOLLA)

Local Writer/Musician Alfred Howard reads from his work for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"Come Fly With Me," Peninsula Singers in concert, Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Irina-Kalina Goudeva's "Lava-rayaha" integrates music for voice and double bass with poetry, visual effects, acting, and dancing. Piece is performed Thursday, April 13, 8 p.m., in Warren Music Center studio A at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Indian Sarod Virtuoso K. Sridhar plans concert, Thursday, April 13, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins

Drive). He's known for "transcending the distinction between northern and southern Indian music." \$25 general, \$15 students. 619-688-0688. (LA JOLLA)

"Women on Fire," Judith Ivey presents her portrayal of "12 women on the brink of self-discovery" on Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$35, \$37. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

SPORTS

The San Diego Gulls play their final regular-season game on Friday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., against Phoenix Roadrunners, at iPayOne Center. Tickets: \$12-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Take Me Out to the Ballpark, San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies in Petco Park, April 7-9, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads head out for first road trip, to meet up with Florida Marlins, April 11-13, at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Diamond Jubilee Morgan Horse Show runs 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Sunday, April 7-9, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. 858-945-1344. (DEL MAR)

California Cup Cheer and Dance Championships, Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. \$10. 866-891-9800. (DEL MAR)

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Signature II County Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 760-753-0431. (DEL MAR)

Skateboarding “Best Trick Contest” planned Saturday, April 8, at Wave House (3125 Mission Boulevard). Professionals and amateurs take part in skate demo (2 p.m.). Free.

Pro-surfers will sign autographs and meet fans on Sunday, noon–2 p.m. After signings, “select pros will be at the Wave House to demo” ten-foot barreling wave. Free. 858-488-1549. (MISSION BEACH)

The 21st Annual Carlsbad 5000 is Sunday, April 9, boasting “the world’s fastest 5k,” along with people’s races. Starts from 7 a.m. at Jefferson Street and Grand Avenue. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

REI Paddle Demo and beach cleanup, Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Coronado Tidelands Park. Learn about kayaking,

canoeing, and help out in beach cleanup. Free. 858-279-4400. (CORONADO)

Ride 4 AIDS, three courses start and finish at Spanish Landing Park (across from Lindbergh Field) on Sunday, April 9. Bicycling routes include 10-mile family ride (9 a.m.), 25-mile recreation ride (8 a.m.), and 50-mile challenge ride (7 a.m.), as well as a spinathon (8, 9, 10 a.m.). 619-291-1400. (DOWNTOWN)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday-night bicycle racing season continues on Tuesdays at San Diego Velodrome, 6:30–9 p.m. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

“Aquí Estoy/Here I Am,” large-scale exhibit of photographs and poetry “celebrating the sentiments and stories of the children of Southern California’s migrant workers” is on view April 7–23 at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$10. 858-452-0264. (EAST VILLAGE)

Spring Children’s Books Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., on second floor of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free admission. 619-236-5838. (DOWNTOWN)

Fragrant and Popular — over 300 fragrant Easter lilies are on exhibit in Botanical Building from Friday, April 7, through Wednesday, April 26. Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays–Wednesdays. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Encinitas Garden Festival with walking tours of more than 20 gardens in a Leucadia neighborhood is Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., starting at Cottonwood Creek Park (95 North Vulcan). Also on tap: performances by Patricia Rincon Dance Collective at various sites, gardener’s marketplace, gardening information. \$20. 760-753-8615. (LEUCADIA)

Coffee Time? Home brewing events offered Saturdays in April, followed by comparative tastings on Sundays, at Peet’s Coffee and Tea shops. Programs start at 2 p.m. Free. Locations: 619-296-5995, 858-678-0806, 858-434-0001. (HILL-CREST, LA JOLLA, TORREY HIGHLAND)

Cannon Battles on San Diego Bay by Privateer Lynx and revenue cutter *Californian*, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 1–4 p.m. “Experience combat at sea in the age of sail,” for \$50 general, \$25 for those 12 and younger. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Gardens on the Point, Point Loma Garden Club’s spring garden tour, Saturday, April 8,



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“Ultimate Kids’ Expo” hosted by *San Diego Family* magazine, April 8 and 9, in Qualcomm Stadium parking lot. Products and services for kids through teens, fun zone for kids, carnival games, live performances. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$6 general, free for kids 12 and younger. 619-685-6970. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ramona Artists Open Studio Tour provides chance to visit 16 area artists working in variety of media in 14 private studios, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$10. 760-789-7131. (RAMONA)

2006 Home Remodel Tour hosted by ASID, Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Self-guided tour of four homes, with each site demonstrating “how a homeowner and designer can individualize a home while staying within budget.” \$25. 858-646-9896. (SABRE SPRINGS, EL CAJON, RANCHO PENASQUITOS, POWAY)

Long Live the Queen! Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court and Renaissance re-enactors converge upon Felicita Park for Spring Renaissance Faires and Shakespeare in the Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Entertainment, period music, battle

Poetry | THE CHOICE

Once in northern England, I got a few pub drunks to drive to Wordsworth’s house, local thugs whose overheated VW (orange) took me fishtailing down icy hills. through hedgerows in an unlit labyrinth reminiscent of the library stacks I wandered around zombie-like each day, not composing verses but waiting in scarlet lipstick for the bars to open. I’d left my homeland fleeing a man I’d faked first caring then not caring about, and in months of Euclidean solitude I’d writ no cogent phrase. The notebook in my knapsack was a talisman I carried into train stations so as not to look like a bimbo. But bimbo I was, and open, the bound pages were only white wings to nap on. Near dawn, our caravan came to a sleet-glazed window – a child’s stumpy desk with the poet’s initials penknifed on top. It was my first stab of reverence,

when that hunger to emblazon some surface with oneself became barbarous wonder at someone else. W.W. – jagged as inverted Alps, unscalable as a cathedral’s gold leaf-dome. After that, grad school was a must. There I posed as supplicant till enough magnificence had been poured down my throat that I could whiff the difference between it and the stench I spilled. When I told the resident genius that given the choice between writing and being Happy, I’d pick the latter, she touched my folio with her pencil like a bad fairy’s wand, saying, *Don’t worry, you don’t have that choice.* And in a blink of my un-mascara’ed eye the intricate world bloomed into being – impossible to transcribe on the small bare page. (for Brooks Haxton)



Mary Karr

– Mary Karr

pageants, arts and crafts, theater, games.

Admission: \$14 for adults, \$7 for those under 12, free for kids under 4. Find the park at 742 Clarence Lane. 760-745-4379. (ESCONDIDO)

Thurgood Marshall College Cultural Celebration, all day on Saturday, April 8, features music, food, dance, and art from around world. Free. 858-534-0236 or 858-822-4059. (LA JOLLA)

“Pilipino Cultural Night” is Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Program in-

cludes *Not on the Menu* by Sabrina Amoroso, folk dancing by Likas Dance Group, Filipino-American musical artists and poets, food. Free. 760-917-1040. (LINDA VISTA)

International Reptile Breeders Show and sale — showcasing captive-bred reptiles and amphibians — April 8 and 9, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Herpetoculturists, workshops, vendors. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 children. 619-445-9964. (DEL MAR)

Psychic Fair, Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Rainy’s Mystics

(801 Grand Avenue #3). Astrologers, mediums, tarot, more. \$15 for 15 minutes. 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Help with Kittens, Adult Cats and Dogs after volunteer orientation hosted by Friends of County Animal Shelters, Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m., at 2481 Palomar Airport Road. Free. Registration: 858-405-0852. (CARLSBAD)

House of Israel presents a program of music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

“Juried Fine Art Exhibit 2006” opens with reception on Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center (4355 Bonita Road). 619-267-5141. Exhibit continues through Saturday, June 3. (BONITA)

Ramona Outdoor Antique and Flea Market, Sunday, April 9, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., at 773 Main Street (Highway 78). Dealers offering antiques, collectibles. Free admission. 760-789-0574. (RAMONA)

Ring of Fire wine series gets underway with “wine primer,” Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m., at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723

Felspar). \$25. Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Understanding the Christian Faith is goal on Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Firing from Six-Pound Carronades, the *Lynx* tall ship returns to Oceanside Harbor on Wednesday, April 12, 3 p.m.; dockside tours offered on 4–6 p.m. on 12th. Dockside tours continue Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, 9 a.m.–noon. \$5.

Privateer adventure sales offered April 15 and 16, 1–4 p.m. Tickets: \$50 general, \$25 for those 12 and younger. Reservations: 866-446-5969. (OCEANSIDE HARBOR)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursday and Sunday, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

“Dialogue: Judy Christensen, Sally Hagy-Boyer, Kathy Miller and Lisa Olson” exhibit artists’ books through Sunday, June 18, in lower level of west wing of UCSD’s Geisel Library. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

“William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night” is current production by South Bay San Diego Junior Theatre, continuing through April 9 at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue). Comedy is recommended for those 12 and older. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 youths. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

The San Diego International Children’s Film Festival runs April 7–9 at Museum of Photographic Arts. Festival showcases more than 60 short films from around world. Festival begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with San Diego premiere of new film *Akeelah and the Bee*, starring Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Keke Palmer, who will attend opening-night event with director Doug Atchison. Requested donation: \$5.

Films clustered for ages 1–17 and their families shown 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday. One-hour morning programs for all ages, followed by films for those 6–12. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$4 for those 17 and younger.

Beginning animation workshop for those 3–13, Saturday, 2 p.m., followed by one-hour make-a-movie workshop for all ages at 3 p.m. \$10 per student.

Films for teens and college students shown on Saturday, 4–6 p.m., with panel discussion examining opportunities for women in film, with emphasis on directing, editing. Requested donation: \$5.

Sunday’s events run 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., with films again clustered for different age groups (same prices as Saturday). Tickets, information: 760-470-2481. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

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Down the Drain, youth program focusing on keeping the ocean clean using specialized drainage processes, promising “wet and wild fun,” Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$15. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Easter Bunny Teas offered Saturday, April 8, through Sunday, April 16, 2:30–5 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Fees: \$30 for adults, \$22 for children under 12. Reservations: 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

Make Sled Kites during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, April 8, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Put Play in Your Day, Healthy Kids Day celebrated Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at South Bay Family YMCA (1201 Paseo Magda). Expect games, arts and crafts, youth exercise classes, family yoga, demonstrations. Free. 619-421-8805. (CHULA VISTA)

Youngster Runners 17th annual junior Carlsbad running event for those 12 and under, Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m. Ten separate races for different age divisions. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

Yeah Baby Expo, entertainment, contests, interactive games, educational seminars, “family oriented products and services,” sale of “gently used baby items” — Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. \$10 per day for adults, \$3 for those ten and younger. 858-522-5570. (DEL MAR)

Family Day activities planned Sunday, April 9, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, rides on historic 1914 *Pilot* boat.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to enter for free. Find museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along Embarcadero. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

“Spring EGGstravaganza,” family fun with marine animals and their eggs, Monday–Saturday, April 10–15, at Birch Aquarium–Museum (2300 Expedition Way). “Get up close with sharks and other fishes and their eggs, create a shark egg craft,” listen to ocean stories, hunt for prize-filled eggs. Hours: 11 a.m.–3 p.m. daily, included in regular admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Eggstra! Puppet Express presents its *Chicken Coop Comedy* through Sunday, April 9, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Big Joe Productions takes stage for *King Midas: The Golden Touch*, April 12–16.

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)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians

camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

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 “L.J.” Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North

Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the “Sweetwater Soup,” and interact with comput-

erized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the “Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay” exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Mary Karr describes herself as a black-belt sinner, and this — her fourth collection of poems — traces her improbable journey from the inferno of a tormented childhood into a resolutely irreverent Catholicism. Not since Saint Augustine wrote “Give me chastity, Lord — but not yet!” has anyone brought such smart-assed hilarity to a conversation story.

Karr’s battle is grounded in common loss (a bitter romance, friends’ deaths, a teenage son’s leaving home) as well as in elegies for a complicated mother. The poems disarm with the arresting humor familiar to readers of her memoirs, *The Liars’ Club* and *Cherry*. An illuminating cycle of spiritual poems have roots in Karr’s eight-month tutelage in Jesuit prayer practice, and as an afterword, her celebrated essay on faith weaves the tale of how the language of poetry, which relieved her suffering so young, eventually became the language of prayer. Those of us who fret that poetry denies consolation will find clear-eyed joy in this collection.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Mary Karr, born in the mid-1950s, grew up near Janis Joplin’s birthplace, the coastal oil patch Texas town of Port Arthur. Joplin’s little brother was one of Karr’s friends, and the two youngsters often surfed together. Karr was a Guggenheim Fellow in poetry in 2005 and has won Pushcart prizes for both her poetry and her essays. She has also published two bestselling memoirs: *The Liars’ Club*, which won the PEN/Martha Albrand Award, and *Cherry*. She has received the Whiting Award and the Bunting Fellowship from Radcliffe College. Her poetry appears frequently in the *New Yorker*. She is the Peck Professor of English Literature at Syracuse University.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Friday afternoon and Mary Karr was seated in a taxi’s back seat. The taxi pulled out of a parking lot at Syracuse University to head to Manhattan where Ms. Karr main-

tains an apartment with her 20-year-old son, a student at NYU. During the week Ms. Karr lives in her home in Syracuse.

The trip, via car, she said, would be “about four hours, door to door.” Usually, she said, she flies. “When the train gets fixed, I’ll take the train. I’m four blocks from Penn Station, so that’ll be much easier.”

She excused herself several times to talk with the driver, and off we went through subzero temperatures and a razor wind.

Earlier this year (February 2), the *Reader* reprinted Ms. Karr’s essay, “On Poetry and Faith.” In that essay, included in *Sinners Welcome*, Ms. Karr, a recovering alcoholic and an un-recovered philanthropist of human kindness, writes about her relationship with the Roman Catholic church.

In the days before Ms. Karr and I spoke, I had been reading critic Helen Vendler’s newest book, *Invisible Listeners: Lyric Intimacy in Herbert, Whitman, and Ash-*

bery. Vendler notes that among the lyric’s possible addressees is God, or, gods. A poem often is a prayer, spoken from an open and often broken heart. The voice of such a poem seeks an answering voice, a voice that will speak to the poet in depths that satisfy. Vendler reminds readers of Dickinson’s “This is my letter to the world,/That never wrote to me,” the poem that tears open the soul’s every secret and asks readers to bow low and listen.

Writing, said Ms. Karr, “is not like that for me, really. I think reading poetry is like that, but writing it is not quite like that for me.”

“What it is like for you?”

“Writing? It’s like setting my hair on fire. It’s really hard. I don’t write with much ease.... I never know what’s truth, so I spend a lot of time saying no to myself saying, ‘Not this, not this, not this.’”

“Not this line, not this word?”

“Yes, exactly. I have a lot of

jabber in my head. It takes me a long time to get somewhere with it.”

“Does the word arrive on the page before you begin to converse with that word about whether it’s the right word or the wrong word?”

“No, I’m not a very fluid writer. It’s not very fun for me.”

We talked about a poet we mutually admire for whom we thought it was “not fun.” Ms. Karr said, about this poet, “And he has a lot more natural praise in him than I do in me, I think.”

“Well,” I said, “he didn’t grow up in Texas.”

“No, but he didn’t grow up easy, either. Nobody gets easy, they don’t promise you easy when you show up, and, boy, they’re right. It’s not about easy.”

“The poems in this book must have taken a long time.”

“They did. I think there were five years between the last book of poems and this one. I wrote a book of prose between the last

“Writing? It’s like setting my hair on fire. It’s really hard. I don’t write with much ease.... I never know what’s truth.”

Coronado Museum of History and Art, an exploration of “the aesthetics of feminine constriction through the female undergarment of the past, serving as a representation of restricted movement and limited choice” offered in “Ophelia Rising: An Installation by Andrea Singer,” on display through May. Singer uses fashion dating back to the 1770s to explore “woman as a subject of constraint.”

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

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

rine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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

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

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

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working

blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in

Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

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

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

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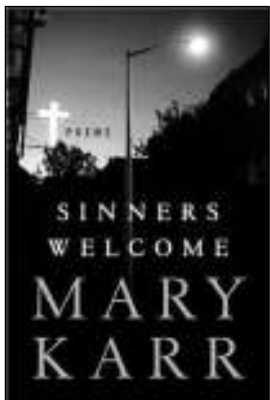
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book of poems and this one, so I would say I've been working on this book seven years. Obviously, intermittently, I was writing other things."

"Reading you, I can almost feel your breath in my ear; that's how intimately you inhabit your pages."

"I feel that with other poets. I don't feel it with myself. I always joke that the only poem I ever write is 'I'm sad. The end. By Mary Karr.' I tell my students this, that all my poems are variations on that, or elaborations. I make all of them a little more specific every time. I never know what I think so they're sort of eked out and then I rewrite and rewrite and rewrite and rewrite, as I'm sure you do and everybody does."

"I like to rewrite."

"Me too. I'd much rather rewrite than write."

"Writing feels like surgery without anesthesia. Rewriting can almost begin to feel like getting well," I said.

"Toby Woolf calls rewriting, 'lapidary work.' It's sort of like polishing a stone."

"Do you read your lines aloud to yourself when you work on a poem?"

"Absolutely, I do."

"What do you listen for when you read your poems aloud?"

"Just mainly things that aren't true. Things that are false. I listen for what's true. I listen for music. I always love what Pound said: 'Form is a pattern cut in time.' I listen to what that pattern is trying to be and try to shove it around a little bit."

Ms. Karr has had some of America's best teachers of poetry, many of whom were students of Stanley Kunitz, born in 1905 and for many years a teacher in the graduate writing program at Columbia University. She studied at Goddard with Robert Hass — "probably the greatest teacher I ever had. Louise Glück was my thesis advisor. I had Heather McHugh. I had Stephen Dobyns and Ellen Voight. So, I was lucky in my teachers. What can I say?"

"Syracuse, for writers, has

been very good."

"True. I love it there. My students are serious, and they're so far from the marketplace they really are not ambitious for the kind of horrible thing that Columbia students are ambitious for."

"And what is that?"

"Just publishing as opposed to learning how to write. The marketplace is at too low a bar, and it's getting lower."

"And yet," I said, "there's this great longing for poetry."

"Yes. people are spiritually starving, which, in part, counts for how much poetry publishing does go on. But I think at the muddy middle level we will all disagree, but at the higher level none of us do."

"Writing is a great gift to be given, the desire to do it."

"I don't know. I write in a poem in *Sinners Welcome* about the resident genius who was Louise Glück. (See page 98 in the poem 'The Choice.') I said to her once, 'If I had a choice between writing and being happy, I'd choose to be happy.' And she said, 'Oh, don't worry, you don't have that choice.'"

"I had a student, actually a very good student. I remember him coming in, his second year as a graduate student, and saying, 'I'm done with poetry, I'm going to give it up.' I said, 'Great, get a real job. You can take me out to lunch.'

I said, 'You're ready to quit? You should be so fucking lucky.'

"I had a student's father yell at me and say, 'I wanted him to be an engineer.' I said, 'Oh, it's not a choice of his being an engineer or being a writer, it's a choice of his being a writer or blowing his brains out.' Steven Dunn has a great poem. In his book *Different Hours*, he has a poem that says, 'I was burned by books early, and I kept sidling up to the flame.'"

"I couldn't believe the first time I began reading poetry that someone could speak to me so truthfully."

"I know. It does save your life. I mean Bob Hass always talked to me about his salvation. I think it did save my life."

"My mother," Ms. Karr laughed, "always said that I became a poet because I sat on the Shakespeare for a booster seat."

"Tom Lux says that while he is teaching, he gathers up poems he's going to work on when vacation comes around. Then he gets them all out, and works on them, one after another and edits."

"I have to do it all the time. I'm writing poetry all the time. I almost have to keep myself from it when I'm working on a book of prose, like I am now. I feel like I'm cheating on my husband."

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"Recently," I said, "almost every writer I talk to who's got children your son's age, talks to me at some point about having to pay for his or her kid's tuition."

"It's a lot of money. \$50,000 a year. But it's great to have him here in the city."

"So, writing a poem while you work on a prose piece is like cheating on your husband?"

"That's the way writing poetry is to me right now."

Ms. Karr's memoir, *Cherry*, was published in 2000. We talked soon after the publication. I asked her if it seemed odd to her that lines she'd written, years earlier, stayed in readers' minds and carried as much heft as readers' memories of events in their own lives.

Karr said it didn't seem odd,

no. "I've been taking communion from other people's mouths for years, you know. I feel that language saved me. Poetry saved my life, in a way. Being able to read those sad soliloquies in Shakespeare. I never really liked the sonnets as much as a kid. I'm sure I didn't know what any of them meant. They were so beautiful. And you know, you're sitting around your house with this sense of ineffable sadness that everybody else seems just numb to, and you find someone else expressing it, and it is like you say, 'their words in your mouth.' It is like communion. You make a community with others. You take these words in your body. That's how I always felt. It's such a happy thing, reading is. It really is. It's what keeps us from being lonely."

— Judith Moore

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

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

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922

West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Genome: How the Secret of Life Works," continuing through April, explores the human genome, revealing the mysteries of genes, delineating the last two centuries of discovery, and unraveling

implications of gene therapy for future of medical science, health care. Interactive displays, "family-friendly activities" to help visitors understand the genome's function and role in daily life.

The "Olympus BioScapes Photo Competition" exhibit continues through April. Show features photographs of scientific processes using latest technologies — live-cell imaging, fluorescent probes, more — magnified up to 2400x. Images illustrate how photography has become essential part of scientific investigation.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," running through December, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of

nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Vikings: Journey to New Worlds* and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic col-

lections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

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A savvy self-promoter, he knew his contrariness would attract tourists visiting the Exposition.

The photograph of Gustave Courbet that greets visitors to the exhibition of his landscapes at the J. Paul Getty Center contains the entire man. Dressed in his typical country garb, he's there to invite, dare, and cajole: brash, swaggering, supremely self-confident, rough-edged, and, in his gnarled-oak way, winning. "Shout loud and walk straight," he liked to say. The pictures that follow, divided into neat sections — cliffs and valleys, forest scenes, mountains, snowbound landscapes, and seacoasts — express that personality with staggering immediacy. They make the natural order into natural disorder, wild, darksome, but glittering and splintery, pierced by patchy light. In Courbet's vision, even water, moss, and leaves have a formidable telluric fastness, at once harmonious and conflicted. I can't think of any other 19th-century personality that jumps so directly onto the canvas, marking its presence in crusty, vivacious surfaces.

Courbet was a countryman who parlayed his origins into a public artistic identity. Born in 1819 in the Franche-Comté, a region Mary Morton describes in her catalog essay as being "associated with an independent, somewhat savage spirit and a rugged, primal energy," Courbet brought that energy to painting, the energy, to be specific, of realism, of the supremacy of concrete reality. He wasn't shy about his advocacy (or anything else, for that matter). One of the most contrary gestures in early modern painting was the private one-man show Courbet mounted of his work during the 1855 Universal Exposition in Paris. Unhappy with the selection of his pictures for the Salon (an annual juried show, sponsored by the French Academy, partial to academic art), Courbet hung a retrospective of his own work in an alternative venue that he called the "Pavilion of Realism." A savvy self-promoter, he knew his contrariness would attract tourists visiting the Exposition, but his Pavilion was also testimony to his charming (and charmed) contentiousness.

Courbet's outdoor pictures are fields of ac-

tion in which the physicality of painting tangles with the substantiality of subject matter. Many are primal recognitions. In a riverside scene, a deer looking at the painter might just as well be looking at another deer. The uncanny quietude of

Courbet's valleys and streams reminds me of the movies of Terrence Malick, whose camera seems simply to happen upon natural phenomena, with nothing

"framed." Malick's camera has such innocence that it sees a waterway as a duck or cormorant might. Nature isn't composed, it's simply found. Courbet's pictures have that fluency, though unlike the filmmaker, he doesn't just bear witness to reality, he engages it, stilling a chunk of the physical world in all its changes and erosions, on a flat surface, while keeping the turbulence intact.

Landscapes composed two-thirds of Courbet's life's work, and from the late 1850s till his death in 1877 they dominated his production. He was an appetitive painter whose work was driven by some irrational desire to translate the beautifully brute vitality he felt in nature into a new forcefulness in paint, though the forcefulness sometimes strikes us as ferocious delicacy. In his *sous-bois*, or forest-cover, pictures, he coaxes bark and foliage out of smudgy green-grays slapped and stabbed by intrusive light. In the 1865 *Grotto of the Black Well* — most of the pictures on exhibit were made in the 1860s — the feeling tone slides from foreboding to crispy exuberance. He floats leaves and rocks and sky on the picture plane, pressuring content forward until the dimensions and textures take on an almost grotesque urgency: it's as if the pictures aren't before us but upon us. Stand several feet away and the pictorial elements fall more or less into place. Come closer and recognizable forms stream apart into splatters, blotches, and blisters of pigment, loose, unresolved, and abstract.

Courbet achieved his gorgeously uneven textures, from shingled to creamy to bejeweled, mostly with the palette knife. He used a brush, of course, and rags and his fingers, but he wielded



Source of the Loue, 1864

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that small troweling tool more liberally than any previous artist, and his handling of the knife later altered Cézanne's notion of how a painting could be made. Cézanne admired Courbet, and both cultivated restlessness. "He slapped paint on the way a plasterer slaps on stucco," Cézanne once said. "There hasn't been another in our century who can beat him." Courbet would lay in colors with the knife then maybe scar them with a stick or paintbrush handle and, once the surface dried, scrape it down and texture in other colors with the knife wet-on-wet, finally glazing it with light hues. The technique created lusciously marbled depths, streaky surfaces, and pinched foamy whites (of surf in the marine pictures) that not only imitate the look of rocks and bark and breaking waves but pry deep into the layered densities of the physical world. Courbet said he wanted to represent "the living moment," and the pictures insist that our senses engage that immediacy. The knife's frank, impudent assertiveness created a

unique lyricism. Some pictures are the visual equivalent of a lyric cry. In *A Gust of Wind*, for instance, Courbet's sheer painting nerve makes creation shiver: blacks and whites drip from a tree pitched windward whose entire crown is at the same time combed back so hard that you can feel the wind's drag and whippiness, while streaming clouds claw their way up the sky.

Cézanne figures critically in the argument the show makes: that Courbet — with Cézanne as go-between — was formative for modern painters and photographers, including Emile Nolde, Pollock, de Kooning, the contemporary Canadian photographer Jeff Wall, and others. The argument creaks a bit, but in retrospect Courbet did practice some prototype of action painting in that his bravura handling makes every knife-swipe or streaky impasto into the actual subject of the picture. And Jeff Wall's recent staged photograph of two girls near a dark storm drain is an explicit current-day homage to Courbet's paintings of

Unburied treasure.



Landscape with Maritime Villa (detail), fresco, first century AD. Castellammare di Stabia, Varano Hill, Villa San Marco.

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The Wave, 1869

the rocky source of the Loue river.

In his *Source of the Loue* pictures from 1864, Courbet's sculptural genius shows itself in the modeling. Greens and purples and mauves cinch and whirl toward the darkness of the source, and the surging spring gushes so swiftly that it looks about to tear apart the rickety wooden gangway running across the rock-face. Courbet's greatest triumphs, for me, were several paintings titled *The Wave* that he made in 1869. His marine pictures are the least wet or moist of seascapes. He makes water into granular, gritty matter, and the shoved-up curl of a breaking wave looks carved from stone and hard soil. Courbet's complex technique and passion for the stuff of the natural world finally create something of unitary, elemental power. ■

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GALLERIES

The "Female Expat Project" — with painting on plexi, sculpture, animation, and artists' books — is on exhibit through Friday, April 7, in Visual Arts Facility at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive). Reception: Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. 619-312-5004. (LA JOLLA)

"Golden Poppies," juried awards show of 90 water-media paintings is on exhibit through Saturday, April 29, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Carol Cottone-Kolthoff. Artists' reception is Friday, April 7, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Anne Mudge: Persistent Gestures" — sculptures created

from 1990–2005 are on display through Wednesday, May 3, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Mudge plans slide lecture at 6 p.m. in Nasatir Hall room 100, followed by reception at 7:30 p.m. in gallery, on Friday, April 7. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

First Friday celebrated with featured artist Conchita Vesco, April 7, 6 p.m., at San Diego Visual Artists Guild (1098 Ninth Avenue). Through April. 858-869-7914. (DOWNTOWN)

"What's Left to Ponder?"

Question answered by artists Tim McCormick, Jason Sherry, and Joshua Krause in exhibit opening with reception, Friday, April 7, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-235-6922. Through Friday, April 28. (DOWNTOWN)

"Plein Air Painting" open studio event hosted by artists Ann Lynott and Ellie Havel Wagoner, Saturday, April 8, 5 p.m., in studio F at Artisan's Gallery and More (224 East Grand Avenue). Landscape painting demonstration during reception. 760-602-0140. (ESCONDIDO)

"In-Dependent," Bo Kyung Kwon's master of fine arts thesis exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, April 8, 6 p.m., in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. Through Thursday, April 13. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"All County Art and Awards Show," 27th annual juried show continues through Saturday, April 15, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception: Saturday, April 8, 4 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

"Beyond the Surface," an exhibit focusing on "problems involved with presenting the gay male body in contemporary popular culture," opens with reception for the four artists on Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m., at Limbo Gallery (1432 University Avenue). 619-295-5393. Through April. (HILLCREST)

"Book Arts: Exploring the Diverse Spectrum of the Artist Book" opens at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street) with reception, Saturday, April 8, 5 p.m. Show boasts books by more than 30 artists; closes Saturday, May 27. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Ethereal," collection of "paintings of vibrant skyscapes" and "mixed-media assemblage" by Susan E. Roden opens with reception on Saturday, April 8, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street; 619-546-9546). Through Thursday, May 11. (NORTH PARK)

Israeli Artist Calman Shemi showcases his newest works during reception, Saturday, April 8, 6 p.m., at Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street). RSVP: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

Realistic Portraits of Homeless People included in "Neil Shigley: Plexiglas and Woodcut Prints, 1992 to 2006" — opening reception on Sunday, April 9, 1 p.m., Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Shigley plans artist's talk, Saturday, April 29, 1 p.m. Show closes Sunday, May 28. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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 "Judith Hersko: Shifting Baselines." Hersko explores transformation of matter by experimenting with dissolution of sculptures made of calcium carbonate.

Both exhibits close on Sunday, July 2. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, "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

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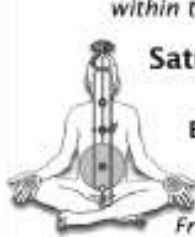
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current work. Nash is considered a “pioneer innovator in the world of digital photography and printing.”

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

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, “Through a Lens Sharply: Photo Imaginings” by Amy Jorgensen, Barbara Sexton, and Marcela Vilaseñor are on view Sunday, April 9, through Sunday, May 28. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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

“Goya’s Portraits” — Saturday, April 8–Sunday, June 18 — features selection of approximately ten important portraits, highlighting Goya’s *Marquis of Sofraga*.

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.

“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, currently showcased is museum’s latest acquisition, *Lady Mary Villiers*, an early 17th-Century masterwork by Anthony van Dyck, court painter for King Charles I and Queen Henrietta. Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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So-Called “Miniature Works” from 14th–21st Centuries performed by guitarist Colin McAllister, Thursday, April 6, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

San Diego Native, Renowned Pianist Gustavo Romero performs with “La Jolla piano prodigy” Rossina Grieco, Friday, April 7, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$45 at door. 619-699-5888 x207. (LA JOLLA)

“From Broadway to Hollywood,” Marvin Hamlisch joins San Diego Symphony for Winter Pops concerts, Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Expect a Barbra Streisand medley, selections from *A Chorus Line*, *Over the Rainbow*. Tickets: \$20–\$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Vocal Music Recital of arias by Vivaldi; songs by Chausson; lieder by Schumann, Schubert, and Wolff; song cycle by Ginastera; and songs by Ricky Ian Gordon planned by soprano Anishka Lee-Skorepa for spring concert series, Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$12. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Pianist Richard Goode plays selections by Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Saturday, April 8, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contem-

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

“Two to Tango,” Camarada plays Astor Piazzolla, as well as tango pieces by American film composer Christopher YOUNG, and Tango Alma dances, Sunday, April 9, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$25 general. 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Dvořák’s “Quintet in E-Flat Major” and the “Octet in E-Flat Major” by Mendelssohn promised when violinist Henry Gronnier and guest artists perform for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society, Sunday, April 9, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

Emerging Artists Series, baritone Thomas Meglieranza presents songs by Schubert, Fauré, Schumann, Ives, Rossini, others, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$20. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

String Trios by Beethoven and Dohnányi promised when Ronald Goldman (violin), Adam Burnbaum (viola), and Ben Pfeifer (cello) perform for concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Sunday, April 9, 2:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Trumpeter Calvin Price joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Mozart’s “Symphony No. 40” tackled by guitarist Fred Benedetti, “accompanied by an iPod” for Concert Hour series, Thursday, April 13, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

“Muzik3 2006 Festival,” cellist Felix Fan’s series returns with concerts on April 18 and 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Other House (7813 Esterel Drive). Tickets: \$20 per concert, \$30 for both.

Tuesday’s program showcases Annie Gosfield’s “Manufacture of Tangled Ivory,” “5 Machines” by Marc Mellits, “Worker’s Union” by Louis Andriessen, and a work by Jacob ter Veldhuis. Premiere of David Lang’s “Work” set for Wednesday, with video installation by artist Suzanne Bocanegra. Reservations: 858-405-0413. (LA JOLLA)

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Meanwhile, on Punk's Demon Highway... At Die Princess Die's recent South by Southwest performance, vocalist Pete

which the demons travel.... There was a time when Danny threw his drums at Bryce and sent him to the emergency room for head stapling. The other band members never asked why he did that because we all understand."

Harmon adds, "Some of our best/worst (take your

cracks, "because it is so cold in Texas."

— Jeremiah Griffey

Hatred of Governed Music

Acnom, 19, is a backpacker, one of a few North County hip-hop artists (including N3RO Tactic, Simple One, Plain Jane, and Future Shock) who sell their music on the street.

"It took me five hours to get rid of 100 CDs," says Acnom (Abstract Concepts Negotiated Over Music). "I sold about 60 [at \$5 each]. The other 40 I gave away...."

"I go to the beach, malls, bars, or the streets on Coast Highway. There's a lot of cool people who will help you. I've had people give \$10 or \$20. There's also a downside. Sometimes people will turn around and look you straight in the eye and say, 'Fuck hip-hop. I don't listen to that crap.' I've been stopped in the street by cops who have harassed me, thinking I'm selling drugs. Once you explain what you're doing, they usually leave you alone."

Like other backpackers, Acnom produces and records his discs.

"The biggest misconception people have is that if you sell your music out of your backpack it's not as quality as something you'd hear on the radio. Some people don't want to pay for music if it comes out of your backpack, even if it looks professional...."

"We have a hatred of governed music. Music that is governed by radio, MTV,

BET that is only about money, cars, jewelry, women, or champagne. It's very repetitive. Juvenile and Paul Wall are perfect examples of the devolution



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOVCO

ACNOM AROUSES POLICE CURIOSITY

of hip-hop music."

Acnom doesn't have a day job.

"This is not something where you wake up one day and say, 'I'm gonna go backpacking today.' It's a dedicated lifestyle. It's a culture. It's an objective to get your music out to the general public."

— Ken Leighton

Unashamed of Screamo

"Che Café has that elite, on-the-cusp, über-indie stigma," says Brian Serocke, a UCSD senior who books bands to play on-campus Porter's Pub. Unlike the Che Café (UCSD's more famous music venue), Porter's Pub serves beer to those of age, is a lot larger (650 capacity; Che Café fits 120) and is less cred conscious.

"I'm not ashamed to have a screamo band," says Serocke, who has \$2500 to \$3000 to spend on each of the monthly three- or four-band shows.

"I'm not out to undercut Soma, the Casbah, the Belly Up, or any other venue in town. I try and bring things [to Porter's Pub] that they are not able to do." The Bled, Scary Kids Scaring Kids, and This Is the Hospital appear April 11 at Porter's Pub, where all shows are free.

Serocke, 21, will leave UCSD with a degree in economics and a minor in



SEROCKE NOT OUT TO UNDERCUT

music technology. Serocke works as a "lifestyle marketing rep" for

Sony/BMG Entertainment, promoting Sony artists at non-music outlets such as clothing stores, tattoo joints, and coffee shops.

— Ken Leighton

He Quit Onstage Lower Definition was the only local unsigned group invited to play the Taste of Chaos tour



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WHO GETS TO TOUR WITH LOWER DEFINITION?

at the Sports Arena on February 16. The post-hardcore band won the slot in a Myspace popularity poll. At Mira Mesa's Epicentre a month later, lead singer Jordan Wark surprised fans and his four bandmates when he announced onstage that he'd be moving on. Insiders say that Wark was going to be told he was out of the band sometime after the Epicentre show and that Wark heard about the alleged plan.

"He had a different work ethic than we did," says Lower Definition drummer/manager Tino Arteaga. "We didn't know he was going to quit onstage.... He said, 'These guys need somebody who can keep up with what they are trying to do.'"

Lower Definition leaves for their third tour of the Western U.S. next month. Arteaga says he's not worried

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the inside track

Chekvala threw his guitar into a wall, picked the guitar up, threw it at another wall, and then dove into his band's rhythm section.

"Any band that plans to get up onstage and destroy shit should take it a step further and destroy themselves," Chekvala says.

Chekvala and drummer Danny Harmon reside in Los Angeles. Bryce Martin (vocals/guitar) and Ely Morgan (bass) live in San Diego.

"A man has many demons he keeps at bay throughout the course of a day/week/month/year," Chekvala says, "but there are times when the demons find their way out. Punk rock is one of those highways by



PHOTOGRAPH BY TONY MALIZIA

SIMULATED DEATH BY DRUM KIT

pick) episodes have taken place down at Scolari's [in North Park], where late-night sets end in a sea of kids

rolling around in broken glass. They don't seem to mind."

The band's not sure if they'll head back to South by Southwest, but they're not opposed to the idea.

"I think we will be back at SXSW next year if we grow our hair out to the 'proper' length, start sounding like Interpol, and definitely invest in some handkerchiefs," Martin

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about enduring a personnel change; at least 20 singers have contacted the Chula Vista band via e-mail, Myspace, or instant message. "Some people want to fly out from Texas."

What is Lower Definition looking for in a lead singer?

"Even if you have to get a job twirling signs on a street corner for \$12 an hour, you must be willing to do whatever it takes to make the band happen."

— Ken Leighton

Vaya con Dios, Socio

Eighty-five-year-old Raúl "Socio" Crespo Villardel, founder of Mike's Bar in Tijuana, died on March 8 of natural causes. In the '60s, members of Vanilla Fudge, Love, and Spirit could be found hanging out with Carlos Santana and Jim Morrison at the Avenida Revolución rock club. (Morrison had a roped-off private table next to the ladies' room.) For awhile, there were two Mike's Bars on the same block.

A Cuban expatriate born in Havana, Villardel hosted Hispanic groups who mimicked British rockers. Jorge de la Torre of Los Dug Dug's, who in the spring of



MIKE'S BAR, C.1965

1965 played Mike's every Sunday afternoon, says, "George Harrison and Ringo Starr came in to see us one day.... We were doing Beatles songs, and they were dancing with all the girls." The original Mike's burned down in 1968. The rebuilt Mike's is now a disco that hosts drag shows.

— Jay Allen Sanford

This Is Your Brain on Pavement

"They had to put him into a medically induced coma, and they ended up removing half his skull," says Grandview guitarist Casey Jenkins of the skateboarding accident that nearly killed their drummer, Craig Winger. "We were going really fast

down Milton Street in Clairemont at night — it's really steep — and he went down and almost got hit by a car. I turned around and he was just laying there in this huge pool of blood. I thought he was dead; his eyes were open



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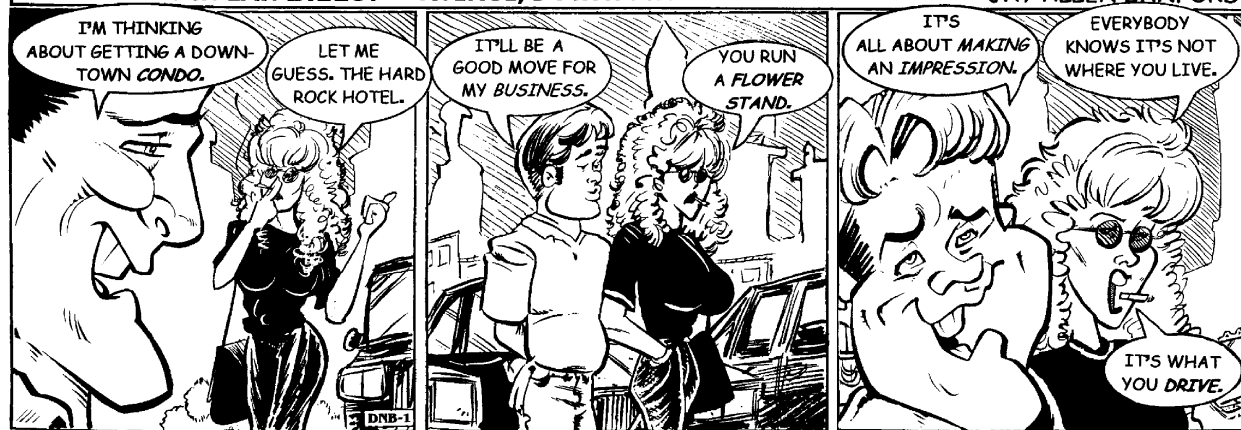
month in the hospital and is now almost fully recovered. The band wrote a song about the accident, "Underage Tragedy": "No time to realize that something's wrong, nothing's right, You say, not me, underage tragedy."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Nostalgic for Cheap Beer

Pabst Blue Ribbon, the first canned beer sold in the U.S., is still the only canned beer available in many San Diego bars. As the cheap hipster beer of choice, Pabst is sold at the Casbah. At a recent New Pornographers show at the

but he wasn't moving.... It took 90 staples to close up his head, and now half his skull is this polymer plate,

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which is what they make skateboard helmets out of."

Winger spent about a

Belly Up, a patron enjoyed a PBR tallboy.

Jesse Egan, the manager of Winston's in Ocean Beach, says the bar has sold Pabst in a can for about four years. Winston's charges two dollars per can, the average price for Pabst in San Diego bars. Around the corner from Winston's, Newport Farms Market sells a refrigerated 12-pack of Pabst for \$6.99.

Egan (who points out a Winston's T-shirt design based on the Pabst logo) says the beer sells best "on the nights of punk rock shows and OB-oke [karaoke night].... On a punk-rock night, we might go through four or five cases.... The professional drinkers order a shot and a PBR on karaoke night.... I don't think the [low] price is that big of a factor. The nostalgia is what really sells it."

—Dryw Keltz

Dark Side of the Kitchen

Irradio bassist Anthony Rogers-Wright says producer Alan Parsons mixed three tracks on their upcoming album (*One Sound*) and invited the band to his home in Goleta, just outside of Santa Barbara.

"For a guy worth 50



IRRADIO, SPARED FROM DISHWASHING

million dollars, he had a real modest two-story house. His wife Lisa served us wine and cheese.... When I went into

the kitchen, there was his platinum award for doing [Pink Floyd's] *Dark Side of the Moon* just sitting on the floor, propped up against the wall."

Rogers-Wright says the band then went out to dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons.

"Every car in the lot was a Beemer, a Humvee, or a Lamborghini.... [Alan's] wife is a real wine connoisseur, and every time another bottle got ordered, we'd all look at each other and be thinking, 'How are we going to pay for this? Are we gonna end up doing dishes or going to jail?' The bill was adding up to around \$2500!" The band lucked out when Alan Parsons palmed the check. "He just said, 'Let me take care of this. You can pay me back after your first Grammy.'"

— Jay Allen Sanford

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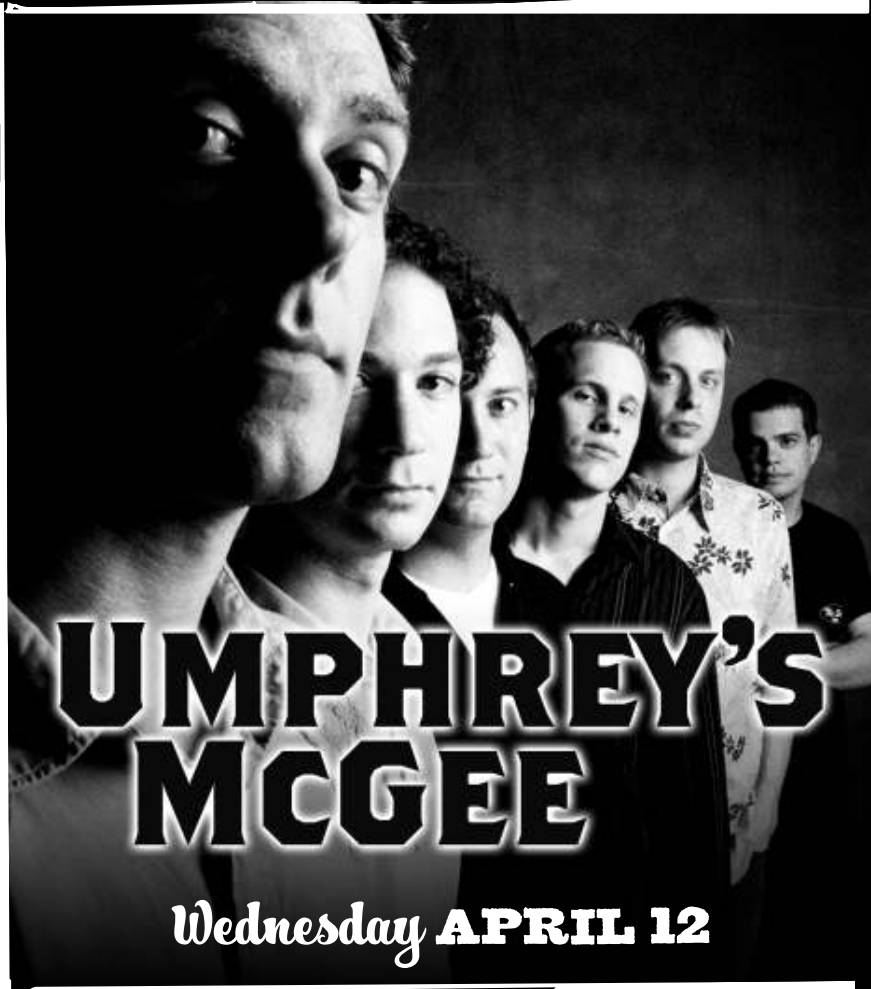
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Chimaira and **Arch Enemy:** House
of Blues, Thursday, April 6, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Jeff Beck [569]: 4th & B, Thursday,
April 6, 345 B Street, San Diego.
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FRIDAY

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: House
of Blues, Friday, April 7, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
619-220-8497.

Toni Braxton: Pala Events Center,
Friday, April 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on
Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or
619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Richard Butler: Belly Up Tavern,
Saturday, April 8, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140
or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

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
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John Pizzarelli: Humphrey’s
Backstage Lounge, Sunday, April 9,
2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego.
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The Limelitters [881]: Acoustic
Music San Diego, Sunday, April 9,
4650 Mansfield Street, Normal
Heights. 619-303-8176.

WEDNESDAY

Umphey’s McGee: House of Blues,
Wednesday, April 12, 1055 Fifth
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UPCOMING CONCERTS

APRIL

Vanessa Williams: Rincon Casino,
Thursday, April 13, Valley Center
Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Colin Hay [573]: Belly Up Tavern,
Thursday, April 13, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140
or 619-220-8497.

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: Soma, Tuesday, April
18, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San
Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-
8497.

Keyshia Cole: House of Blues,
Thursday, April 20, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Rob Zombie [476]: Soma, Friday,
April 21, 3350 Sports Arena
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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.

Ice Cube [116]: 4th & B, Friday,
April 21, 345 B Street, San Diego.
619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Pepe Aguilar: Bayside Concerts with
Viejas, Saturday, April 22, downtown
San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400
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**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,
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Peter Case: Acoustic Music San
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The Wiggles: Cox Arena, Friday,
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Joe Louis Walker [953]:
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Saturday, April 29, 2241 Shelter Island
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Cheap Trick: Rincon Casino,
Saturday, April 29, Valley Center
Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Don Carlos: House of Blues,
Saturday, April 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-
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David Wilcox [824]: Acoustic Music
San Diego, Sunday, April 30, 4650
Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.
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MAY

Jaguares [301]: Pala Events Center,
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The John Butler Trio: House of
Blues, Tuesday, May 2, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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The Drive-By Truckers [533]:
'Canes, Tuesday, May 2, 3105 Ocean
Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-
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Aterciopelados: House of Blues,
Wednesday, May 3, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Joe Satriani: Humphrey’s Concerts
by the Bay, Thursday, May 4, 2241
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R. Kelly: Copley Symphony Hall,
Friday, May 5, 1245 Seventh Avenue,
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Backstage Lounge, Saturday, May 6,
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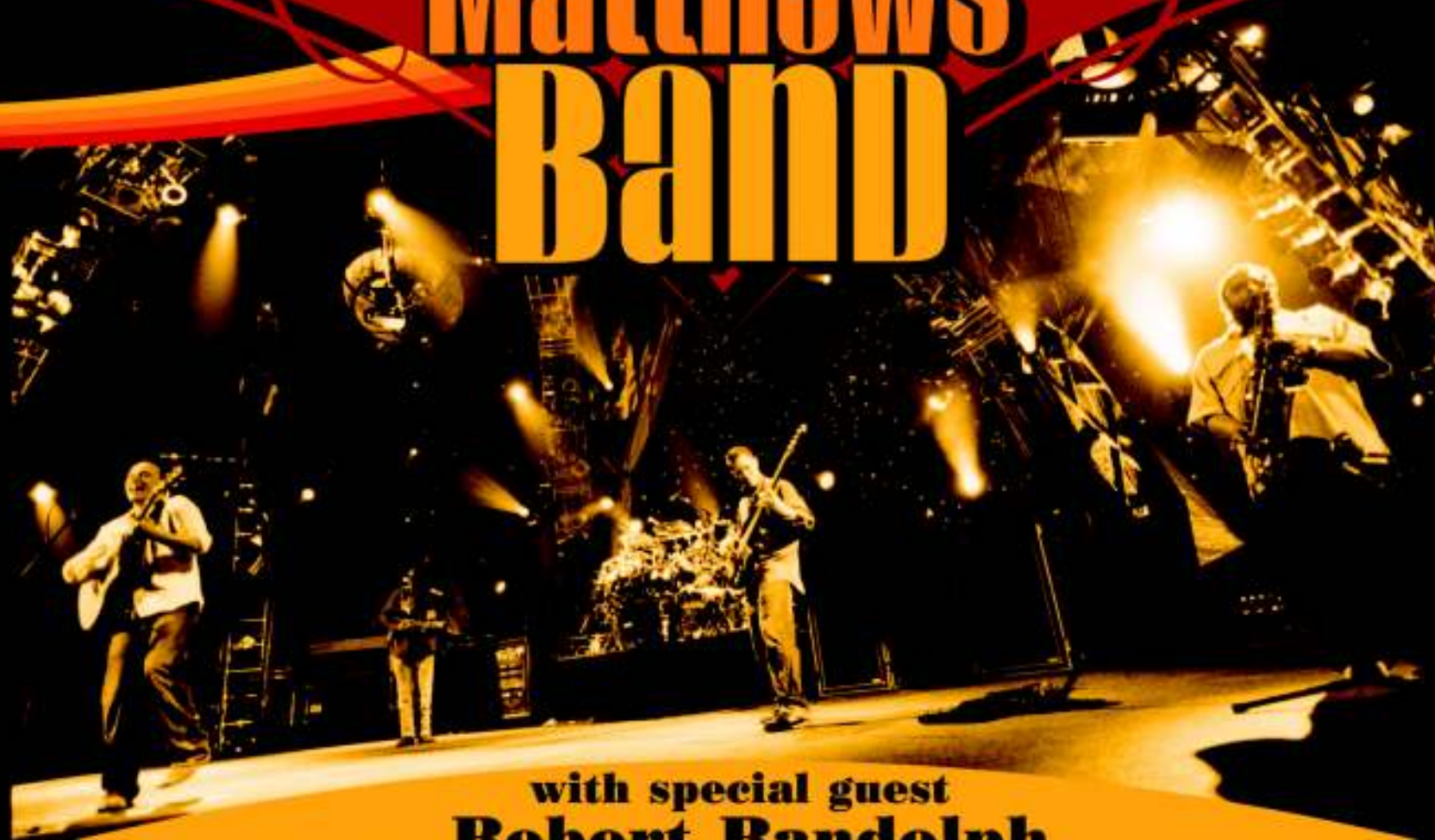
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Boyz II Men [620]: 4th & B, Thursday, May 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

KT Tunstall: House of Blues, Thursday, May 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Guttermouth [129]: 'Canes, Friday, May 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Brad Paisley [781]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

The New Cars and Blondie [580]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, May 16, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Jamie Cullum: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Lynyrd Skynyrd [574]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, May 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Charlie Musselwhite: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Ministry [572]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The New Cars and Blondie [580]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, May 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 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.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

Smash Mouth: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Bo Bice: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 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.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [576]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Walkmen: House of Blues, Friday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Martina McBride [779]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney [784]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Psychedelic Furs singer **Richard Butler** has one of the most distinctive voices in rock. Raspy, British, often close to a sneer, it's instantly identifiable and full of character, but its range is limited and it's not a voice that can go just anywhere. Listen to the theme song for the inexplicably long-running TV show *Charmed* — that's him, with his less-well-remembered '90s band, Love Spit Love, singing a cover of the Smiths' classic "How Soon Is Now?" It's a case of one giant of '80s rock subbing for another, and — to me, anyway — it just sounds wrong. It's like Robert Smith of the Cure singing "Purple Rain."

So Butler's singing on his new, first-ever solo album comes as a delightful surprise. The opening track "Good Days, Bad Days" finds him using a softer voice and greater range than he's shown in the past, singing about wanting "to undo everything that I've done." The guitars-and-electronics backing track by producer Jon Carin is both sweet and a little eerie (a bit like the Postal Service), but the focus is squarely on Butler.

As with many Psychedelic Furs numbers, the words are melancholy (Butler recently lost his father and went through a divorce), but his voice sounds so good, and he sounds as if he's enjoying himself so much, that it subtly changes the meaning of the lyrics. It's as though the song's less about regret for what he's done wrong than it is about relishing the thought of



RICHARD BUTLER

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Neko Case [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Tracy Lawrence [782]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 21, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Heart [610]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

SI*SE: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 22, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

India.Arie: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Styx [581]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Indigenous: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, June 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Donna Summer [625]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, June 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Il Divo: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, June 25, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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JULY

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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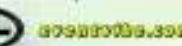
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Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Hootie & the Blowfish [624]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [621]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, July 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28,

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Al Green [950]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [627]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, July 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

Boz Scaggs [613]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August

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Foreigner [612]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited [628]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Harper [956]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, August 13, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James [600]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [629] and Toad the Wet Sprocket [200]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis [780]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [626]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [198]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers [614]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

Joe Cocker [608]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [777]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris [830]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

A.M. Vibe [137]: Belly Up Tavern

Autobomb: Soma

The Baja Bugs [250]: Coffeehouse on Broadway

Beneath the Lies: Epicentre

The Blasphemous Guitars: The Casbah

The Bleeding Irish: The Jumping Turtle

Stacey Blood: The Jumping Turtle

Bullets & Octane: Soma

Richard Butler: Belly Up Tavern

The Calvary: Soma

Char Star: The Jumping Turtle

Chimaira: House of Blues

Damone: Soma

The Daredevil Janes: Soma

Darkhorse: Epicentre

Demerious: Soma

Divided by Zero: Brick By Brick

The Downs Family: The Casbah

Earthless: The Casbah

Elora: The Jumping Turtle

The Empire State: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Endless Yesterday: The Jumping Turtle

Enter Telescope: Coffeehouse on Broadway

Etched in Red: Soma

Every Breath: The Jumping Turtle

The Farmers: Humphrey's

Fear the Dogs: Brick By Brick

The Fire Restart: The Jumping Turtle

The Flesheaters: The Casbah

Hate Eternal: House of Blues

Haustorium & His Irate Life: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

If Hope Dies: Soma

In Reverent Fear: The Jumping Turtle

Innermission: The Jumping Turtle

The Invisible Airplanes: Scolari's Office

Isis: The Casbah

King Baby: Dreamstreet

Kings Only: Dreamstreet

The LeperKhanz: Longshot Saloon

Let Live: Epicentre

Mad Habit: The Jumping Turtle

Maniganista: 'Canes

Media Lab: Brick By Brick

Mellowdrone: The Beauty Bar

The Miggs: Belly Up Tavern

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

No busier band than a progressive rock band. Why? To be a member of a prog-rock outfit you have to either play like a virtuoso or, in some of the more regrettable cases, imagine that you play like a virtuoso. The results of such unions are variable. At the low end of the scale are long, furious solos supported by thin arrangements that sound like parts of several different songs flung together. There's a huge degree of mind-numbing self-involvement in that. But the brightest and the best of the genre's earliest pioneers — think King Crimson, Genesis, ELP — were illuminating showcases of virtuosity tempered by composition and restraint.

The cornerstones for progressive rock were laid in the late '60s. Not to be confused

with its cousin fusion (a combination of jazz and rock that Bill Champlin once advised me was really just bad jazz), progressive rock took a large part of its inspiration from the structures of classical music. Then came the jam band, a combination of virtuosity, dope exploration, utopian vision, progressive rock, and pop. Some of that describes

Umphrey's McGee.

I got a copy of their 2004 New Year's Eve performance on DVD and was reminded immediately of a kinder, gentler prog-rock era via the Chicago-based band's casual everyday college guy Coors Light demeanor onstage. In other words, they were judicious in the use of their ferocious chops. The twin-guitar attack of **Jake Cinninger** and **Brendan Bayliss** is classic hard-rocking shred-fest (Cinninger's guitar style has been called something between dazzling and terrifying). But it was the compositional ideas and the transitions that bound the music into a



UMPHREY'S MCGEE

performance that held my attention. Busy as a knitting circle on meth, less hippie jam than well-crafted musical revelation, the band approaches old school. Minus the drugs, Umphrey's McGee are as psychedelic as you want them to be.

UMPHREY'S MCGEE, House of Blues, Wednesday, April 12, 8 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. \$17.

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Roosevelt: Belly Up Tavern

Run Barbara Run: Epicentre

Secret Apollo: Scolari's Office

Seven Story World: Blind Melons

The Sleeping People: The Casbah

Squiddo: Coffeehouse on Broadway

State Radio: Epicentre

Still Remains: Soma

Storm Large & Her Balls: The Casbah

Straight Trippin': 'Canes

Superunloader [208]: Dreamstreet

Tex & the Horseheads: The Casbah

This Holiday Life [145]: Belly Up Tavern

Thorr: Soma

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Through Thick and Thin: Epicentre

Tristeza [300]: The Casbah

Two Days' Notice: The Jumping Turtle

Unset: Brick By Brick

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Aerodrive: Fannie's Nightclub

The Bank in Black: The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant

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D.A. Bookman & the Airtight Band: Humphrey's

Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill

Captured by Robots [526]: The Casbah

The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Crystal Sage: Carvers

Decompression: Longshot Saloon

Dirty Frank: Blind Melons

Douglas Fir: Blind Melons, The Jumping Turtle

Dynamite Walls: Belly Up Tavern

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

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Fish and the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill

Simeon Flick: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Foul Play: Surf N'Saddle

The Fryday Band: Blind Melons

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

Get Back Loretta: Dreamstreet

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

The Frank Hannon Band: Brick By Brick

The Taylor Harvey Band: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Hat Trick: The Jumping Turtle

Illinoise: Dreamstreet

Jake: Blind Melons

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill

Jon Langford's Ship: The Casbah

Lil' Efert: Pal Joey's

The Maddox Revolution: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Me vs. Nixon: Blind Melons

Money for Nothing: Fannie's Nightclub

Nemesis: Second Wind (Santee)

Neocide: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Northstar: Danky's

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Penny Royal: Blind Melons

The Kyle Phelan Band: The Jumping Turtle

Pickford's Party: Thrusters

Duane Pitre: The Casbah

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

The Radiators: Belly Up Tavern

Rev: Longshot Saloon

Ripple Groove: Tiki House

Rockola: Humphrey's

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort

Run-D-Rama: Tiki House

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

7 Point 9: The Jumping Turtle

Shimabukuro: Blind Melons

Slight Risk: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Tom Smerk: Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile

Sprung Monkey [513]: 'Canes

Stars on the Water: Danky's

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub

Taking Back Sunday [553]: House of Blues

Tapwater: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

3 Sapos: The Calypso Cafe

The Undecided: Ocean House

X-Factor: Ocean House

Y&T: Brick By Brick

Zone 4 [499]: Brick By Brick

Zsa Zsa Gabor: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Disco Pimps: Moondoggies

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The Pop Rocks: Humphrey's, Jimmy Love's

The Reaganomics: Coaster Saloon, 'Canes

Rising Star: Humphrey's

The Spazmatics: 'Canes

X-Cel: 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

Blue Largo [636]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The David Borgo Trio: Portugalia

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's

John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Will Faerber [635]: South Bay Fish and Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Janet Hammer: Catamaran

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Carl Janelli Sax Quartet: North Coast United Methodist Church

The KSDS Jazz Allstars: Dizzy's

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita and Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble: World Beat Center

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Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Fri.
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Reggae



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Sat.
4/8 A Celebration of
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4/11 Reggae



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UPCOMING:

- 4/14: So Cal Rock
THICKER THAN THIEVES
- 4/15: Reggae
STRANGER
- 4/20: National High Five Day with
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Thu 4/27 • 8:00 PM

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Fri 4/28 • 9:00 PM

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- 5/3 **Mark Olson & Gary Louris** from
the Jayhawks—Together Again
- 5/5 **Elijah Emanuel & The Revelations**
- 5/10 **New Acoustic Generation**
with **Michael Tiernan**
- 5/12 **Bobby "Blue" Bland**

- 5/13 **Lee Roy Parnell**
- 5/16 **Over the Rhine** and **Hem**
- 5/19 **Charlie Musselwhite**
with **The Hacienda Brothers**
- 5/20 **John Brown's Body**
- 5/21 **Groundation**
- 5/22 **Chris Berry & Panjea**
- 5/27 **Lyrics Born**
- 6/1 **Bo Diddley**
- 6/8 **Poncho Sanchez**
- 6/15 **Leon Russell**

- 6/21 **Neko Case**
- 6/22 **Si*Se**
- 6/24 **Indigenous** featuring **Mato Nanji**
- 6/26 **The Carl Palmer Band Celebrates**
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- 7/1 **Junior Reid & The Reggae Angels**
- 7/12 **Melvin Seals & JGB**
- 7/15 **Venice**
- 8/26 **Dave Alvin**

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Calendar

BANDS

John Pizzarelli: Humphrey's
Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
The Rick Ross Trio: The Calypso Cafe
Carlos Rull: Bistro 221
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Roger Sanchez: 4th & B
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Tony Taravella [655]: Cyberbrew Coffee
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
Voce: Humphrey's
Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Danny Dread: Blind Melons
Emanuel: House of Blues
Greendub: Blind Melons
Jahn: Blind Melons

Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Calypso Cafe
Sound Tribe Sector 9: House of Blues
The Strive Roots: Blind Melons
Thicker Than Thieves: 'Canes

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Les Allen & City Limits: Whiskey Girl
The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
Cowboy Jack: The Del Dios Country Store
Whiskey Tango [774]: Humphrey's
The Working Cowboy Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Carlos A.: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Arch Enemy: House of Blues
Cara Barrett: Blind Melons
Kristina Bennett: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Brax: The Ould Sod
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Travis Campbell: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Marc Carroll: The Casbah
The Celtic Ensemble: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Nicki Ann Chambly: Dreamstreet

Alicia Champion: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Chris, Chris, Chris: Dreamstreet
Clem Snide: The Casbah
Ronny Corbin: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Angela Correa [876]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Jamie Crawford: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub
D&D: Dreamstreet
Trevor Davis [812]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Development of Souls: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Kim DiVincenzo: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Tim Dismang: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
Jimmy Edgar: The Casbah
Derek Evans: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Chad Farran: Lestat's Coffeehouse
4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Mike Flynn: The Casbah
Tracy Grammer: AcousticMusicSanDiego
The Green Water District: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Hermes & Trainman: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Brian Herrit: Dreamstreet
The Irish Wanderers: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)
Alyssa Jacey: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Jack the Original: Dreamstreet
Jon & Noah: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Josh & Jeff: Surf N'Saddle
Vanessa Juarez: Dreamstreet

Paula Kelley: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
James Kerans: Dreamstreet
David Lally: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant
Greg Laswell [813]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Le String Band 5000: Turquoise Cafe
Jamie Lidell: The Casbah
The Limelitters [881]: AcousticMusicSanDiego
Mike McGill: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Anya Marina: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Terry Matsuoka: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)
Vince Mazzochi: Dreamstreet
Joe Mendoza: The Jumping Turtle
Dawn Mitschele: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Tim Mudd: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Korrie Paliotto: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
The Derren Raser Band: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Andrea Reschke: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)
735 Institution: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Shauna: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Pete Thurston: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Kevin Tinkle: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Corey Wilkins: Dreamstreet
Brad Wilson: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)
Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi
Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe
S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno
The San Diego Blues Trio: The Aero Club
The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II
Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe
The Swingin' Kings [916]: Coyote Bar and Grill
Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe
Torpedo Betty [972]: Coyote Bar and Grill
Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers: House of Blues
Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II
Billy Watson: The Gordon Biersch Brewery, The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II
The Blues Brokers: The Kraken
The Bluescasters: Fannie's Nightclub
The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken
Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe
The Credit Union: Ocean House
Fairfield Fats: Tiki House
Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Jazz Bar
Hugh Gaskins [944]: Rosie & Joe's
Harmonica Red: Patrick's II
The Robin Henkel Band [914]: Humphrey's
Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Grill
Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Henry's Pub, House of Blues
Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak [952]: Patrick's II
The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II
The Mardi Gras Gypsies: Belly Up Tavern
Gregory Michael: Bully's
Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Audio Antics: Dreamstreet
Boomerang Politick: Dreamstreet
J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub and Grille
Burgandy: Dreamstreet
Caballero's Latin Jam: Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura
Calima [984]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare
Deep Rooted: Dreamstreet
Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado
Havana Nights: Tesoro Restaurant
Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant



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Upcoming Shows

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blues. Saturday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae. Sunday, *the Rick Ross Trio*, jazz. Monday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *3 Sapos*, rock and roll.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Crystal Sage*, classic rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Bank in Black*, rockabilly.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300
Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad.
760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to
10 p.m., *Torpedo Betty*, R&B, 10 p.m.
to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday,
6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*,
rockabilly/funk, 10:30 p.m. to

1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Swingin' Kings*, swing/blues, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Fish and the Seaweeds*, classic rock. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Stars on the Water*, rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:45 p.m., *Northstar*, classic rock.

The Del Dios Country Store,
20154 Lake Drive, Escondido.
760-745-2733. Friday, 8 p.m. to
11 p.m., *Cowboy Jack*, country.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern
(Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street,
Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, DJ
event, rock. Saturday, *Brad Wilson*,
acoustic.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe,
5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa
Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday,
and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to
9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety
piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660
Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 *Point 9*, the *Kyle Phelan Band*, *Hat Trick*, *Two Days' Notice*, the *Barshaw*, and the *Bleeding Irish*. Friday, the *Independents*. Saturday, DJ event, hip-hop. Sunday, *Char Star*, *Mad Habit*, *Every Breath*, and *Stacey Blood*. Monday, the *Iron Works Blues*. Tuesday, *Mike McGill*, *Joe Mendoza*, and *In Reverent Fear*, the *Fire Restart*, and *Innermission*. Wednesday, *Elora*, *Threat 77*, *Endless Yesterday*, and *Douglas Fir*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Aerodrive*, blues. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Decompression* and *Rev*, rock. Saturday, *the LeperKhanz*, alternative.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*: acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse,
258 East Second Avenue, Escondido.
760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday,
live Dixieland band. Friday and
Saturday, live rock/acoustic/folk.

North Coast United Methodist Church, 1501 Kelly Street, Oceanside. 760-439-4099. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Carl Janelli Sax Quartet*, jazz/classical.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *the Stone Senses*, reggae. Friday, 7:30 p.m.

to 11:30 p.m., *X-Factor* Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Undecided*, rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550
Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho
Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho
Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to
10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to
11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick and Tom*
Bishop, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Josh & Jeff*, acoustic. Saturday, *Foul Play*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, pub rock. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *David Lally*, acoustic pop.

**Zip & Zack's Filling Station
and Pickup Joint**, 1020 West San
Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos.
760-591-9393. Friday and Saturday,
classic rock.

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. **Tangier Lounge**: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Thursday, *Seven Story World, Me vs. Nixon*, and *Douglas Fir*, rock/alternative. Friday, *the Fryday Band* and *the Strive Roots*, rock/reggae. Saturday, *Dirty Frank* and *Penny Royal*. Sunday, *Danny Dread*, *Jahn*, and *Greenbud*, reggae/dub. Monday, *Cara Barrett*, folk. Tuesday, *One Drop*. Wednesday, *Jake Shimabukuro*, ukulele.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown blues/funk.

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Catamaran, 3999 Mission Beach Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Janet Hammer*, jazz/light pop.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Reaganomics*, '80s music. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Big Backyard*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Get Back Loretta, Jack the Original, the Napoleon Complex*, and *Vision of a Dying World*, alternative/rock. Friday, *Superunloader, King Baby, Kings Only*, Illinois, rock. Saturday, *Boomarang Politick, Deep Rooted, Loaded on Arrival, Audio Antics*, and *Rembrandt*, hip-hop. Monday, *Corey Wilkins, D&D, Vince Mazzochi, James Kerans, Brian Herrit, Nicki Ann Chambly, Vanessa Juarez*, and *Chris, Chris, Chris*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, *Burgundy*, cirque and burlesque show.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant and Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Tuesday and

Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live acoustic/folk/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 Liars Club, 3844 Mission Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-2340. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *DJ Le Chud*, rock/ska.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, 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*.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore, John Giulino, Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the David Borgo Trio*, jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, rock/funk. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Run-D-Ruma* and *Fairfield Fats*, blues. Saturday, *Mercy Road*, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday,

Ripple Groove, rock. Wednesday, call club for information.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, 8 p.m., *Le String Band 5000*, acoustic jazz/Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Live rock/alternative/reggae nightly. Call club for information.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Saturday, *Tracy Grammer*. Sunday, *the Limelitters*, acoustic.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

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 Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Mellowdrone*, indie rock.

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., *Terry Matsuoka*, pop/folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative. Saturday, *Divided by Zero, Media Lab*, and *Unset*. Sunday, *Y&T, the Frank Hannon Band, Fear the Dogs*, and *Zone 4*.

Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 284-2747. Thursday, 10 p.m., *X-Kid*, DJ event, hip-hop.

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Friday, June 23 • 6:30

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Saturday, June 24 • 8:00

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Sunday, June 25 • 7:30

The 5 Browns

Wednesday, June 28 • 7:30

Ringo Starr & his All Starr Band

featuring **Billy Squier, Richard Marx, Edgar Winter, Rod Argent & Sheila E.**
Thursday, June 29 • 7:30

America/ Richie Furay

Friday, June 30 • 7:00

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Nickel Creek

Wednesday, July 5 • 7:30

Linda Ronstadt

Thursday, July 6 • 7:30

Indigo Girls

Friday, July 7 • 7:30

Hapa/ Barefoot Natives: Willie K. & Eric Gilliom

with very special guest **Ledward Ka'apana**
Sunday, July 9 • 7:00

Blues Traveler

Monday, July 10 • 7:30

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Wednesday, July 12 • 7:30

Eddie Money

with special guest **Firefall**
Thursday, July 13 • 7:00

Chris Isaak

Friday, July 14 • 7:30

Lyle Lovett

Sunday, July 16 • 7:30

The Beach Boys

Tues. & Wed., July 18 & 19 • 7:30

Hootie & The Blowfish

with special guest **Kai Brown**
Thursday, July 20 • 7:00

Bruce Hornsby

Friday, July 21 • 7:30

Herman's Hermits
starring **Peter Noone/ Peter & Gordon/ The Turtles**

Sunday, July 23 • 6:30

Terri Clark

with special guest **Ryan Shupe**
Thursday, July 27 • 7:30

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Friday, July 28 • 8:00

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Boz Scaggs

Tuesday, August 1 • 7:30

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Wednesday, August 2 • 7:30

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Thursday, August 3 • 7:00

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Friday, August 4 • 7:30

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Thursday, August 17 • 7:00

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Friday, August 18 • 7:30

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Sunday, August 20 • 7:30

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Monday, August 21 • 7:00

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Tuesday, August 22 • 7:30

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Wednesday, August 23 • 7:00

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Thursday, August 24 • 7:00

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Friday, August 25 • 7:30

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Sunday, August 27 • 7:30

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Thursday, September 7 • 7:30

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Friday, September 8 • 7:00

Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes/ The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Sunday, September 10 • 7:00

Steve Tyrell

Thursday, September 14 • 7:30

Tower of Power

Friday, September 15 • 8:00

George Carlin

Saturday, September 16 • 6:30 & 9:00

Brian Culbertson/ Keiko Matsui

Thursday, September 21 • 7:00

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Sunday, September 24 • 7:30

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Friday, September 29 • 7:00

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Tuesday, October 3 • 7:30

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Wednesday, October 4 • 7:30

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Friday, October 6 • 8:00

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live rock/alternative.

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BY OLLIE

Album: *The Osophists* (2005)

Artist: The Osophists

Label: self-released

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Songs: 1) Tell Them I Sent You 2) Reverb of the Neighborhood 3) Pennies for Thoughts 4) Swimming 5) The Hands of a Shaker 6) Our Regret

Band members: Adam Nixon (vocals, guitar), Tim Penwell (guitar), Dan Gaskill (drums), Bill Driskill (bass)

Extra info: The Osophists are named after "theosophists," seekers of knowledge.

There are a few effects employed — such as the intentionally tinny guitar — on the Osophists' self-titled debut. The effects convey a lonesome feeling that the band sticks to for the length of the CD. The Osophists' theme

is singular and carried throughout: there's been an emotional breakup. A couple of songs alternate between driving rhythm and a rock-steady pop, but most of the tracks are slow guitar-rock songs set behind the pained lyrics. It is, in a word, "emo."

I can't find a weak point in the Osophists' instrument use, but emo is an acquired taste. The steady drum work, subdued strings, are standard issue. The Osophists are Jimmy Eat World without the spunk; Dashboard Confessional without the wounds and unashamed whining. If I were to pick some of their influences, I would guess Further Seems Forever and Weezer. Throughout the album, there are nice pace changes that show a confidence and sophistication.

Track 4, "Swimming," is a deftly played instrumental with dapples of effects that give the feeling of watching birds fly slowly over a gray wintry river. This is my favorite song on the album, and I was disappointed by its 57-sec-



The Osophists

ond run time.

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If you like Thai food and you haven't been to Lotus Thai lately, you may be missing a treat. The restaurant has come a long way since those "Grand Opening" banners went up six years ago. Back then, it offered some Thai barbecue and a few interesting specialties, but mainly a standard assortment of dishes executed with surprisingly bland flavors. I was puzzled that the restaurant had succeeded so well that, last year, its owners opened a second location downtown. But when I looked at the current menus, I saw impressive changes. The food is not just a "taste of Thai" now — it's actually Thai.

The central section of both menus has San Diego's "regular" Thai restaurant dishes — finger-foods, salads, soups, stir-fries, curries, noodles, and fried rice. Flip the menu over, though, and you discover the chefs' specialties — 13 of them downtown, 16 at Hillcrest — with only 3 dishes overlapping. Some of the specialties (such as "crying tiger") are fairly common at local Thai restaurants, but others are personal spinoffs of traditional dishes that you won't find cooked the same way elsewhere.

Thai cuisine is highly regionalized (except in Bangkok, where all the flavors collide). As it turns out, both of Lotus's chefs are from northwestern Thailand, and there's something in the cooking that hints at their origin — a zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai.

We first sampled the food at original Hillcrest location, where a golden Buddha welcomes you into a serene room with a fountain, flooring of old bricks, and wood wainscoting topped by mirrors. Flanking the door (should you have to wait for a table) are a pair of couches with colorful embroidered Thai fabric bolsters. Small booths line both side walls, with small tables in the center — once you order, your table is set with small, square plates, sized for appetizers but not changed when your entrées arrive. This provides extra space for the huge serving platters — entrée portions are more than generous, sized for sharing and doggy-bagging.

We started with a chef's specialty, Lotus mee krob. This traditional wedding dish is made of crispy deep-fried rice noodles dressed with sweet tamarind sauce, garnished as elaborately (or not) as the cook pleases. Here, the toppings are sim-



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ple, consisting of a few grilled shrimp, a handful of raw bean sprouts, and delicious tiles of deep-fried tofu that have soaked up the tamarind sauce, plus minced scallions and seasonings. It isn't the best version I've tasted, but it does embody an authentic Thai sensibility — it's that fresh crunch of the sprouts, of the noodles, even of the surface of the tofu.

A "corn latke" appetizer comes from the Malay cuisine of Thailand's southern peninsula. Golden-fried tempura-coated pancakes are filled with a sweet, glutinous mixture of corn kernels, red curry paste, and lemongrass, for a citric edge. It's both novel and filling.

Another Hillcrest specialty is tango mango, a twist on *som tum* (green papaya salad), a popular dish from Esarn (a.k.a. Issam), the province at Thailand's northeastern corner. A few months ago, our friend Tuy, an Esarnese living in Phuket, made us a lunch of dishes from her home region, assembling her *som tum* the night before so the ingredients could soak together and share flavors. It was fabulous. Lotus's tango mango substitutes green mango shreds for the papaya, garnishes

them with poached shrimp (rather than Tuy's dried shrimp), red onions, and cashews in a lime vinaigrette. It's very good, but after a night in the fridge, so much better. So think doggie bag on this one, for a luscious day-after lunch.

Tuy also made *larb*, another specialty of Esarn and neighboring Laos — a highly seasoned minced-meat mixture served with lettuce and fresh herbs for roll-ups. It's nearly always made with ground or minced beef, sometimes served raw like Asian beef tartare but usually stir-fried. For some reason, most San Diego Thai restaurants have switched to ground chicken breast, and so have both locations of Lotus. Although the seasoning here is full-bodied, the texture comes off like poultry sawdust. I asked the Hillcrest restaurant manager, "Mike," himself from central Thailand, the reason for the substitution. He sounded bewildered, too, finally speculating, "Some Americans don't eat beef?" Obviously, the dietary dictates of the food police have manifested themselves in mysterious ways: A nation that feeds its kids Whoppers shuns ground beef in Thai restaurants? If fat and chole-

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Lotus Thai ★★★ (Very Good)

3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272, and 906 Market Street (at Ninth Avenue), downtown, 619-595-0115, www.lotusthaicuisine.com.

HOURS: Monday–Thursday 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., 5:00–10:00 p.m., Fridays until 1:00 p.m.; Saturday 5:00–11:00 p.m., Sunday 5:00–10:00 p.m. Downtown location closes at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$6–\$9; entrées, \$8–\$18. Weekday lunch specials, \$6–\$10; weekday early-bird dinner, three courses, \$11.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Creative Thai cuisine with different "chef's specialties" at the two locations. Well-chosen and affordable international wines by the bottle or the glass; Asian and American beers; martinis based on *shoju* (Asian rice liquor).

PICK HITS: Lotus mee krob (Hillcrest), butterfly shrimp in golden nest (downtown), crying tiger, Panang curry, rambutan cosmopolitan cocktail.

NEED TO KNOW: Parking at Rite-Aid (Hillcrest), \$7; lot at Market Street and Tenth Avenue (downtown), \$5. Vegan-friendly menu. The fish is fresher at Hillcrest (which is busier). Red chilies used here aren't the allergenic kind. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends.

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terol are such terrors, it's easy enough to sauté extra-lean ground beef (which costs about the same as chicken breast) and rinse off the fat in a sieve before seasoning it. That would be healthy *larb* worth eating, 'cause the chicken version is dead meat.

Okay, off the soapbox and onto the entrées: "crying tiger" — a form of beef nobody fears — is a smash hit at both locales. You get long, thin slices of perfectly charbroiled, fork-tender Prime-

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Curries from the regular menu come with your choice of protein, a list that includes “mock meat” for vegans. Our Panang curry with pork — a creamy, coral-colored sauce based on coconut milk — arrived at a near-perfect spice level of about 6 on a scale of 10, without our even having to specify! Lotus’s chefs evidently assume that people who eat at Thai restaurants understand that some dishes should be spicy — a refreshing change from the norm. (At most local restaurants, asking for a 7 usually gets you a 3.) Lemongrass and Kaffir lime leaves subtly underline the heat with their green-citrus perfume in this complex blend of flavors.

Crispy honey duck, a Hillcrest specialty, features roast duck with a honey glaze served over baby spinach. It’s from the Royal Thai genre of dishes enjoyed at the palace in Bangkok. The current long-reigning monarch is so benevolent that for years the palace has “leaked” its special recipes; students of the Royal Thai Culinary Academy are trained on them and go on to cook them at restaurants where regular people and foreign tourists can enjoy the dishes. But in America, only restaurants that

do a lot of duck business serve freshly roasted honey duck. When the menu calls it “Princess Duck” and warns of a 40-minute wait, that’s a place where you should order it. Here, the duck is reheated; both the breast slices and the whole leg were very dried out.

Lotus makes a number of variations on fried rice at both locations. “Drunken fried rice,” a spinoff of drunken noodles, has a bite that hits around a 5 on the heat scale, flecked with hot chili pepper dots, plus red pepper, carrot shreds, scallions, Thai basil leaf, a few plump shrimp, and slices of anemic tomato. I never encountered a ripe tomato in Thailand — Thais actually prefer them unripe for cooking because they stay firm and don’t mush out (like weird *farang* spaghetti sauce, say). The next night, downtown, we tried the Lotus fried rice, which was zesty but not hot, featuring the full veggie riot, plus pork, minus the chilies.

The downtown restaurant is larger, prettier, and more comfortable than Hillcrest, filled with craft objects and art especially imported from Thailand. Center stage is an impressive bust of Buddha, and behind that, setting off the open kitchen, hangs a giant wooden “wagon wheel” — they’re used in Thailand’s northern provinces to grind the special sticky rice. Another eye-catcher is a huge pounded copper mask of Buddha in semi-profile. Tall wooden chairs are perfect for hanging your coat or jacket from the back. The tables, coated in shiny black, with a lotus design in the center, are larger than at Hillcrest, with plenty of space between them. Plates are full-size here as well.

Lynne and her mom Mary

Ellen were along, and we began with the signature rambutan cosmopolitan, made with *shoju*, Asian rice liquor. “This is fabulous!” Lynne exclaimed at first sip of the elixir. “I can imagine myself drinking these all day...” “Oh no, you couldn’t, dear,” said her mom, “but it is delicious.” The liquor seemed less harshly alcoholic than vodka, the cranberry juice was subtly applied — just enough to sweeten, not to swamp the flavors — and soaking in the middle of each glass, exuding its delicate flavor, was a whole (canned) rambutan, an exquisite fruit from southeast Asia. (Raw and unpeeled, it looks like a little red hedgehog or sea urchin.)

It was here that we tested the Lotus platter appetizer sampler. Sadly, it’s neither worth ordering nor the ink to describe it — a standard array that includes a substandard version of the usual curried flower rolls (*kra thong ton*) here filled with bland chicken sawdust punctuated by a few peas ’n’ carrots. A chef’s specialty appetizer called Daisy Duck proved disappointing, too — duck meat and minty greens rolled inside a cold, thick flour tortilla, a needless replay of the “world wraps” of the ’90s. I think it’d be better with a rice-flour wrapper.

Tom kha goon, Thailand’s answer to shrimp bisque, is rich with the flavors of galanga (a fragrant root similar to ginger), Kaffir lime leaves, lime juice, and lemongrass, infusing the coconut milk broth afloat with mushrooms, unripe tomato (see above), and shrimp. Lotus’s version is watery (and shy on shrimps) but so rich in tropical flavors that it’s a pleasure to sip.

The outstanding chef’s spe-

cialty downtown is butterfly shrimp on golden nest, an adaptation of a Chiang Mai dish that features a crunchy deep-fried egg noodle basket holding large shrimp, red and green bell pepper, and bamboo shoots in a rich, warming, citrus-spiked red coconut-milk curry. Again, it hit at a 6 on the scale of 10 without our pleading for “hot, please.” Mary Ellen, from small-town Michigan, was initially a bit taken aback by the burn, but then she got into it: As a good cook herself, she recognized that this was the *right* spiciness for the dish.

Bangkok beef salad, an overlapping chef’s specialty at both locations, is a lively salad of shredded sautéed beef (the same good meat as the crying tiger), rubbed with salt and Thai chili peppers, drenched in a lime vinaigrette with roasted rice powder, green and red onions, cukes, and tomatoes. Lynne thought it was the cat’s meow.

Emerald scallops and fish in pesto-lime sauce, both from the specialties list, suffered to varying degrees from the quality of their seafood. As was true when I ate at Lotus five years ago, the scallops are from warm seas off Southeast Asia, and they’re soft and tender but nearly tasteless. Here, they’re surrounded with a thin but tasty green curry sauce, punctuated by broccoli and voluptuous chunks of Asian eggplant. As for the fish in pesto-lime, it was perfectly cooked to translucent and topped with an exquisite Thai basil-citrus sauce — but the farmed freshwater striped bass (the perennial “fish of the day”) tasted old and terribly fishy. The downtown location is still waiting for the surrounding condos to fill up, when it

should bring in enough customers to buy fish several times a week, rather than taking the fishmonger’s leavings. If the owners want this location to last long enough for E-Ville to fill, they should invest some cash in fresher fish now.

A few small annoyances: Your place-setting is Thai-style, just a spoon and a fork — but in Thailand, you rarely encounter food pieces large enough to need further cutting. Facing dishes like crispy honey duck, and even crying tiger, I wished that Lotus would hand out knives all around — or cut the meat up in the kitchen. Currently, you get one flimsy knife on the serving platter and somebody in your group has to do the carving honors with it. Servers downtown are beautiful Thai women; in Hillcrest, they’re mainly beautiful Thai men, and the occasional Anglo. Service can be a bit spotty, especially downtown, where less English is spoken — there, they didn’t ask if we wanted dessert, just handed us the bill.

Thais aren’t big on dessert anyway. Lotus serves the usual Thai-American sweets: There’s the Thai breakfast treat of sticky rice topped with chopped peanuts and sliced fresh mangoes — Mexican mangoes, alas, which are pale and sour compared to Southeast Asia’s sweet ones. The rice is lush anyway. Then there are banana quarters deep-fried in wonton wrappers with your optional choice of house-made ice cream flavors, including coconut, green tea, and mango, striped with sugar syrup. Nice, but I’d rather pick up a bagful of fresh rambutans, *mongkhuts* (mangosteens), or dragon-eyes (longans) at the produce stand on the way home — whoops, I’m not in Chiang Mai now. The most

flattering thing I can say about Lotus Thai is that, at its best, it almost makes me feel as if I am.

ABOUT LOTUS THAI

The chefs at Lotus speak very little English, and I can just about manage “hello” in Thai; meanwhile, the partners who own the restaurant weren’t available by my deadline, so I spoke with Somnuk Jaroennet-sawang, a.k.a. “Mike,” the manager of the Hillcrest location.

“We tried to find some exotic, beautiful dishes that have more of our original Thai flavors,” he said of the new menus. “Each chef has their own unique special dishes, their favorites. Both the chefs are from the north — Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai. Normally what they do is they make some dishes and give it to us to taste for our approval before we give it to the customers. We also have our recipes here that they follow for the standard dishes that most restaurants have, but the taste isn’t exactly the same, because at each location they make their own curry pastes and sauces from scratch.

“We don’t do everything exactly 100 percent Thai because if we did, I don’t think a lot of people here would like it. For instance, in Thailand we use shrimp paste, and it’s very stinky — a lot of people would not like that. We don’t put the dry pickled radish and dried shrimp in the restaurant’s pad thai either, for that reason, and also because some people are allergic to seafood. I haven’t seen any purely authentic Thai cooking like I cook at home in any restaurants here. But we do change the menu from time to time to keep it interesting, and we are always trying to improve the quality of dishes.” ■



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Finally I spot a flag — no, six flags! Red, yellow, blue. Church’s Chicken, it says below. Wow. I dunno. Deep-fried chicken for breakfast? I’m desperate, but not that desperate.

Now another sign. Harbor Pointe Center. It’s a little strip mall, all sea-green front, cream stucco walls, and tiled roof. Not that charming but colorful. Built to capture military base business, for sure. First biz I see’s called Pimp Ur Ride. Second says L.C. Embroidery. Oh yeah. Makes sense. Military guys would go there to have new stripes sewn on. But in between is this cozy little place, “Sabrina’s Pizza and Restaurant.” Hey hey! Italian. Its smoked-glass windows have specials plastered all over them. “8 Wings or 10 Nuggets, \$4.99.” “BBQ Ribs, Pork & Beef, \$14.99.” “Gyros, \$3.50.”

This’ll do. The sign that most interests me

says “Pasta specials, with garlic bread. Lasagna, spaghetti, ravioli, & others, \$4.99.” Breakfast or no, that’d do.

I flop inside to a table with green Formica “marble” top. The place has a pine-board counter, some colorful paintings, and Zaur — the gent behind the counter. Busy guy. Right now he’s signing checks, speaking into the cell phone, checking the four screens of the security TV, and talking to the cook.

“What would you like?” he says.

“Coffee?” I rasp.

“No coffee. Donut place next door has coffee. Let me start your order and then you go bring some back.”

I do a quick scan of the menu. It has everything from \$5.99 ten-inch cheese pizzas to calzones (from \$6.50), salads (the antipasto, with pepperoni, ham, mozzarella, costs \$5.49), to chicken nuggets (10 pieces \$4.99, 30 pieces, \$13.99), to ten different subs selling for \$3.50 (six-inch) or \$5.25 (ten-inch). The gyros sandwich with fries, salad, a brownie, and soda is \$7.25.

I stick with the \$4.99 special, ask for the bacon ravioli lunch, then head next door. Gotta have coffee. The guy sitting outside Donut Tyme follows me in. Gives me a large coffee (\$1.25) and — why not? I’ve walked enough to drop two pounds — a caramel-topped donut (79 cents). I munch and slurp till I’ve had half the donut, and man, dee-lish. Let’s call that breakfast. Now, I’m fit to take on lunch.

I pop back in to Sabrina’s, just as Zaur and his cook, Eduardo Ramirez, finish off my ravioli.

“You want melted cheese on top?” Zaur says.

“Sounds good.”

“And Parmesan cheese on top of that?”

“Great.”

Zaur brings it out on a large, round, flowery metal tray. The ravioli swim in a sauce on a papier-mâché plate lined with aluminum foil. Two big slices of garlic bread.

“Is this your first time?” calls Zaur, back in the kitchen again.

“Yes.”

“Then you get a free soda.”

Cool. That means I can save the coffee to help the rest of the donut down, afterwards.

I make it through the ravioli quick enough. It tastes fine, and man, I needed it.

“This is my son’s place,” says Zaur. “Valeriy. He owns the business. Three years already. We’re from Azerbaijan.”

Huh. Azerbaijan. Isn’t that where they’re discovering all that oil? Like another gold rush? Why would he leave at such a time?

It turns out it was love. “Did you read? Azerbaijan had a long border war with Armenia,” he says. “I am Azerbaijani. My wife is Armenian.”

Man. Romeo and Juliet. That must have been tough.

So why is it called “Sabrina’s”?

“Ah! Because my son’s wife is pregnant, with twins. I am going to be a grandfather! The boy will be named Zaur, after me, and the little girl will be named Sabrina. This place is in her name.”

So now I’m on the 932 bus, heading north. Feeling pretty smug at finding an Azerbaijani Italian place. Got to get Carla down here...

Aargh! Carla’s treat! I jump off at 26th and National and run into this bright yellow-and-orange place. Rolando’s Taco Shop. They have a menu a zillion items long. The guy ahead of me is asking for a potato, bacon, and cheese two-egg burrito. It’s \$3.20.

“Me too,” I say.

“I told you, not Mexican,” says Carla, when I get back.

“Sweetheart, it’s not strictly Mexican.”

Silence, while she bites in, tastes, chews, swallows.

“Edward,” she says. “This is a triumph. The most delicious burrito I can remember! Who ever’s had bacon and potatoes and cheese in a little donkey like this?”

“Little donkey?”

“Small burro, right?”

“Oh yeah.”

Whew. All goes to show: a little donkey goes a long way. ■

The Place: Sabrina’s Pizza and Restaurant, 3156 Main Street #C, near 32nd Street base, Southeast San Diego (619-744-9999)

Type of Food: Pizza, Italian

Prices: Eight chicken wings or ten nuggets, \$4.99; BBQ ribs, pork and beef, \$14.99; gyros, \$3.50; lunch specials: lasagna, spaghetti, or ravioli, with garlic bread, \$4.99; ten-inch cheese pizza, \$5.99; calzone, \$6.50 and \$8.50; antipasto salad, with pepperoni, ham, mozzarella, \$5.49; Italian sausage sub, \$3.50 (six-inch), \$5.25 (ten-inch)

Hours: 11:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m., seven days

Buses: 932, 929, 11

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The Place: Rolando’s Taco Shop, 2303 National Avenue, Southeast San Diego (619-239-0007)

Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Potato, bacon, and cheese two-egg burrito, \$3.20; full Mexican menu

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I'm a proponent of lifetime study," says Deborah Lazear, wine educator — and wine student. "You should keep your mind alive for the rest of your life." She set her own mind's eye on wine because "what goes better with food than wine?" — and as she says, "It's all about food. I grocery shop and I cook when I'm happy, when I'm sad, when I'm bored, when I'm mad."

Lazear grew up in Nova Scotia, which at the time offered "great lobster, great fish, and not a lot of exposure to foods of different parts of the world." That changed when she attended college in Montreal. "I just saw all these different kinds of food and started experimenting. Of course, my first story is that I didn't realize you're not supposed to put the fondue fork in your mouth, and I burnt my lips."

From Montreal, she moved to England and "had a wonderful opportunity to study with a teacher from the Cordon Bleu School — go to school with her, enjoy some private lessons with her. And in England, I had great access to France" — and to French wines.

England led to Vancouver, and Lazear began teaching. "Cooking schools were really big at the time. The food processor had just come out, and

people were beginning to experiment. Vancouver was a big cooking area — going down to the Granville Market allowed you to get really fabulous produce, fish, and meat." Vancouver, too, "had wonderful access to wines." By 1997, when she arrived in San Diego, she was set upon "wine and food pairing. I really felt there was a huge gap in people's understanding — not that it's a science or a hard and fast rule. It's simply an enhancement; some things just go better with other things."

She began studying with the Society of Wine Educators, eventually becoming a certified specialist of wine. "They were one of the very few groups with an accredited program for wine educators. I was asked to speak at their conference on teaching wine and adult education" — her other specialty. "They asked me to sit on the committee for revamping the study materials."

Along the way, Lazear pursued her own course of study. "I'm an avid reader. I have subscriptions to two magazines: *Wine Spectator* for the American view and *Decanter*" — published out of England — "for the European view. I read those faithfully, column to column. I'm quite organized; I take them apart, and I have a filing

drawer. They all get filed in appropriate places. And then tasting. When I moved here to San Diego, I was so excited, because the tasting opportunities are phenomenal." She runs the gamut from San Diego Wine Company to Meritage to the WineSellar, "where I practice my blind tasting. It's very humbling."

Besides books and tasting, "I decided that winemaking really is about farming. I went off to Temecula on one of those Temecula Valley Vintners Association tours, and I met this lady who owns a vineyard — Selma Lesser. She was an 83-year-old pixie. She let me come up and kick dirt and follow the pruners and watch the harvesting. I spent a lot of time up there. And then I started hooking up with Orfila Vineyards." Winemaker/GM Leon Santoro "has been very open to having me come up and tromp around and see what he's doing. People are very generous with their time, their knowledge, and their wine tasting."

Her career as a wine educator began in 2003 with her support of public radio. "My husband was reading KPBS's *On Air* magazine, and he saw an ad for this wine festival at Orfila. It was an outdoor event, and there was going to be lots of tasting and food pairing. He said, 'Why don't you call up and volunteer?' I said, 'Why not?'" She called and gave her qualifications. When KPBS called back, they asked for her help with "a big food and wine event — very upscale, very small. One hundred people max, \$500 a person — a major fundraiser. There would be six chefs from around the city who would volunteer their time, and my job was to pair the wines and to secure the wines, get the wineries to donate. The first one was held at the Golf Club at Santaluz; it was called 'One Enchanted Evening,' and it really was.



Deborah Lazear

The gowns were beautiful, and the food was wonderful, and the wines were over the top."

Lazear continued her education and garnered a little publicity in the process. "A couple of years ago, *Wine Spectator* decided to have this online school. Their first course was on California Cabernet. I went online and completed the course, and they wrote to me and said, 'Can we use your name to publicize this?' There was my name in the *Wine Spectator*. I nearly died!" The early bird gets the buzz.

It got better when she caught the attention of Dorothy J. Gaiter and John Brecher, authors of the "Tastings" column in *The Wall Street Journal*. "Every year they have an event called 'Open That Bottle Night.' My husband and I said, 'Let's put together a dinner, invite some friends, and ask each friend to bring a bottle of wine — just like they suggested in the column.' We had our first event, and some wines were a success, and some were...an educational opportunity. The dinner

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was a lot of fun, and I dutifully sent in my little story to the *Journal*. The next year, we did a more elaborate affair. It was after September 11, and I wanted to do a very American meal, based on what people coming over [from Europe] would first have had. I made oyster stew, and rabbit, and nests of wild rice and Parmesan with Cognac chicken livers, and wild blueberry tart. And I brought the wines from Virginia — I was there on business. I had a big emphasis on the wine and food pairing, and I sent that story in as well.” Shortly afterwards, “The phone rang, and it was Dorothy. She said, ‘I’ve got to know how you made those nests.’ We had this long conversation, and she printed my menu in the column; they do four or five menus each time. We did the dinner again the following year — another elaborate menu — and they printed it again.” When Gaiter and Brecher wrote their book *Wine for Every Day and Every Occasion*, they included Lazear’s colonial menu. “That’s probably one of my highlights.”

One thing leads to another. “KPBS is supported by SDSU. I got a call: ‘San Diego State is

going to have a program called “The Business of Wine.” Would you like to go and talk to them about being in some of their classes?’ The phone did not hang up before I was there.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader”

featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and

puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Milton’s Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony

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Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) “Tasty Grub & Grog,” says the sign, and that’s just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the

pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (“Pizza Carlsbad”), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (“Pizza Solana”). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water’s edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view’s the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/05)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts,



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St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egg (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise.

Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean char-broiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Asia Vous 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does "fusion" better, and there's not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else's warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French "confit," but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei's desserts are not only housemade, but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one

vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/05)

Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565, with a Mexican-Italian menu.) "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything's a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights. Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — *N.W.* (3/05)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west



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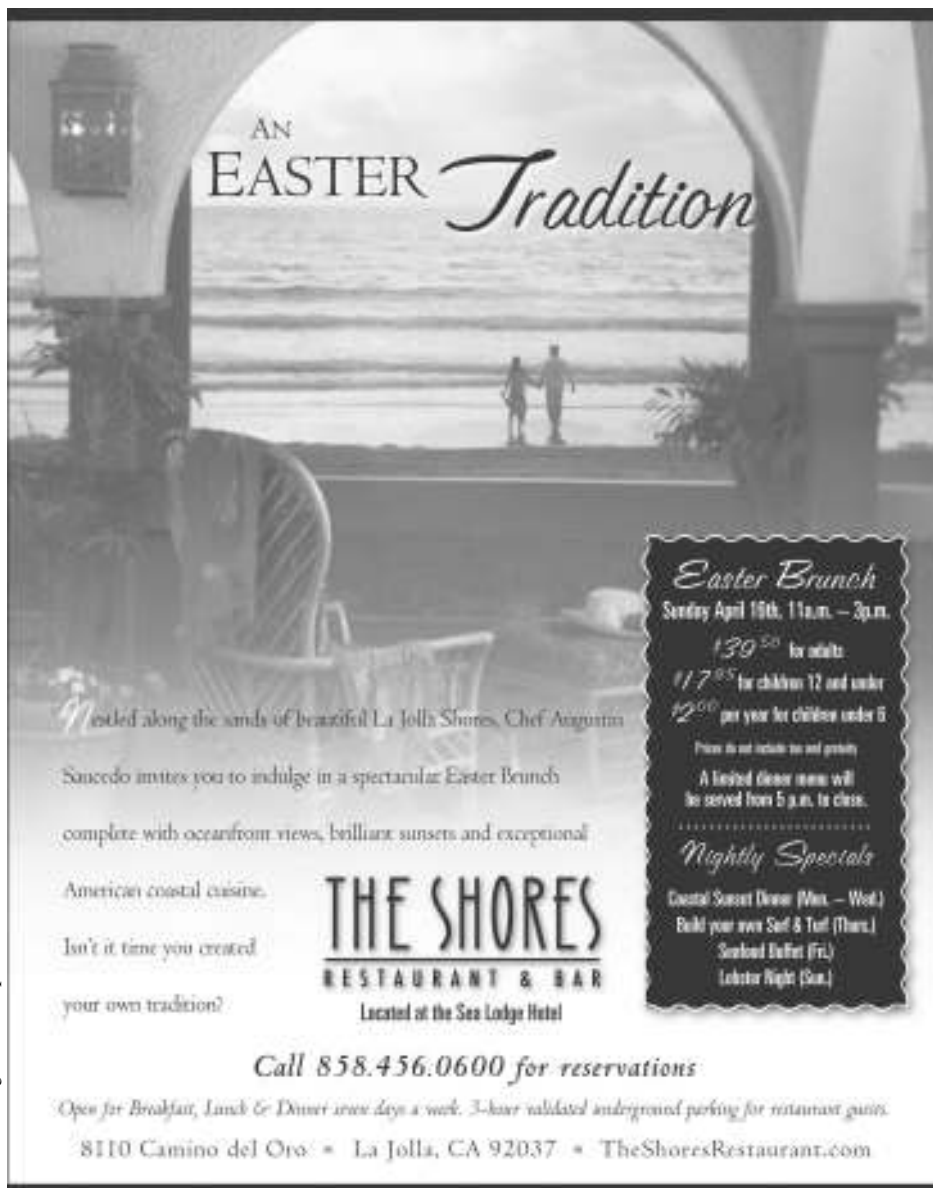
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Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species and a fine slow-roasted duck. For starters, the salmon tower and shrimp margarita are delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged Ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Dinner only, Wednesday to Sunday. Moderate at Oyster Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — N.W. (3/05)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — N.W. (9/03)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

LA JOLLA

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. This is the closest in San Diego to dining at Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse — but the scenery

is prettier. Chef Jeff Jackson's daily-changing menu of California cuisine emphasizes peak, in-season produce and top-quality meats and seafood, cooked to maximize and not disguise their natural flavors. For restaurant food, it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than most. Some frequently served menu highlights include tuna carpaccio, crisp-skinned Arctic char, date-marinated Colorado rack of lamb, the best duck confit in town, and dreamy brioche bread pudding. The long California wine list is pricey, but there's plenty by the glass or half-bottle, while cocktail prices are moderate. Reservations essential on weekends. Validated valet parking, free self-parking. Quiet and romantic unless packed, business-casual to dressy-casual attire. Just south of the Torrey Pines Hilton; look for road signs to Golf Course and Lodge. Three meals daily. Breakfast and lunches high moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W. (12/05)

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this

excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext. 1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew off their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Ko-

rean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q.," marinated short ribs (*tonk galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (*beef gyu*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner daily. — M.N. (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo, sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday. Lunch and dinner 3 p.m. to midnight; weekends breakfast through

dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. —
E.B. (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfast PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundek, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge) and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg “Broken Yolk Cafe Special” comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you’ve got huevos. If you can’t, the yolk’s on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egg per. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shells Seafood Company founder Jedd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinner entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. —A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In

the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound with an imported French cheese plate, topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open daily for lunch; no dinner. Sunday or Monday. Bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

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Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot, which shares some dishes with his Thee Bungalow across the street, is first of all a wine shop selling global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Closed Mondays. Lunch and dinner until midnight other weekdays, until 1 a.m. weekends. Low-moderate. — N.W. (12/05)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers “Italian tapas” of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you’ve lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheese cake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late, or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn’t just a restaurant, it’s the social center of the universe — and Judy “The Beauty” Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy’s Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans’ fave may be the “veggie option”: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you’re waiting, they always have this “out there” eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like “Will Be President For Food.” Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They’re gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal “slow food” cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there’s a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées, such as apricot-glazed grilled chicken. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguista*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better-tasting than U.S.-made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Lunch and dinner weeknights, three

meals on weekends, until 11 p.m. nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You’ll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn’t nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say “hot,” expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, local watering hole serves savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage. Appetizer/bar menu includes excellent crab cakes with house-made tartar sauce, lively red pepper hummus, and a spicy chipotle-dressed shrimp cocktail, etc., plus lots of salads that can double as main dishes. The entrée side of the menu has literally “beefed up” to feature several steak cuts, but you can still get somebody’s mom’s mushy meatloaf (served with BBQ sauce), pork chops, simple fish preparations, chicken *saltimbocca*. Dark, swanky atmosphere, considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight. Reservations for parties of five or more, or go early if you don’t want to wait. Entrées moderate, but appetizers run high. — *N.W. (2/06)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Geno’s West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno’s a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He’s a surfer but he’s serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: “Round-up” (mild), “Giddy-up” (spicy), or “Stampede” (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you’re light of pocket go for the “Ripcurl” hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Johnny B’s 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker’s patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/05)*

Monroe’s Cafe 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell), La Mesa, 619-464-7100. You’ve got the whole “Middle Passage” of cuisines in a single spot here: Louisiana Creole, Jamaican, and Somalian cooking all come out of one kitchen, from cooks who specialize in each. Among the treats are Jamaican fried plantain and curry goat; Somalian *sambusas*, African coconut fish or shrimp, and *zigni xabasui* (meat sauté and *doro wat*) combo; seafood gumbo and crawfish étouffé. Not everything is available at every meal every day, though. To

drink: Exotically spiced Somalian iced tea. No alcohol, no pork products; all meats are *Hallal* (equivalent to Kosher). Service can be leisurely, and the freshest food is often at lunch, and at the popular weekend buffet brunches, where you can sample most of the menu. Two vegetarian combos. Saturday and Sunday brunch and dinner, Tuesday through Friday lunch and early dinner (closing at 8 p.m. weekdays, 9 p.m. weekends). Low-moderate. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you’re only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that’s what you want you’ll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mus-saman*, labeled “medium spicy,” is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: “chicken green.” Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don’t ask what’s in the “dynamite” sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it’s a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish

alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

Bernard’s The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog’s legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they’re going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there’s an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather’s fine, dine on

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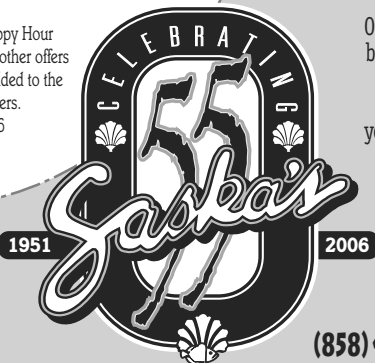
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Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling—gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The “Joe and the Volcano”-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel ‘n’ eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakorras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

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El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, “the god of Mexican food,” presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hour Thursday through Sunday. This

neighborhood favorite is comfortable, with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Islander Grill Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy “pot roast” is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/05)*

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you'll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken and pork. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get *edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking \$6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just “fusion food.” Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branstion pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with

items like “Texas chili,” or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat-in or “to geaux.” (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a “cupa-cupa-cupa” sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for “cherry,” and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is

the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Cafe Chloé 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc* or, at later meals, mussels in saffron broth with *frites* or lamb with *chermoula*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, specialty root beer, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, everything available by the glass. Metered street-parking day time. No reservations except large groups. Three meals daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/05)*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A “grazing menu” features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; “grazing” can be moderate. — *N.W. (3/06)*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brown-

ies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an “old girl's” club, or just a happy place where the term “a nice piece of meat” isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the “old boys” steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The “chef recommend sizzle plates,” the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially “house special rice noodles”), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried

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George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steak-house is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbitied and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but

not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the

delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Lunch delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Molly's Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioner occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco's top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried and trite clichés, how-

ever nicely prepared — conventioners, remember?) Try the stuffed squash blossoms, pappardelle with chanterelles, or diver scallops on celery root puree when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hard-core "carnies." Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open daily for dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/05)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Soleil @K Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating

with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters include a zesty fried calamari salad and crabby crab cakes, and desserts are witty as well as tasty. Entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/05)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the

young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent

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You can't be a rationalist in an irrational world," rants mad Dr. Rance in *What the Butler Saw*, "it isn't rational."

But everything that happens in Joe Orton's 1969 farce has a rational explanation. It's Rance's psychoanalytic take that's stark raving bonkers.

The facts: Dr. Prentice runs a psychiatric clinic. He wants to interview Geraldine Barclay, secretarial candidate, on his casting couch; disrobing, he assures her, is standard procedure at mental institutions. His wife — who, like the doctor, has no first name — may or may not have had sex in a hotel linen closet with a page-boy. He blackmails her to become the new secretary. Enter Dr. Rance, government medical inspector and Adult Child of a Hitler Youth. If Rance finds out he tried to seduce a job applicant, Dr. Prentice could lose his license. So Prentice invents a story: Geraldine's a patient, delusional to the point of insanity. That's why she's naked. "I'm not mad," Prentice exclaims, "it only looks that way."

It all makes sense, in hindsight. But Prentice's clinic specializes in "complete breakdowns." And that's what happens. From the doctor's self-protecting fiction, things fall far apart.

Clothes switch. Genders blur. Doors fly open and slam shut. To everyone, everyone else is nuts. And Rance, whose harebrained theories increase the chaos exponentially, is the biggest lunatic of all. When told his methods could shove poor

Geraldine over the edge, Rance, now convinced she's a he, retorts: "This is a mental home. He couldn't choose a more appropriate place."

What the audience sees is a crude frenzy of sexual and psychological abuses meant to shock and offend (in stressing the difference between abuses and their interpretation, Orton anticipates the early-'70s critique of Freud, who refused to acknowledge actual as-

saults when they threatened to undermine his theory of the unconscious). *Butler* also lambastes every traditional institution from the church to Parliament to marriage to every standard of decency. If someone watched *Butler* and wasn't offended, they might feel left out.

What the audience hears, however, is prose as elegant as Oscar Wilde's. Asked if his interpretation jibes with existing conditions, Rance replies, "Civilizations have been founded and maintained on theories which refused to obey facts."

Orton also wrote: "Love thy neighbor." The man who said that was crucified by His.

The genius, and difficulty, of *Butler*: it is both farce and literature, a tale of mayhem told with elegant speech. 6th@Penn's production, however, treats the script as a cipher. Like a rehearsal "run-through," the breathless cast sprints along as if late for a meal. The language, and some of the funniest jokes in theater, get lost.

Only Brian Salmon, who excelled as Dr. Rance years ago at Ralph Elias's (sorely missed) Black-

REVIEW JEFF SMITH



What the Butler Saw

What the Butler Saw, by Joe Orton
6th@Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest
Directed by Peter Cirino; cast: Brian Salmon, Douglas Lay, Tess McIntyre, Leigh Scarritt, Philip Kruse, Fred Harlow; scenic design, Sabato Fiorella, Claudio Raygoza, Dale Morris; costumes, Jeannie Galioto; lighting, Mitchell Sinkovsky
Playing through April 30; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-688-9210.

Tongue of a Bird, by Ellen McLaughlin
Stone Soup Theatre, Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue, downtown
Directed by Esther Emery; cast: Julie Anderson Sachs, Wendy Waddell, June Gottlieb, Abbey Howe, Robin Christ; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Jennifer Brawn Gittings; lighting, Valerie Breyne; sound, Rachel Le Vine; original music, Ruff Yeager
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Tongue of a Bird

friars Theatre, understands the ratio between speech and movement in Orton. His Rance is a bug-eyed brute in a three-piece suit — and, if he were an actual being, and in authority, a monster. But he's also literate. Salmon pauses just slightly to shape speeches, as well he should. But the other actors, all of whom push too hard and play too loud for the intimate space, cue up around him so quickly the audience has no time to savor the wit.

They also step on each other's lines. As in Tom Stoppard's comedies, Orton's characters play a serious status game: outwit (or, often in the case of *Butler*, out-epigram)

each other. They can transcend their social class verbally, if not economically, by trumping a rival's speech. One example: MRS. PRENTICE (to her husband): "Have you taken up transvestism? I'd no idea our marriage teetered on the edge of fashion." MR. PRENTICE: "Our marriage is like the peace of God — it passeth all understanding."

These lines, like so many others, should get laughs but don't at 6th@Penn. It's hard to tell if the cast doesn't trust the jokes or the audience; but there are many ways of enabling an audience to laugh, especially if you clue them early on that the language counts as much as the action.

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The latter is the production's strongpoint. Director Peter Cirino has a knack for staging the crisp, knockabout physicality that farce requires (and doing it on 6th@Penn's relatively small playing space). Sharp timing and cut-to-the-chase pacing only serve part of Orton's "controlled frenzy," however. It's a rare thing to say, but the show would improve if the actors relaxed and *added* ten minutes to the running time.

From the air, Maxine could probably detect a missing needle in a stack of them. Regardless of the weather or precipitous terrain, she flies her Cessna where angels fear and has a perfect record for finding lost campers and hikers. "In control in the air," she swears she would have tracked down Amelia Earhart. On the ground, however, Maxine's unsure, haunted by a past she fights to block. Though all her possessions fit in a white laundry sack, a national park couldn't contain her demons.

In Ellen McLaughlin's *Tongue of a Bird*, Maxine searches for Charlotte Hobard, a 12-year-old Girl Scout kidnapped in the Adirondacks, by someone in a black pickup, 11 days ago. While staying with her grandmother, who has either

out-of-the-body experiences or Alzheimer's, Maxine works for Charlotte's grieving (possibly suicidal) mother and has recurring visions of her own, who died (possibly by suicide) when Maxine was young. Though told she should "learn to lose what should not be found," Maxine races at answers and passes the point of no return.

The play, a voyage of self-discovery, would rather wax poetic than go about its business. Most speeches are long monologues, image-heaps actually: instead of choosing the best one, or three, they self-indulgently recreate the writer's process, piling one upon another: how 'bout this, no, let's try these (Maxine's 100 times better at discovery than the playwright). After a while, everyone sounds the same. The monologues also defuse energy from an undeniably dramatic pattern: the five women make up a kaleidoscope of loss, from giving up, or in, to letting go.

Though unable to overcome the play's static, talky nature, Stone Soup Theatre Company enhances its positives. Scenic designer Nick Fouch makes excellent use of the Tenth Avenue Theatre (Evoke Dance Theatre's new and glorious venue, reminiscent of UCSD's Forum Studio). On platforms before a tall mountainside, Fouch's discrete playing areas become emotional zones — reality downstage, mysticism above, Maxine's bed in between.

Empty spaces in the two-story theater, lit by Valerie Breyne, have a haunted solemnity.

Cast members lean toward recital rather than self-expression in the monologues but also do capable work: Julie Anderson Sachs as the driven Maxine; Wendy Waddell as angry Dessa; Abbey Howe as an Ariel-like Charlotte; June Gottlieb as grandmother Zofia (is she daffy or sagacious?); and balletic Robin Christ as Evie, the ghost that won't go away. Under Esther Emery's thoughtful direction, Christ does a metamorphosis in the end more arresting than all the playwright's images combined. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Always...Patsy Cline

The Welk Resort Theatre presents this musical about the great Patsy Cline and her friendship with Louise Seeger. Larry Raben directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 11; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AND TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448, OR 888-802-7469.

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 *The Problem*. The show also includes a dinner-theater package. GET WIRELESS STORE, 116 WASHINGTON STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-297-7309.

The Constant Wife

The Old Globe Theatre stages Somerset Maugham's comedy about Constance Middleton's unconcern over her husband's affair. Is she for real? And what if she is? Seret Scott directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, THROUGH MAY 7; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURS-

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OnStage Playhouse presents Brian Friel's drama about Irish sisters, "of times long ago," and their romantic longings and anxieties. Carla Nell directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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, THROUGH APRIL 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

5th of July

The Old Globe Theatre/USD graduate theater program presents a staged reading of Lanford Wilson's drama. Liz Shipman directed. STUDIO THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, LINDA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY AT 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-260-7934.

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The Housekeeper

6th@Penn Theatre presents James Prideaux's comedy about "problems in paradise for manly Carstairs." Rhys Green directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH APRIL 26; SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Intimate Apparel

Daughter of freed slaves, 35-year-old Esther sews unmentionables at a 1905 New York rooming house. She's never known love. But when she corresponds with George Armstrong, a West Indian on the Panama Canal's construction crew, a verbal relationship grows. Lynn Nottage's often-produced drama gives voice not only to people history overlooks, but also to people who have trouble speaking for themselves. Act Two, however, has a predictability that runs ahead of the slow-to-evolve story (when a first act concludes with a marriage, you pretty much know what's ahead). *Intimate* is one of the San Diego Rep's strongest productions in some time. Everything has texture: from thickly patterned wallpaper to the sheen of silks and bridal veils. Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg adds a visual subtext: characters speak as much with their hands as their words; their "touch," in fact, often defines them. Though at times they verge on declamation, the supporting cast does nicely detailed work (Lisel Gorell-Getz as a repressed socialite; Michael A. Shepperd as George, whose "touch" changes). Esther's almost too innocent, too deserving (a titch more of either and she'd float straight to heaven). Lisa Renee Pitts gives her a sculptor's strong and tender hands. In a moving, understated, intricate performance, Pitts shows why Esther's choices, like those of the play's

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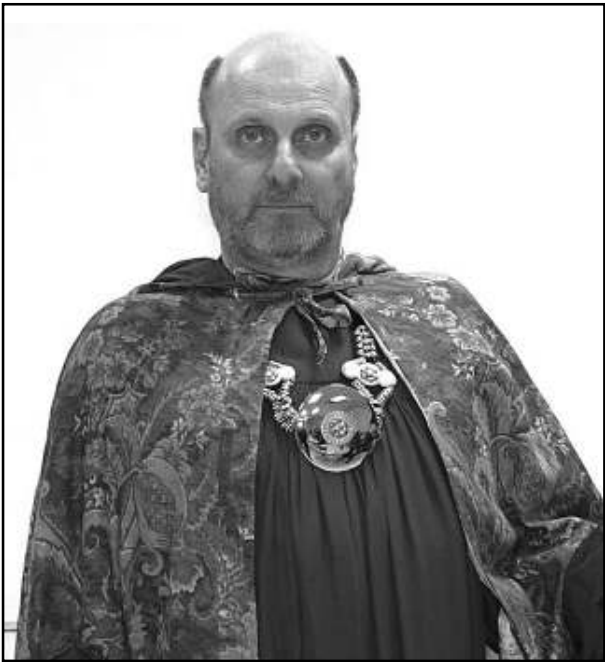
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Late-Nite Catechism

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 non-stop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 22. (NOTE: LATE-NITE RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM 2. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 858-481-1055.)

Late-Nite Catechism 2

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the sequel to Maripat Donovan's popular audience-par-

ticipation show, which claims, "Sometimes we feel guilty because we ARE guilty."

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, THROUGH MAY 23; RUNNING IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM. 858-481-1055.

My Fair Lady

Cygnnet Theatre celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Lerner and Loewe classic with a pared-down version. The company hasn't solved all the technical problems of shifting from epic to intimate (slides projected on the rear wall also project on the actors, piped-in music), but the performances are winners, and the production offers inventive twists. Ron Choularton plays Eliza Dolittle's father, Alfred P., as if to his ill manners born. Sean Cox's ardent tenor rendition of "On the Street Where You Live" stops the show. As do Jeanne Reith's costumes, especially when a transformed Eliza appears before the ball, radiant as a star. Instead of Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn emblazoned across Cinemascope, Sean Murray's Henry Higgins and Amy Biedel's Eliza are much more finite and human — and malleable. Both sing well (and Murray often sings the songs Harrison spoke). In a surprising update, Cygnnet changed the ending. It doesn't promise the happily-ever-after kind that George Bernard Shaw, on whose *Pygmalion* the musical is based, hated. Let's just say it suggests that Henry's and Eliza's post-musical lives might be more fulfilling than Shaw's sterile account, and much more adult. At Cygnnet, *My Fair Lady's* come a long way, baby! (Due to popular demand, Cygnnet has extended the run of *My Fair Lady*.)

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked



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priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Symathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.
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The Nerd
North Coast Repertory Theatre states Larry Shue’s comedy about a seeming dolt who may be the wisest one of all. David Hay directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH APRIL 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show” — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana,



My Fair Lady

the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read

about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”
Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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Patio Playhouse stages Shakespeare’s late comedy about the exiled Duke of Milan and an island he may, or may not, control. Dick Gant directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 23 (SHAKESPEARE’S BIRTHDAY); FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Tongue of a Bird
Reviewed this issue. 10TH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-434-1707.

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While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Twilight of the Golds
Rob Stein’s biotech company can identify genetic predispositions. His wife, Suzanne, becomes pregnant. Why not check for danger signs? When they do, in Jonathan Tolins’ comedy-drama, they find that the fetus, a left-handed boy, might be gay. What they should do about “that trait” unravels the Golds, Suzanne’s allegedly liberal family. Though one could wish that Tolins had written thicker characters, *Twilight* raises major issues about a future fast upon us. And though Diversionary Theatre hasn’t solved all the script problems (including Tolin’s sitcom urge to leaven too many dramatic moments with jokes), Rosina Reynolds’s deft direction rebalances the play’s emphases and humanizes stereotypes. It also raises another question: where did Matthew Weeden come from? A new face, he’s terrific as young David Gold, the gay son forced to reject his family. With sharp comic timing and emotional range, Weeden takes the stage with a veteran’s assurance. As does Amanda Sittton as hyper Suzanne who, for once, won’t go the “easy way.” Overall, the acting’s uneven, especially the cameos. But Glynn Beddington, as the mother who will say nothing, is a heart-grabber. David Weiner’s epic-minimalist set includes Wagnerian mountains and Brunhilde’s flames (and roiling waters when Jeff Fightmaster’s lights turn blue-gray). *Twilight* premiered in 1995. Its dated topical references make it a period piece. But its ethical questions are right this minute.
Worth a try.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH APRIL 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

What the Butler Saw
Reviewed this issue. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH APRIL 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Forever Young

To find the principal character animalistic is not to find him subhuman.

An April shower: *L'Enfant*. The Dardenne brothers of Belgium, Jean-Pierre and Luc, have become dependable providers of coarse-grained slices of lower-class life, thicker in credibility than in captivation, but still thicker than most films in both. The title of their latest, which translates as *The Child*,

would seem to refer not so much to the illegitimate blue-bundled newborn as to his callow young father (Jérémy Renier, the juvenile lead in the Dardennes' *La Promesse* ten years ago, and a player in their *Rosetta* and *The Son* in the interim), a panhandler, a petty thief, a sometime street person ("Only fuckers work") whose outstanding trait is his short-sightedness. His girlfriend's stay in the maternity ward proves to have been a golden opportunity for him to sublet their apartment to total strangers, and never mind when mother and baby come home. (We find this out in step with the bewildered girlfriend, the screen debut of Déborah François, who, typical of a Dardenne discovery, scarcely appears to be acting, simply being.) The young couple smooth out this

first bump, and although there is no evidence of a deep connection between them, no sign of compassionate interaction, their animalistic roughhousing, their romping in the open air, their tussle over control of the car radio (the intolerable, to him, *Blue Danube* waltz is the only music in the movie), paint a family portrait of chimplike

contentment.

The next bump is bigger. Entrusted to take the baby for a solo stroll in the park, the new father gets the bright idea of selling the infant on the black market (ever the child, ever the chimp, he busies himself, while waiting to be disburdened of his son, making muddy footprints on a convenient wall), and he neglects to anticipate the mother's reaction until he next sees her. "I thought we'd have another," he explains, after she regains consciousness. This turn of events would be shocking if not for the Dardennes' sublime ability (shared with their eminent compatriot, Georges Simenon) to remain unshocked by anything human. To find the principal character animalistic, not just in his idea of fun (carving ripples in the river with a



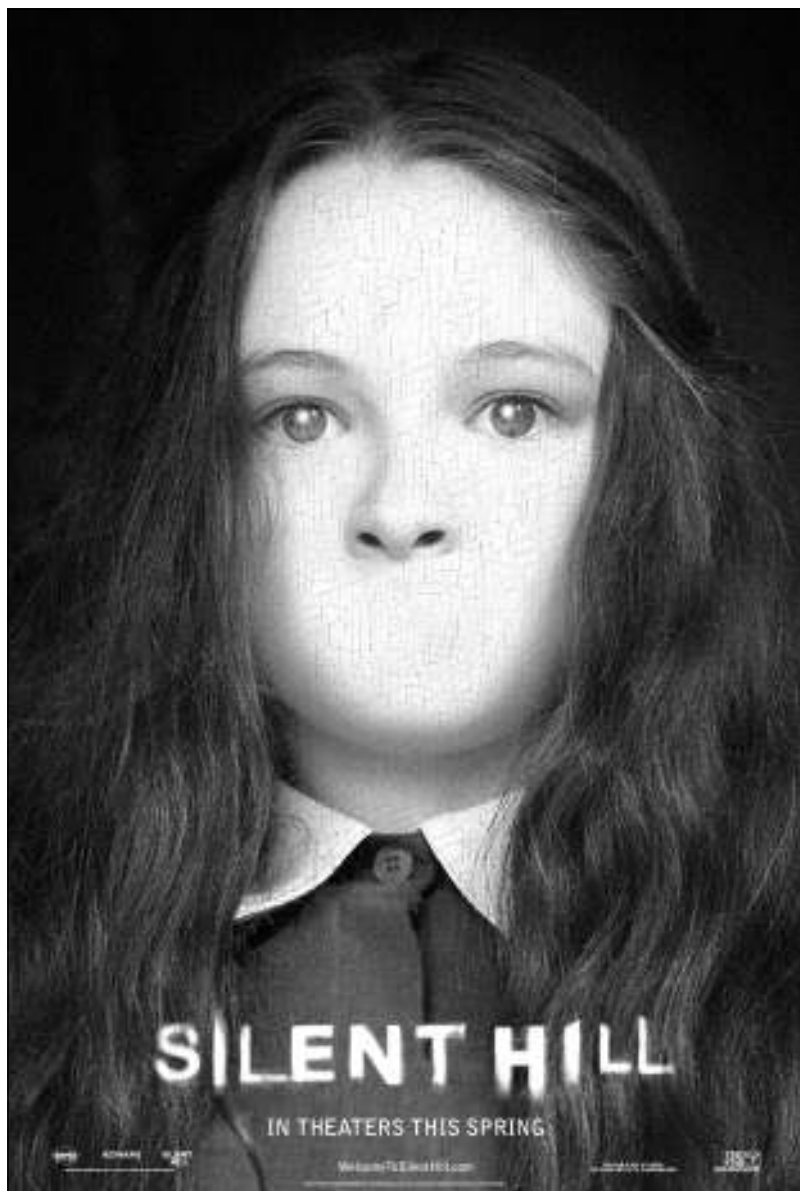
L'Enfant

handy metal rod) but also in his freedom from introspection, is not to find him subhuman. It is merely, and fearlessly, to broaden the view of the human spectrum. Watching him smooth out this bigger bump calls upon the sorts of emotions aroused by the broken-winged bird and the three-legged dog.

Friends with Money. There are, to

be exact, three friends with money, and one without, a former teacher toiling now as a free-lance maid, helping herself to the bedside vibrator of one of her employers, and in her spare time harassing an ex-boyfriend with all-hours phone calls and hang-ups. The three with money additionally have mates. One of them, Catherine Keener,

is collaborating with her husband on a screenplay, while adding an unsightly ocean-view second story on their home. Another, Frances McDormand, is a successful clothes designer with one child, plus a peculiar aversion to washing her hair, a reservoir of repressed anger, and a British-accented husband, a bath-products manufac-



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turer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual (“Just because you care about what you wear doesn’t mean to say you’re gay”). The third, Joan Cusack, has a passel of kids, plenty of hired help with them, no job and no need of one, enough money to

donate a spare couple of million to her children’s school. Assuming the role of matchmaker, she introduces the moneyless and mateless friend, Jennifer Aniston, to her personal trainer, who begins to tag along with her on her housecleaning jobs and to demand a cut for haphazardly pitching in. Writer and director Nicole Holofcener, of *Walking and Talking* and *Lovely and Amazing*, is very adept at finding and pointing out the faults in all these people (no one is exempt), and the entire

movie has an air about it of catty girl talk, very concrete and specific and yet ultimately insubstantial and desultory: a litany of everyday outrages (people who cut in line at the cash register or steal parking spaces in the lot), a few useful tips for budget living (free cosmetics samples at the department stores), and of course some gripes about men (the cold-fish husband who won’t be drawn into an argument, the blind date who can’t tear his eyes from an old flame at the far end of the restaurant). Keener and McDormand are in another acting league, a tougher one, from

Cusack and Aniston, but the facileness of the latter pair is not the sort of fault that the filmmaker is adept at pointing out. She is adept at minimizing it.
Take the Lead. Inspirational pabulum, “inspired,” to begin with, “by a true story,” that of Pierre Dulaine (played by that lovely Latin, Antonio Banderas), who volunteers to bring his courtly Old World manners and his ballroom dance steps into Detention Hall at a rough New York high school: *Mad Hot Ballroom* meets *Blackboard Jungle*. The school principal (the

formidable Alfre Woodard, who recedes from center stage too soon and too far) sees in the proposal “the cure for cutting class,” a punishment so cruel and unusual as to scare the detainees straight. It’s true that the sounds of Gershwin from a boom box drive them to plead for mercy, but nevertheless the Detention Hall roster remains as fixed throughout the school year as the roll of any English or History class. A tango demonstration staged by the swarthy dance instructor and a lithe blond ice queen, and chopped to bits by the erstwhile music-video director Liz Friedlander, widens the students’ eyes and horizons, and a formulaic dance competition offers them the Gerber Strained Carrots at the end of the stick.

Marilyn Hotchkiss Ballroom Dancing and Charm School. Yes, indeed, more ballroom dancing. Writer-director Randall Miller incorporates sizable chunks of footage from his 1990 short of the same name, in the form of flashbacks to 1962, recollected by John Goodman in the present day as he lies dying in the back of an ambulance, victim of a car wreck en route to a standing forty-year-old date at the titular dance school. The audience for these recollections is Robert Carlyle, a passer-by in a bread truck, who will keep the man’s appointment at the school, still in business all these decades later, but now run by Marilyn Hotchkiss’s carbon-copy daughter, Marianne (Mary Steenburgen, speaking fruity English as if she learned how from the likes of Norma Shearer, Greer Garson, Katharine and Audrey Hepburn). Carlyle will keep coming back to the school on his own, gradually coming out of his shell as a withdrawn widower. Glueing these two intercut plotlines together produces a sticky mess, a sappy mess. And the filmmaker never elevates himself above the station of an apprentice, no more in the new footage than in the old. Under the circumstances, the unending parade of professionals on screen — Marisa Tomei, Donnie Wahlberg, Sonia Braga, David Paymer, Sean Astin, Adam Arkin, Ernie Hudson, Camryn Manheim, Danny DeVito — seems almost an hallucination. To top off this effect, the boy in the 1990 short naturally looks nothing like John Goodman, but is readily recognizable as the unrelated young man who works alongside Carlyle at the bakery. You can’t believe your eyes.

Basic Instinct 2. Sharon Stone, pushing fifty, takes her *femme fatale* act to London, along with her sand-blasted face and helium-inflated boobs. There is an exculpatory spirit of self-parody in it, but then there already was, in the 1992 predecessor. The thing about any sort of parody, self- or otherwise, is that it can only be good for a short while. If it was ever any good in the first place. And Stone’s bisexual Bacall-speaking serial-killing best-selling suspense novelist was always pretty awful. The most that a new director (Michael Caton-Jones) can do is to keep her off screen for lengthy stretches. A ramrod-straight psychoanalyst (and lower-tier actor, David Morrissey) will be easily wrapped around her pinkie. A slouching moviegoer might be harder to reach.

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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 McDormand; directed by Elizabeth Allen. 2006.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Ask the Dust — Depression-period romance, written and directed by Robert Towne, in a largely dark, nocturnal, un-sunny 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)

ATL — Chris Robinson's comedy-drama of African-American friends in Atlanta facing life after high school, with Tip Harris, Lauren London, and Mykelti Williamson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Basic Instinct 2 — Reviewed this issue.
With Sharon Stone, David Morrissey,
David Thewlis, and Charlotte Rampling;
directed by Michael Catton-Jones.
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The Benchwarmers — Sports comedy with Rob Schneider, David Spade, and Jon Heder, directed by Dennis Dugan.
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TEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN
SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/7)

C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America — Satirical science fiction, alternative-universe subdivision: What would have happened had the South won the Civil War? (One thing: it would have become known as the War of Northern Aggression.) A viable idea, but throttled by ham-fisted humor, amateur acting, and a cheap and expedient mockumentary format, mixing archive footage, staged interviews, cinematic parodies (a Griffith short depicting the capture of Abe Lincoln in blackface, etc.), and sub-*Saturday Night Live* commercial spoofs (the Coon Chicken Inn, etc.). Written and directed by Kevin Willmott. 2006.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 4/6)

Date Movie — In the mode of *Scary Movie*, a witless collection of references to thefts from, and spoofs of, assorted romantic comedies, nonromantic comedies, non-comedies, 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.

● (GASLAMP 15)

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 up into little bits — probably, as an anti-monotony measure, a blessing. The substandard video image, meanwhile, is an unrelieved curse. Directed by Michel Gondry. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

The Devil and Daniel Johnston — Jeff

Feuerzeig's documentary on a manic-depressive musician from West Virginia.
(KEN, 4/7 THROUGH 13)

Don't Come Knocking — Reunion of the writing and directing team of *Paris, Texas*, Sam Shepard and Wim Wenders, for a similarly slow-moving road movie, which seems to be set in an alternative universe where there still exists in the present day, much as it existed half a century earlier, a class of people known as “Western actors,” i.e., actors predominantly identified with Westerns. One of these might then be branded in the tabloids as the “Western Bad Boy,” to set him apart from his better-behaved brethren, for his promiscuous ways with women, drugs, and liquor. (In a departure from *Paris, Texas*, Shepard himself plays the protagonist, an interesting performance that involves a lot touching, stroking, rubbing of his face, as if he needed to confirm constantly his corporeality.) And such a man, too, might then choose to abscond on horseback from the set of an oater called *Phantom of the West* in Moab, Utah. To shake any pursuers, he swaps clothes with a grizzled old codger, throws away his cellphone and credit cards, and seeks temporary refuge with the mother he hasn't seen in decades (Eva Marie Saint), who will give direction and purpose to his flight when she shares the gossipy tidbit that he has a grown son he never knew about (Gabriel Mann), a moody rock-and-roller with a Fifties duxtilail, whose rebellious nature hasn't taken him more than a stone's throw from the restaurant run by his mother (Jessica Lange) in Butte, Montana. By the luckiest chance, a daughter he also never knew about (Sarah Polley), by a separate mother, simultaneously roams the streets of Butte, lugging her mother's ashes in an urn. The entire affair — a Shepard's pie of restlessness, rootlessness, and unseverable blood ties — is saved from total silliness by Wenders's cool command of tempo and tone. (Though he'd have done well to rein in Lange in her emotional dam-burst on a public sidewalk.) This filmmaker, the most durable of the New German filmmakers of the Seventies, requires a locale more than he requires a script. The evocative Western landscapes, the ribbonay roadways, the cascade of colored lights in a small-town Nevada casino, the ghostly streets of Butte — all these are more real, more beckoning, than the human story. Wenders

truly settles into a place, occupies it, observes it, absorbs it. Tim Roth, Fairuza Balk, George Kennedy. 2006.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/6)

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 urban scape. (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.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/6)

The Dying Gaul — Screenwriter Craig Lucas, of *Longtime Companion* and *Prelude to a Kiss*, turns director as well, bringing to the screen his own stage play, a behind-the-scenes peek into the studios and boudoirs of Hollywood: the negotiations over a labor-of-love screenplay about the death from AIDS of the writer's lover (his dream director: "Gus Van Sant, I guess, since Truffaut is dead"), the producer's insistence that the central relationship of the script be heterosexualized ("Most Americans *hate* gay people"), the 1,172 reluctant replacements of "Maurice" by "Maggie" at a single keystroke on the computer, the ensuing affair between the writer and the bisexual married producer, and the dire consequences thereof. (None more dire than the ill-advised tableau vivant of the titular piece of sculpture at the fadeout.) The wife's discovery of the affair and her initial retaliation for it are rather patly facilitated in an Internet chat room by the name of Men on a Park Bench (or Menonaparkbench), where she manages to convince the still grieving writer that she is his departed lover communicating from the Other Side. More *Prelude to a Kiss*, you might say, than *Longtime Companion*. Altogether too much of an already stagy, static movie takes place in front of computer screens, or, as a stylized but uncinematic substitute, in front of

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talking heads reciting online chat. The plotting admittedly achieves a certain level of ingenuity if not a commensurate level of credibility, and it steers a course in a no-man’s-land between the “serious” indie relationship film and the “generic” mainstream thriller. The cast of Peter Sarsgaard, Campbell Scott, and Patricia Clarkson sees to it that the course doesn’t drift toward the mainstream. 2005.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4/10, 6:30 P.M.)

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 life-line 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



Basic Instinct 2

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.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

L’Enfant — Reviewed this issue. With Jérémie Renier, Déborah François, and Olivier Gourmet; written and directed by Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/7)

Failure to Launch — This romantic-comic bauble by Tom Dey has a definite situation, namely a mid-thirties stud still living at home with his parents. If the situation were born of any necessity — financial, psychological, medical, or otherwise — the film might additionally have had a sub-

ject. But since the situation is only an amorous stratagem, an ace-in-the-hole shameful secret useful for scaring off over-serious 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. Justin Bartha, Kathy Bates. 2006.

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ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. ● (VOGUE)

Friends with Money — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Aniston, Catherine Keener, Frances McDormand, Joan Cusack, and Scott Caan; written and directed by Nicole Holofcener.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/7)

Ghostbusters II — A not despicable reprise of the same material, juvenile yet jaded, profoundly lazy and lackadaisical, sufficiently disdainful, even, to aim an occasional joke over the heads of the rubes (something about “my Laura Antonelli tapes”). It is least despicable when least jaded and lazy: Rick Moranis’s ineptness as a courtroom lawyer (allowing himself to be led by the witness), Sigourney Weaver’s entire “straight-man” act as a single mother with an imperilled child. Bill Murray can still bestir himself to deliver a good line (that is, to deliver a line *well*), but his unshatterable nonchalance undermines any aspirations to parody. Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, and Ernie Hudson at least have the decency to act frightened once in a while. Directed by Ivan Reitman. 1989. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/8 MIDNIGHT)

The Hills Have Eyes — At first blush, 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. With Aaron Stanford, Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan, Ted Levine, Robert Joy. 2006. ● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hoodwinked — A fractured fairy tale, the Red Riding Hood tale, told in a fractured narrative after the fashion of stuff like *Pulp Fiction*, *Go*, *Snatch*, *Sin City*, with a dash of *Rashomon*, a whisper of *Citizen Kane*. The intersections of four narrative lines, from four differing points of view, are fun to spot; and the minor character of a banjo-picking bluegrass billy goat, who can say hardly anything without singing it, is truly funny. The bottom-drawer computer animation sets a useful low standard, a base baseline, against which to measure the quality-controlled slickness of Disney or DreamWorks: the nearest thing today to a George Pal Puppetoon in arthritic rigidity. Co-writers and directors Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech can fully match the big boys, though, in shoot-from-the-hip hipness. If that’s what you want from your fairy tales. With the voices of Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Patrick Warburton, David Ogden Stiers. 2006. ★ (VOGUE)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — Computer-animated sequel, with the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary, directed by Carlos Saldanha. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 18; 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)

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Inside Man — Unabashedly commercial enterprise from Spike Lee, a lightweight heist-and-hostage caper with a heavyweight cast: Clive Owen as the bank-job master-mind, Denzel Washington as the New York cop who catches the call, Jodie Foster as the smugly enigmatic free-lance troubleshooter with friends in high places (“My bite’s much worse than my bark”), and Christopher Plummer as the philanthropic money-bags, plus a couple of poised mid-dleweights, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Willem Dafoe as role players on the police team. The script by Russell Gewirtz (his first to reach the screen) is thick with intrigue: the robbers seem in no hurry to gather their loot and make their getaway, and the Chairman of the Board at Manhattan Trust is concerned to safeguard nothing but his own safety-deposit box. Having stirred up a slight bit of interest, however, the script neglects to answer key questions (how does Owen know what he knows? how did Foster get where she’s got?), and it cuts some corners (“You saw *Dog Day Afternoon*,” the top cop unwisely raises a close point of comparison), and it uses every ounce of its cleverness simply to avoid difficult choices. Lee, too, appears anxious to stay out of trouble. He tosses off a parody of violent video games (Kill Dat Nigra), and shows some sensitivity to racial profiling (post-9/11, in particular), but his primary target has been selected for unanimity: Nazis and their collaborators. His direction of the essentially static action is ostentatiously busy. And yes, he remembers to roll out his trademark dolly at one point to give a lift to the riled hero: hell, literally, on wheels. 2006.

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Lucky Number Sleevin — Crime thriller with Josh Hartnett, Ben Kingsley, Morgan Freeman, and Bruce Willis, directed by Paul McGuigan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/7)

Marilyn Hotchkiss Ballroom Dancing and Charm School — Reviewed this issue. With Robert Carlyle, Marisa Tomei, John Goodman, and Mary Steenburgen; written and directed by Randall Miller. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 censorious 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. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 4/7)

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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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*

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My kids and I are suckers for 3-D computer-generated movies. *Monsters, Inc.* is our all-time favorite. Not only are the characters hilarious, they also come across as real. I cry and laugh as we watch — my kids laugh when I cry — but we all feel great at the end.

When anyone puts out a call for a *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* night — which happens more often than you’d think — I’m there. It’s a fun, feel-good movie, with songs that stick in your head for life. One scene, however, scared me as much as any horror film: when the scary witch-like person lures the kids into the cage-car with candy, I still cover my eyes and mute the TV. Otherwise, it’s the most awesome of the vintage kid movies.

MONSTERS, INC. (USA) 2001, Disney DVD
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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)

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 pre-

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While preparing this weekend’s festival of children’s shorts from around the world, I kept in mind three films that introduce children to the idea of “art films” as entertainment. Why not revisit *Beauty and the Beast*? No, not Disney’s version. Instead try Jean Cocteau’s black-and-white French masterpiece, an eerie, thrilling and hauntingly beautiful rendition of the classic tale.

Numerous Iranian films illustrate a powerful use of simplicity, demonstrating how basic human emotions and no-frills filmmaking can induce memorable movie experiences. *The White Balloon*, about a girl’s quest to purchase the perfect goldfish, is an early sample.

Most children don’t plead for a Monet print on their bedroom wall. *Linnea in Monet’s Garden* might change that. This short about a girl’s love for Monet is a celebration of art and play.

LA BELLE ET LA BETE (France) 1946, Criterion
List price: \$39.95
THE WHITE BALLOON (Iran) 1995, October Films
List price: \$17.95
LINNEA IN MONET’S GARDEN (Sweden) 1992, First Run Features
List price: \$14.99

CHRYSTAL BASIL

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My son, Joe, is five and never tires of watching superheroes: Spiderman, Batman, and The Incredibles. So, it’s refreshing and, frankly, sanity-saving when, instead of the thousandth request to watch Batman, he picks something different like *Doctor Dolittle*, starring Rex Harrison. This is a wonderful family film that, in an era of computer-generated animation, still captures the imagination of children and adults alike. Who doesn’t want to be able to talk to the animals?

I’m not a big fan of *Veggie Tales* but the episodes revolving around the energetic cucumber, Larry Boy, are surprisingly clever and entertaining. The episodes are fun, with catchy tunes that teach kids about ethics and morals in a light, entertaining and non-denominational style. This set also includes extra cartoons, sound bites from the animators, and simple drawing lessons.

DOCTOR DOLITTLE (USA) 1967, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$14.98
VEGGIE TALES: THE BUMBLYBURG SUPER-HERO VALUE PACK (USA) 2004, Big Ideas
List price: \$24.99 (four discs)

sent 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.

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ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 10:00; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Eight Below** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:55, 4:40; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:05, 4:35, 7:00, 9:50; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:50, 12:15, 12:40, 2:10, 2:35, 3:00, 4:30, 4:55, 5:20, 6:50, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 9:55, 10:20; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:55, 4:15, 7:40, 10:40; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:55, 2:35, 5:15, 8:05, 10:45; **Phat Girlz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:55, 10:25; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:25, 5:05, 7:25, 10:00; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 9:40; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 4:25, 6:55, 9:45; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:50, 4:10, 7:35, 10:35

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

Eight Below (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 7:45; **Fire-wall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 10:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 6:00

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)

Aquamarine (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:10; **ATL** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:00) 8:10; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:35 Sat. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:35 Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 8:05, 9:20, 10:25 Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 8:05, 9:20, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 8:05; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sat. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55 Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 6:00, 8:15; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 5:55, 8:05, 10:10 Sun. 5:55, 8:05; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:10 Sat. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:10 Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35 Sat. (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35 Sun. (11:35, 1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:20; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 3:30) Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:10); **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. 5:20, 10:30 Sat. (12:10) 5:20, 10:30 Sun. (12:10) 5:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Failure to Launch (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:15) 7:15; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Basic Instinct 2 (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Lucky Number Slevin** (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; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **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; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 1:45, 6:15, 8:30; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 4:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)

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San Marcos 18

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California Walk (760-471-3711)

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VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

Failure to Launch (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00,

1:10, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:40, 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:55, 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)

Failure to Launch (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. 11:45 (2:15, 4:45) 7:15; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Lucky Number Slevin** (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; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **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; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 5:00; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 2:00, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 2:00, 7:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

Basic Instinct 2 (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; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Tsotsi** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)

Failure to Launch (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:35, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 9:50; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:40, 2:50, 5:00; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101

(760-436-SHOW)

Beat the Drum (Not Rated) Sat. 2:00 Sun. 1:00; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri. 6:45, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 8:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221)

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

(760-806-1790)

ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:40, 2:25, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:10, 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 6:50, 10:05; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:55, 4:35, 7:45, 10:35; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25, 10:10; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 9:15, 9:45

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)

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STARTS FRIDAY, APRIL 7

PACIFIC THEATRES CARMEL MOUNTAIN 12 I-15 at Carmel Mountain Road 858/67
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the short adult life of Brian Jones, founding member of the Rolling Stones, drug abuser, alcohol abuser, power abuser, and swimming-pool fatality at age twenty-seven. The mere glimpses of the better-known Stones, Mick and Keith, and the total absence of their music are severe handicaps. The chief interest of the story, the chief avoidance of rock-and-roll clichés, comes from the deathbed confession of his killer, decades later. We have only his word for it. Leo Gregory, Paddy Considine, David Morrissey, Monet Mazur; directed by Stephen Woolley. 2006.
● (KEN, THROUGH 4/6)

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.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Take the Lead — Reviewed this issue. With Antonio Banderas, Rob Brown, Dante



Take the Lead

Basco, Lauren Collins, and Alfre Woodard; directed by Liz Friedlander.
★ (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/7)

Tamara — Supernatural tale of revenge, with Jenna Dewan, Matthew Marsden, and Katie Stuart, directed by Jeremy Haft. (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 4/7)

Thank You for Smoking — Satire with teeth, discolored though they may be. There is nothing exceptional cinematically about the directing debut of Jason Reitman, son of the mainstream comedy director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*, *Twins*, *Kindergarten Cop*, and the like), but from the opening credits — the witty cigarette-pack graphic motif, Tex Williams’s C&W oldie, “Smoke,

Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette,” in the background — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich flavor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste. It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described “Colonel Sanders of Nicotine,” a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, *In the Company of Men*, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneering lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.) The surrounding cast is studded with true stalwarts, William H. Macy as the sanctimonious U.S. Senator from Vermont (“Where the Cheddar Is Better”) who is pushing for a skull-and-crossbones warning on all cigarette packs; Robert Duvall as the industry’s grand old man with his private jet, Tobacco One; J.K. Simmons as a conscienceless yes-man; and Sam Elliott as the cancer-ridden original Marlboro Man. (Maria Bello, Katie Holmes, Rob Lowe, and Adam Brody are in there, too.) The plot angle of pitching Hollywood on the idea of

making cigarettes sexy again seems a little unimaginative, or rather, unobservant. Hollywood, like France, like Spain, has remained one of the last bastions of resistance against the anti-smoking movement, defiantly puffing away on screen, defending to the death the right of free choice. (There is pointedly no puffing on screen here: over-protection against charges of hypocrisy.) But this angle nonetheless leads profitably to the inner sanctum of Entertainment Global Offices (EGO), the orientalist lair of a Michael Ovitz-type superagent: “Jeff invented product placement.” Further plot mechanics, although no more ingenious, never get to be a grind. At a brisk hour and a half, the film can be safely recommended to all who like their comedy unfiltered. 2006.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

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, THROUGH 4/6)

Tibet: A Buddhist Trilogy — Writer-director Graham Coleman’s re-edit of his three-part 1979 documentary on Buddhist ritual. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/7)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travellers, a druggy street hustler en route to Hollywood for a career in gay porn, and a pre-op transsexual, a week away from his “reassignment” surgery, who his young companion does not at first realize is a man, much less realize is his — the companion’s — long-lost father. It boasts a flat tire of a script, or anyhow a low-on-air tire (from first-time writer and director Duncan Tucker), but also a fascinating, disorienting performance by Felicity Huffman in a gender-blurring no-man’s-land, moving as if she were balancing a jug of water on her head, talking in a tranquilized monotone, stiffening her face into a fragile mask, generally acting like she has a gun at her back, all very understandable for someone who lives in breathless dread of being found out. Kevin Zegers, Fionnula Flanagan, Burt Young, Elizabeth Peña. 2005.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Tsotsi — From South Africa, the Oscar-winner for Best Foreign Film, 2005. That the simultaneous Oscar for the best non-foreign film went to *Crash* tells you pretty much all you need to know about the legitimacy of that honor. Writer and director Gavin Hood, adapting a novel by Athol Fugard, demonstrates conclusively that a film from South Africa can be as flashy and fashion-conscious as a film from anyplace else. He makes an effort, in addition, to supply a reason, a “motivation,” for why a vicious cold-blooded punk who has hijacked a car with a baby in the back seat would decide to keep the baby and personally care for him. The reason, nothing to do with thoughts of ransom, is unpersuasive. And objections will not be swept away under the onslaught of pathetic details: diapering the baby in newspaper, brushing ants from his face on the first morning, carrying him around in a shopping bag, soliciting parenting lessons at gunpoint from a beautiful young mother in the neighborhood. The depiction of a segre-

gated shantytown, for all its music-video glossiness, does provide something of what we want from a foreign film, a window on the world. If the very same scenario, however, were transplanted to Atlanta or Detroit, and if it had no subtitles for an air of rarefaction, the film might have been more easily dismissed as contrived, manipulative, maudlin. Then again, it might have won an Oscar all the same. With Presley Chweneyagae, Terry Pheto, Kenneth Nkosi, Mothusi Magano.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolf-slayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fidelity in this case could indicate no taste as well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006.
● (GASLAMP 15)

V for Vendetta — Comic-book adaptation, or “graphic-novel” adaptation, about an avenging superhero hidden behind the stiff grin of a Guy Fawkes mask: a kind of Frankensteinian composite pieced together of Zorro (the black hat and cape, the revolutionary politics, the carving of his initial on his handiwork), Blade (the adeptness with cutlery, the customized arsenal thereof), the Phantom of the Opera (the disfigurement by fire, the romantic longing, the underground lair), among others. Batman, Darkman, whateverman. But it’s his superhuman powers, much more than his plagiarisms, that make him into a bore: a martial-arts magician, an invincible one-man-army, a rebel without a care. The Australian actor Hugo Weaving is the sonorous voice, and presumably the body, behind the disguise. And Natalie Portman, with a faint and fugitive British accent, and a political-prisoner haircut that martyrs her in the image of a Tibetan monk, is the tomato of his eye. The setting is indeed England, at a time in the near future when America, undermined by an unspecified war (illustrative news clips from the Middle East), has been reduced to “the world’s biggest leper colony.” England isn’t much better, your standard totalitarian dystopia by way of Orwell, hard on minorities and nonconformists, explicitly homosexuals of both sexes, one of whom harbors a clandestine copy of the Koran. (For aesthetic reasons only, like one of the Book People in *Fahrenheit 451*.) The television voice of the regime, meantime, is a Bill O’Reilly blowhard, and its official head (John Hurt, promoted from his spot as the downtrodden hero in the 1984 treatment of *1984*) is a Hitlerian ranter and raver. The only thing the least bit out of the ordinary in all of this is the closeness of the correlation to the present day, the strictness of the equivalence, the bluntness of the political comment, the harshness on the imagination. One might guess that the filmmakers — first-time director and veteran ad man James McTeigue, screenwriters Andy and Larry Wachowski — would stop short of equating terrorism and justice. But that can only be a guess. They, and their upright terrorist, to the inaudible cheers of Al Qaeda, do not stop short of blowing up Parliament. With Stephen Rea and Stephen Fry. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The World’s Fastest Indian — Roger Donaldson’s indulgent, ingratiating character sketch of New Zealander Burt Munro (an oddly cast Anthony Hopkins, feigning extroversion), on a mid-Sixties pilgrimage to the hallowed ground of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, where, battling a bad heart and a bad prostate, he hopes to set a land-speed record on his retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-goody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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La semana se vio intensificada con miles de estudiantes que salieron a las calles a protestar en contra de las reformas que afectarían la vida de los migrantes que viven en Estados Unidos.

Jóvenes preparatorianos, de secundaria, y universidades de San Diego se unieron en un acto espontáneo para marchar por las calles del condado.

Durante las protestas se registraron enfrentamientos entre autoridades y estudiantes, y hubo cientos de jóvenes detenidos por estar en la calle a la hora de clases.

Varias escuelas decidieron

cancelar sus actividades para evitar que los alumnos salieran a la calle a conformar grupos de protesta.

Con pancartas y gritos de apoyo los estudiantes lanzaron un mensaje a las autoridades federales.

“Queremos justicia para los migrantes ahora, la raza unida jamás será vencida, no somos uno ni diez cuéntanos bien”, gritaban estudiantes en su marcha del Parque Chicano al Colegio de la Ciudad de San Diego.

Este domingo nueve de abril se prevé una mega marcha, la más grande que jamás se haya visto en esta ciudad, según dicen sus organizadores.

miércoles



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A sus 71 años se puede dar el lujo de decir que ya subió y bajó corriendo los mil 800 escalones de la Muralla China, que ha participado en más de 135 competencias en siete países y que no piensa parar de hacerlo. Manuel Ibarra es un corredor amateur que desde hace 21 años se entrega al ejercicio con disciplina, entrega y alegría.

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Ibarra es ingeniero químico nacido y crecido en México, llegó a este país buscando oportunidades a los 55 años, se ha esmerado por seguir practicando su deporte favorito combinándolo con su trabajo como vendedor.

jueves



Bravísimo triunfo

México se llevó la victoria ante Paraguay con dos goles de Omar Bravo que resolvieron a su favor un duelo amistoso que dejó un intenso aroma mundialista en el Soldier Field de Chicago.

Bravo, delantero de las Chivas del Guadalajara, ofreció su mejor partido con México y con dos goles, un penalti y un disparo cruzado que le dio la victoria a México después de que Nelson Cuevas puso en ventaja a Paraguay.

El defensa mexicano

Claudio Suárez, de Chiva USA, ofreció uno de sus mejores partidos con la selección, a sus 37 años y de paso llegó a 176 partidos como internacional.

En este partido, México fue un equipo firme, seguro con su acostumbrado estilo de salir con la pelota a ras de paso y con capacidad de llegar al área rival.

Con un equipo paraguayo que no tuvo una llegada consistente, México afirmó un dominio parcial que culminó con su triunfo.

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Lo quieren exprimir

Jason Moan y William Hayward, quienes demandaron a Luis Miguel por agresión en el condado de Aspen, Colorado, hace algunas semanas, hicieron efectiva la demanda civil contra el cantante mexicano, a quien acusan de asalto, agresión, imprudencia, conspiración y conducta ofensiva, por lo que piden una compensación monetaria de 100 mil dólares.

La defensa legal del cantinero y el agente de bienes raíces que supuestamente fueron agredidos por el cantante y su guardaespaldas Julio César Camera, interpusieron su demanda el 27 de marzo en la Corte de Distrito del condado de Pitkin, Colorado.

Una publicación local de Colorado, el Aspen Daily News, informó que Alan Feldman, abogado demandante, intentó localizar al cantante para hacerle saber de la demanda, pero no pudo hacer contacto con él. Como se recordará, Luis Miguel tuvo un altercado el pasado tres de enero en el restaurante Olives del hotel St. Regis en Aspen, Colorado, donde supuestamente agredió a William Hayward y golpeó en una mejilla al barten- der del lugar, Jason Randall Moan.

domingo



Fuera Blanco

La Selección de México que participará en el Mundial de Alemania 2006 ya tiene rostros con nombres y, como se esperaba, el técnico Ricardo La Volpe cerró la puerta a Cuauhtémoc Blanco en la decisión más polémica.

En un principio se esperaba que la lista estuviera formado por 23 jugadores, sin embargo, el estratega nacional decidió dar 26 nombres de los cuales tres serán separados del equipo cuando se entregue la lista oficial a FIFA.

Las dudas quedaron aclaradas, la expectativa de esta lista era conocer si Cuauhtémoc Blanco sería llamado y no lo fue en la decisión que más polémica causará en los siguientes días.

El tercer arquero resultó ser Guillermo Ochoa a pesar de que Moisés Muñoz de los Monarcas del Morelia estuvo más tiempo en el proceso.

En un acto contradictorio a lo que tanto dijo, Claudio Suárez fue convocado cuando casi no participó en el famoso proceso de más de tres años, pero tiene una nueva oportunidad después de quedar fuera hace cuatro años de Corea/Japón 2002.

Además convocó a Rafael "Chiquis" García, que llamó la atención por ser su yerno, aunque es un hombre de experiencia mundialista, campeón con Toluca y único jugador con todo el proceso desde infantiles hasta la mayor.

lunes



Se quitan la vida

El suicidio se ha convertido en la segunda causa de muerte entre los adolescentes de Estado Unidos y su incidencia ha crecido dramáticamente.

En San Diego una de las primeras causas de muerte no natural son los suicidios, de 1995 a 2004 tres mil 331 sandieguinos se quitaron la vida, casi un suicidio diario.

Cada año cientos de adolescentes cometen suicidio, actualmente es la segunda causa de muerte entre jóvenes de 15 a 24 años y la sexta entre niños-adolescentes de 5 a 14 años.

Un estudio del Centro de Control de Enfermedades señaló en 1999 que el 30 por ciento de las alumnas en décimo grado consideraban suicidarse.

Otro análisis mostró que

las tendencias suicidas en los varones de 10 a 14 años se incrementó 120 por ciento desde 1990.

La tasa de suicidio entre jóvenes de sexo masculino se triplicó entre 1960 al 2000, mientras que el porcentaje de suicidio entre adolescentes femeninas se incrementó dos tercios.

El Programa Listón Amarillo para la Prevención de Suicidios de la Fundación de Vida y Luz de California señala que cerca del 60 por ciento de los intentos de suicidios se completan.

"Los jóvenes que sufren depresiones ven el suicidio como salida, pero si se detecta a tiempo este problema puede solucionarse", comentó dijo Henry Taker, director asistente de Cuidado de Salud Mental Infantil del condado.

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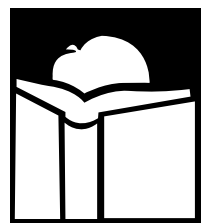
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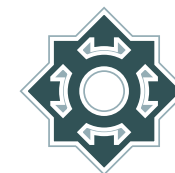
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SEEKING GAL PALS, Platonic friendship for weekend activities, movies, dinners, walking, dancing, socializing, between ages 30-50. Nonsmoker, no drugs. (4/12) ☎50277

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38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit gentleman, 36-48

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CAUCASIAN, GOOD-LOOKING, Young mid-50s, stable, secure, caring, healthy, unencumbered. Searching 50s to late 60s gentleman, same qualities, to share good time, fun activities, companionship, more. (4/19) ☎50895

ONE GOOD MAN, Fireman or attorney qualities. Educated, compassionate,

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Slender, sexy, 44, great legs, green eyes. Looking for fun times indoors and out, with honest, sincere, considerate gentleman, who is kind. (4/19) ☎50897

ADVENTURER, ATTRACTIVE brunette, brown eyes, olive skin, petite, nature lover, artist, love hiking, biking, plays, beach, mountains, ocean. You are 48+, fit, active, spiritual, nonsmoker. (4/19) ☎50902

SWEET, 50 TO BE, attractive, sensual, single Latina. Seeking active, generous, loving, black or Latino gentleman for fun, romantic, one-on-one relationship. No games. (4/19) ☎50913

ASIAN FEMALE, Attractive. Seeks marriage. Honest, educated, financially stable/caring. I like going places, dining, dancing, singing, loving-caring, faithful. Seek 45-55, no

smoking/drugs gentleman. (4/12) ☎50878

WALKING TOO, Do You? Music, dining, out, sunsets, well traveled. People say I'm very attractive, 107lbs. Nonsmoker, healthy, slim humorous man. Lives in moment. (4/12) ☎50871

INTEGRITY, HONOR, MORALS, loyalty, never-married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, author, nature lover, dancer, educated, athletic. You: quality, never-married, 40-59. (4/12) ☎50885

HONEST, LOVING, Romantic, likes to cuddle, single mom, 35, green eyes, 5'8, plus-size. Looking for honest, sincere, huggable, man 35-43, romantic, enjoys life, quality-time together. (4/19) ☎50892

LOVABLE, HUGGABLE, KISSABLE, Love all 3, brown hair, blue eyes, 47, little chunky, starving for love. Drug, smoke free. Easy going, love camping, fishing, etc. (4/12) ☎50866

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, Green eyed 50 lady. Seeks late 40-50s male. Homeowner North County nonsmoker, likes animals, travel, beach, movies, fun. You, attractive nonsmoker, sweet-heart. (4/19) ☎50909

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). (4/19) ☎50898

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. (4/12) ☎50867

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Yes. I was probably 22 [when I started saving for retirement]. I dedicate 10 percent of my income to a 401k. I've always been taught to start young; you know, with what's going on with pensions and other things, you need to depend on yourself. Maybe half of my friends [have planned on retirement]. I think most people under 30 have a feeling that there won't be support systems for them later on, so they're trying to do it themselves. [To know if I'm doing it right] you'd have to talk to me in 30 years.



Bonita Young

Hotel Employee

Downtown

No. Actually, I have my 401K, but still that's not really planning because somebody else plans. I started about seven years ago. Where I work, a few people are just beginning to do their [401k retirement plans]. Years ago when you worked, they took out retirement and it was mandatory; when you leave a job with that, you still get that and I still have mine. I think nowadays people aren't worrying about it. People with families tend to think more of retirement; single people just want their money [and don't contribute]. With the way that money is now, I don't know. Right now, you're supposed to be able to get money back, but who knows [what'll happen] 10, 15, 20 years from now. They say that you won't have Social Security by the time you retire; it's hard to know.



Sophie Gordon

Student

Point Loma

No. I'm only 18. When I graduate college, I'll think about retirement. My parents are savers; they're not sticklers about it, but it seems that they're pretty set up for it. My dad's a hard worker. I'm responsible with my money; I've been working since I was 15 and I had a problem with saving at the beginning, but I'm getting better at it now. I'm not really stressing about retirement right now.



Rich Hudser

Busser

Golden Hill

No, I haven't. I'm 24; I probably won't [plan for retirement in the next couple years]. I guess [I'll work the rest of my life]. Not right now. Probably when I get a real job, [I'll start thinking about retirement]. I'm going to play it by ear. I guess I'll end up dying early or whatever. I haven't planned for retirement yet, so don't listen to me.



Judah Isreal Michael

Performance Poet/Minister

Mission Hills

No. I'll tell you why, and hopefully you can make a sound-bite out of this: there's not going to be any Social Security left by the time a 27-year-old is 65, irrespective of who's in power. The government is not going to do it for me. [With my job], it's not like I have a 40-hour work week when you're doing ministry. I'm invited as a guest speaker, and that can get pretty tricky; I'm halfway in between a band and Billy Graham, somewhere in the middle. If I ever need a second income, I can always get a midweek job or something, but my schedule varies every week, depending on where I'm getting an invitation. I'm paying my bills. It's very practical to think of retirement at an early age. The last thing you want to be is 60 years old with five years left and you have a couple thousand dollars in the bank because that's not going to last you long. I have a great-great-aunt who's 102; when the money runs out, who's going to take care of her? People are living longer these days; we're not as tight knit a society like some Latin-American societies who have three generations living in one home. Here people get old and you send them to a home, and that's pretty jacked up.



Priscilla Gusmano

Pharmaceutical Sales

Mission Hills

No. I just moved here; I've been moving a lot the last couple of years. Now I'll be settling down and I'll plan for that. I've been switching jobs, and I'm not sure where I'm going to be at any given time. I'm looking into starting that [a work-related 401k soon]. I think it's very important to start planning for retirement. Only about half the people I know have planned for it. I think it's important to plan [for retirement] before you have a family. Once you're settled with your job and you have things in order, you got to have your ducks in a row.

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VIBRANT, PETITE, Dog-loving Caucasian fishergal, 54. Seeks tall, honest, solid black man, 55-62 to share dreams, fantasies and life. No smoking, drugs or cats. (4/12) ☎ 50864

IS THERE A CUTIE, Out there who's enlightened, highly spiritual, self explorer, lover of live, ready for fun? Attractive black lady here, race open. Call. (4/19) ☎ 50889

STILL SINGLE, And wanted, 32, white loving play no games. Seeks white male 21-35, serious minded serious re-

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TALL, WHITE, Very, very handsome man 30-45 sought by attractive, beautiful, petite black lady. Please be financially stable, relationship oriented, outgoing and must love children. (4/19) ☎ 50907

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING, Blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 48. Desires extremely accomplished upscale stable sincere single gentleman, who appreciates the best. (4/12) ☎ 50859

YOUNG LOOKING 50+, Single white female, 5'8", brunette, slender. Seeks nice guy, sense of humor a plus. Dining, coffee, walks. (4/19) ☎ 50910

SEEKING GENTLE SOUL who believes in giving and receiving as two-way street. I am 50ish, Latina, who enjoys movies, walking, sailing and good meals. (4/19) ☎ 50904

Coffee And Pie

Polish-Lithuanian lady, 50s, 5'2", 125lbs, wants to meet a man for coffee. Men with disabilities are okay. I live in Pacific Beach area. (4/19) ☎ 50901

PETITE, 63 YEAR OLD, Blond blue eyes, Christian lady, would like to meet kind Christian man for long lasting relationship. No smoking, 60-70 only apply. (4/12) ☎ 50884

SHARE MY POPCORN, Attractive, blonde/green mid 60s, warm, active, healthy, fun-loving and educated. Seeking Mr. Wonderful for adventure, travel, laughter and sharing good times. (4/19) ☎ 50894

SENSUAL, GIRL, At heart Latina, happy 49. Seeking a man that can hang. Good kisser. Humor, active, just one special man to connect with wanted. (4/19) ☎ 50890

I AM 5'5, Brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, open, honest. Looking for an open honest guy 27-45, must love dogs. (4/19) ☎ 50891

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN professional, 45, 115lbs., 5'4", no children, love outdoor, outgoing, financially secure homeowner. Seeking professional, non-smoker, 45-55-year-old male. (4/12) ☎ 50883

HAPPY EASTER WISHES from somebunny in San Diego. 5'7", Caucasian, mature, friendly woman. To meet tall, Caucasian, 70+, healthy, nonsmoker man. For friendship and companionship. (4/12) ☎ 50875

SWEET WOMAN-PRETTY, Fun, romantic, affectionate, genuine, sincere, caring. Seeking funny, easygoing, kind, chivalrous, sincere 43-59 gentleman, 5'10+ for friendship, love, happy, healthy, monogamous relationship. (4/19) ☎ 50900

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WARM, SINCERE LATINA, 48. Seeking Caucasian male 43-52 intelligent sincere romantic for a possible long term relationship, but ready to enjoy life and romance. (4/12) ☎ 50865

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ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MOM, 40, Caucasian. Full figured size 18. Seeks romantic, fun, loving honest relationship. Not looking for part-time person. You must love children. (4/12) ☎ 50870

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GOOD-LOOKING EUROPEAN lady, young 58, 5'2". Enjoy outdoors, hiking, camping, traveling, movies. Searching for companionship-similar interest and age. (4/19) ☎ 50905

NEW, SEASONED, EXPERIENCED, Chinese Filipino woman, widowed 59, open to new love, dreams, spirituality, petite, healthy. Seeking non-smoker, secured, attractive, kind Christian gentleman for relationship. (4/19) ☎ 50899

ATTRACTIVE, PLAYFUL, FUN, Blond/blue, 48 funny, sensual, happy, spontaneous, honest, caring, easygoing. Looking forward to romance, love, hugs, kisses and fun times with you! (4/19) ☎ 50906

SWEET, SEXY, 50 year old. Looking for some fun I am honest, sincere, white, blue eyes, fair skin. I like white men, honest, healthy, successful. (4/19) ☎ 50893

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. (4/12) ☎ 50877

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HANDSOME SUCCESSFUL WHITE, Male 41, 6', 215, very fit, humorous with passion for loving. Seeks attractive best friend, let's live, love and laugh. Race unimportant. (4/19) ☎ 50318

FRIENDS FIRST, MAYBE MORE later. I'm 55, 5'3", good looking. I love music, fitness, fun at home. You can be a woman of any age. (4/19) ☎ 50326

CHRISTIAN, ITALIAN, Tall, dark, handsome. Loves: Jesus, animals, people. Likes: music, concerts, movies, outdoors, sports, dining, travel. You: Beautiful "Sweetheart Lady" slender, fun non-smoker. (4/12) ☎ 50271

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EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE Widower, tall, well-groomed, educated, healthy, virile, fit. Successful business owner, homeowner. Seeking, attractive, good-looking, shapely lady, 55-65 dates, fun, romance, trips. Call now! (4/19) ☎ 50306

FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL. I am a charming and compassionate black male, 52 and fit. Seeking an affectionate lady, 32-50, slim to average, for lasting relationship. (4/12) ☎ 50270

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PETITE OR SLENDER, Lady friend, companion, lover, secure, honest, share sunsets, walks, travel, dining, life's pleasures with tall, handsome, secure, romantic, senior widower. (4/19) ☎ 50324

VW BUS MAN. Looking for fun and friendship. I'm attractive male, funny and with an edge. Looking for young female, 26-32, for fun and more. (4/19) ☎ 50295

LOOKING FOR SERIOUS, Relationship. Please be honest, caring, thin, and marriage minded. I like kids, family, and outdoors. I'm seeking 25+ in East County area. (4/19) ☎ 50291

SINGLE, VETERAN, African-American, homeowner, tall, handsome, educated. Seeking Caucasian, evolutionary, educated, sophisticated, attractive blonde, 44-56, 5'5"+, athleticism a plus. (4/12) ☎ 50289

Relatively Sane

52 year old man. Seeks relatively sane 47-57 year old woman for serious relationship. Life is too short. Call me, let's talk. El Cajon. (4/19) ☎ 50272

HANDSOME, ADVENTUROUS, Male, 57 Caucasian, college grad, homeowner. Seeks attractive, intelligent woman for movies, theatre, weekend travel, quiet times and rainy Sundays. (4/19) ☎ 50293

TALL, SMART AND SEXY, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes. Outstanding personality, great sense of humor. Looking for leggy, brunette beauty for lots-o'-fun (in the sun)! (4/12) ☎ 50264

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I TRULY HAVE, A bodacious amount of love and caring for a woman who is reasonably attractive, trim, easily pleased woman (any race) to cherish. (4/19) ☎ 50320

WELCOME LADIES, This white male mid-40's, 6'4" professional chef is looking and looking and looking for black female 30-45, dinners, movie, jazz. Let's talk, meet. (4/12) ☎ 50284

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Looking for a nice woman in North County, non-smoker, with good sense of humor and sweet person who wants sweet man. (4/19) ☎ 50302

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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. (4/19) ☎ 50315

LOVER BOY Seeks lover woman, intimacy required, 50-ish, tall handsome male, divorced father, very romantic. Seeks stylish sexy woman for intimate, relaxed evenings, kisses me. (4/19) ☎ 50308

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man 46, 6', 175. Seeks romantic, affectionate 5'-5'5" with dark hair, for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (4/12) ☎ 50282

WELL GROOMED HUNK, 160lbs, 5'7" 28. Seeking cutie athletic, spontaneous, loyal, real driven by self growth, to share the best respectful compassionate nonsmoker, call. (4/12) ☎ 50285

ATTRACTIVE SLENDER FEMALE, Vocalist, professional or amateur wanted, by professional pianist. Work and play together. 30 years+. Physically fit Italian American male entertainer 48 years. (4/12) ☎ 50269

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, 52, divorced, healthy, fit. Enjoys life, travel, theater, concerts, movies, all sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with pets. (4/12) ☎ 50267

FIREMAN, WHITE, 45, Fit and frisky. Seeks attractive, classy, quality lady for fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have some fun! (4/19) ☎ 50296

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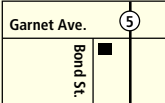
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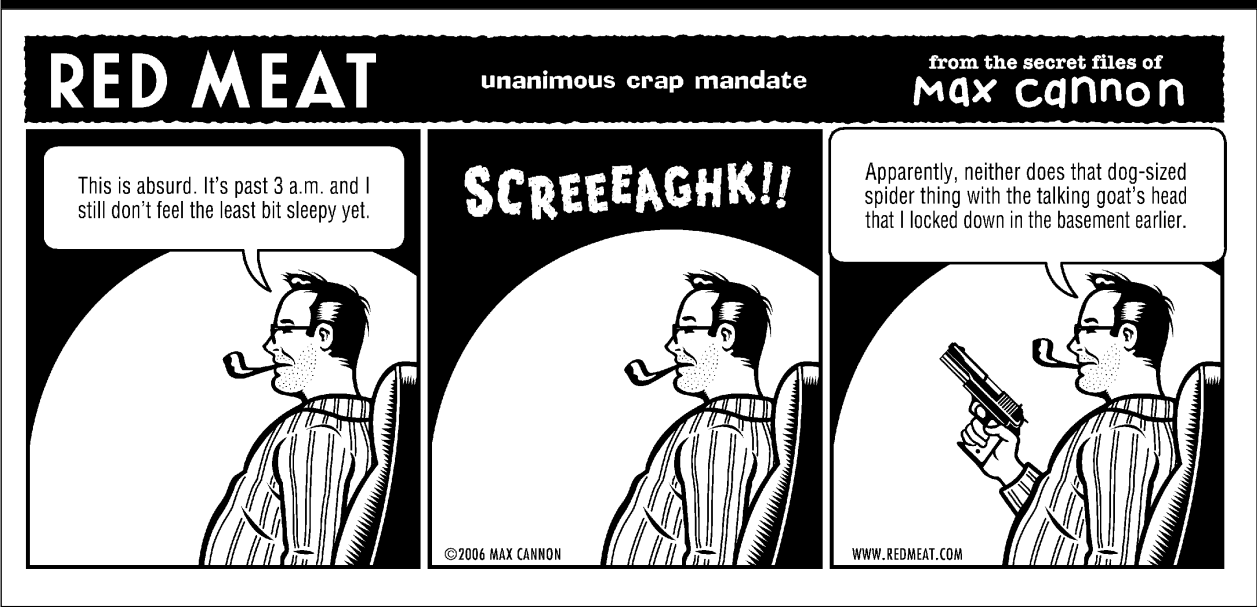
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Q: Cream of the block?

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Across

- Unsung worker
- Mom, dad and the kids: Abbr.
- He became a huge name as a member of the chart-topping hip-hop duo OutKast
- Great work
- 551, in old Rome
- More than 25% of immigrants to the U.S.
- Venus de ____
- Dockworker's org.
- "No problema"
- He became a huge name with the release of his 1997 bestselling album "No Way Out"
- Struck from the Bible?
- Evergreen
- Get drunk
- He became a huge name as a silent film actor in the Keystone Kop movies
- Suffix with ball or bass
- Bentsen and Bridges
- Dramatic scene
- Most likely to dunk a basketball, perhaps
- Pact
- 100 yrs.
- He became a huge name when his first hit, "The Twist," came out in 1960
- Ute hostel?
- ____ Andreas fault
- Pile up
- He became a huge name when he coached the University of Kentucky to a 1998 NCAA championship
- "Foundation" author
- Open field
- North Sea feeder
- Popular Nissan
- "Take me as ____"
- Trig function
- He became a huge name with his 1989 hit song "Gyrlz, They Love Me"
- City planning concerns: Abbr.
- Affirmative action?

Down

- Provides at no cost
- Cause of an 1839-42 war
- ____ Mexico
- Money guarantor, for short
- 1984 Julio Iglesias/Diana Ross hit
- Herald reader
- Shopper's burden
- Manhattan, e.g.: Abbr.
- 1998 TV biopic starring Angelina Jolie
- No longer edible

- Que. neighbor
- Prefix with therm
- Muslim religious student
- Thus far
- Icy response?
- "I don't believe you!"
- "Silent Spring" subj.
- Small type of terrier
- G.M. car
- Kind of pilot
- Sycophant
- Vin choice
- Negotiator's skill
- Need an ice bag
- Bra spec
- Stud site
- Kathryn of "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"
- Publication with features on boy bands
- French town or its product
- Sch. located in the Rocky Mountains
- ____ in "kangaroo"
- Tube top honors
- Trail mix fruit
- Dictation taker
- Destroy, as sensitive materials
- It's often thirty seconds long
- Traditional Thanksgiving dish
- Grill refuse
- "Comprende?"
- One ____ million
- "Punk'd" ailer
- Suffix with access

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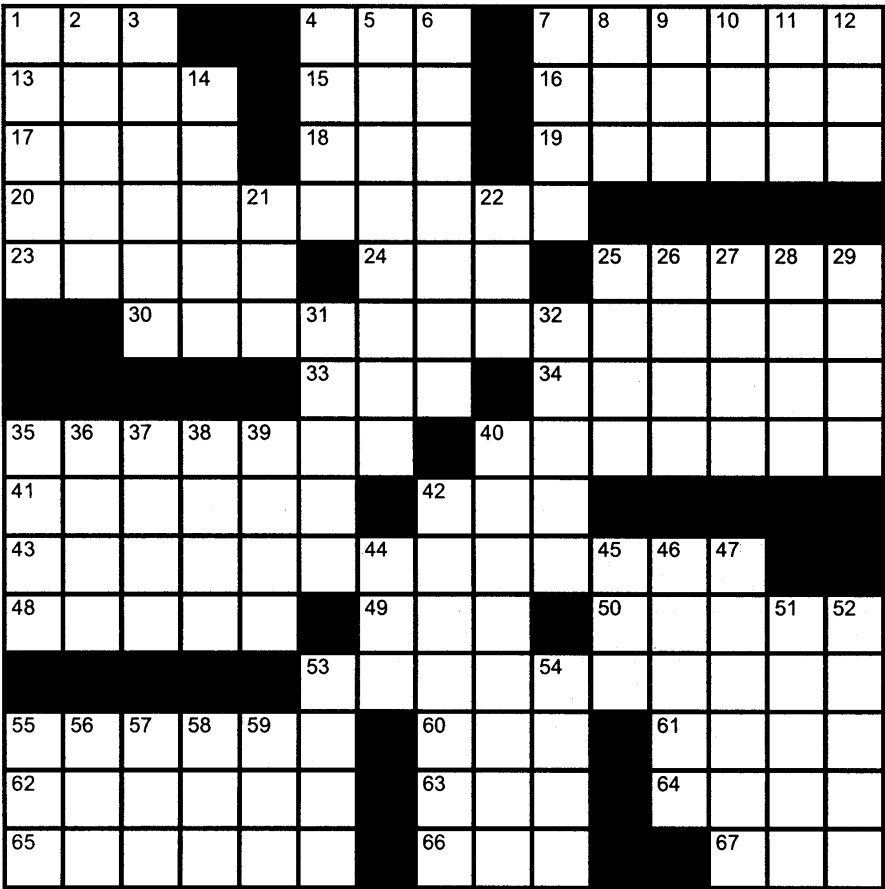
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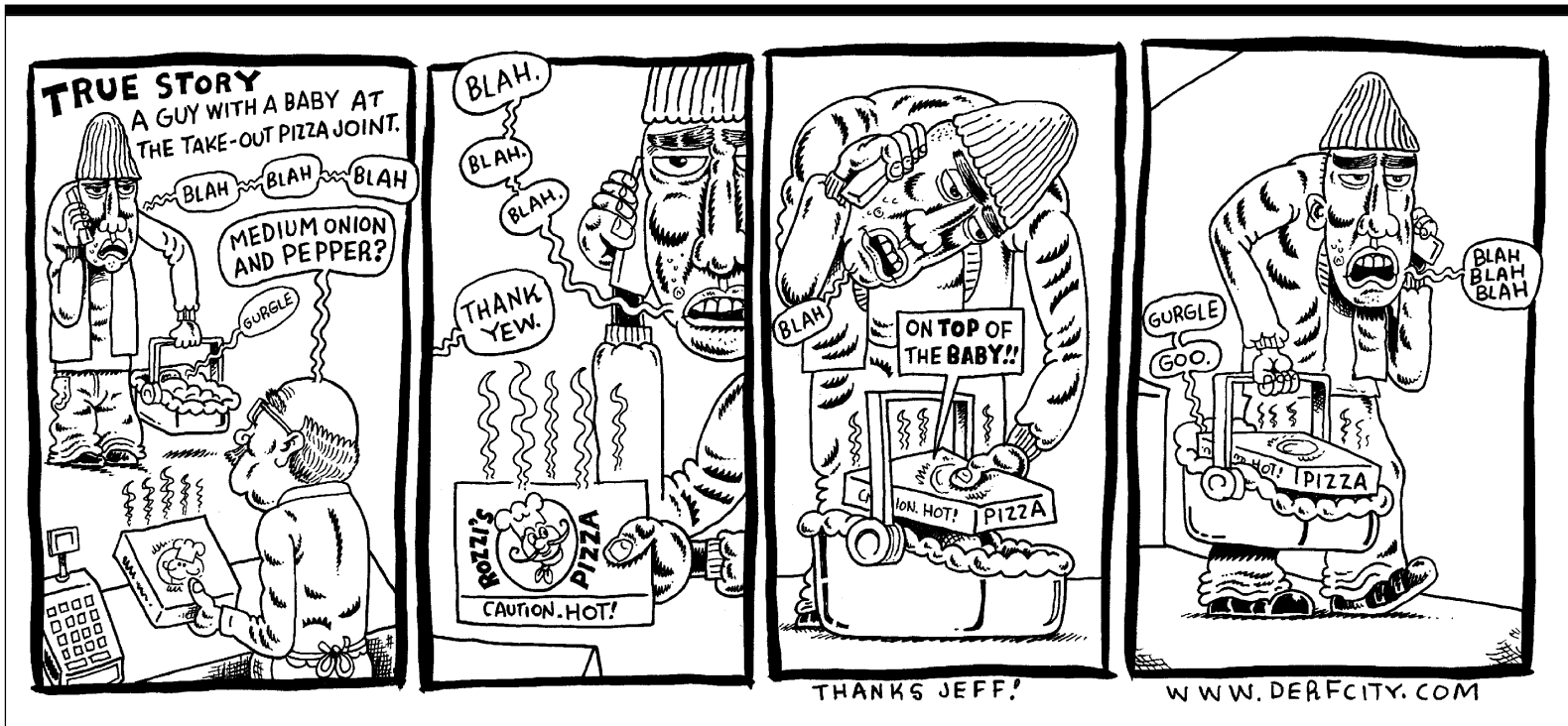
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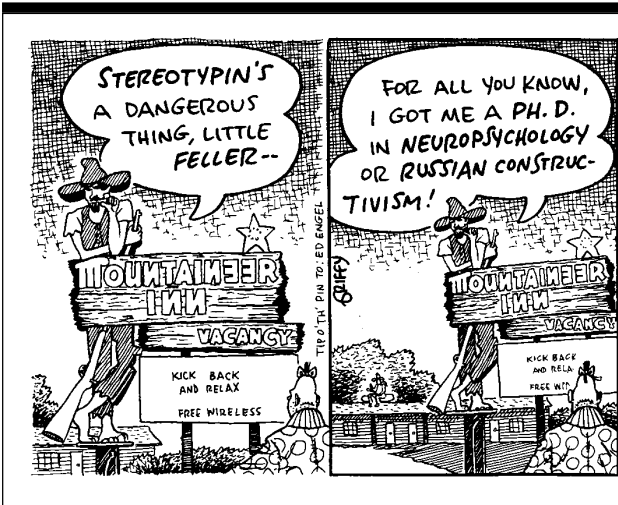
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MISSION BEACH, bayside, 1 bedroom, very clean, private and charming, dish-washer, tile, laundry. \$1025/month. Date 619-948-1880.

MISSION BEACH. Steps to bay and beach, 1 bedroom, ceramic tiles through-out, parking, pets ok. Rent by month or week. Jim, 858-581-3481.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Large furnished 2 bedroom \$1800. Large fur-nished 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$2800. 9-month lease, September-May. Plenty of parking, close to beach. 619-666-9483.

MISSION BEACH. \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath spacious unit on corner of Coronado Court. Steps to ocean or bay, small pet ok, month to month lease. Available 4/25. Call 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. One off-street parking space. 1 year lease. Pet on approval (ad-ditional deposit). 3710 Bayside Lane. Call 858-490-1600. www.kandrpproperties.com.

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MISSION HILLS. Move-in special \$300 off first month. 2822 Reynard, #6, 1 bed-room upstairs, \$875. Quiet. Laundry, off-street parking, on bus line. Karen, 619-231-2727 x233.

MISSION HILLS. Move-in special \$300 off first month. 2822 Reynard, #4, 2 bed-rooms downstairs, \$1100. Laundry, off street parking, on bus line. Karen, 619-231-2727 x233.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$1175. Large, 2 bedroom, Great location. Near all. Patio. Quiet. Dishwasher, parking, laundry. Security building. 4063 Albatross Street. 619-543-0455.

MISSION HILLS. \$1195, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Incredible remodel. Large living area, new appliances, extra storage. 3737 Keating Street. 858-583-0182 or 858-688-0287, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. Duplex. Upstairs, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage. Laundry hookups. Hardwood floors, stove, refrig-erator, near shops and bus. No pets. 1104 Sutter Street. 619-274-1484.

MISSION HILLS. \$775. Cozy 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with canyon views. Se-cluded area. On-site laundry. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.

MISSION HILLS. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site. Deck on roof, great view. \$1750 deposit. 1040 West Red-wood. Available for viewing by appoint-ment only. 858-490-1600. www.kandrpproperties.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location. Close to Downtown and airport. Parking and laundry. 3156 Reynard Way #3152. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Nice unit, view, laundry, parking. 735 Torrance. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

MISSION HILLS. 1 bedrooms from \$850. 2 bedrooms from \$1080. \$350 off first month! Patios. Pool. Laundry room. Storage and more! Cat OK. 3505 Reynard Way. 619-683-9239. aspenpark.rasnyder.com.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$700. Cozy, studio apartment, hardwood floors, lots of windows, apartment-size stove and refrigerator. Off-street parking. 619-298-2367.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. Lofts: 2 weeks free! 2 bedrooms: \$300 off Lark floor/month! Lofts, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1580. Underground parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Washer/dryer. Internet. Elevator. Fitness center. Great location! Cats welcome. Mission Hills Commons, 4021 Falcon Street. missionhills@sbcgloba.net. 619-220-0707. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. This cozy apartment has gas stove, refrigerator, carpet. Near all. Great location. Laundry and parking. 3330 Reynard Way. 619-295-7570.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1700. 7248 Camino Del Degrazia, #-298. Great location above Fashion Valley. Washer/dryer, 2-

car garage, fireplace. Trash/water paid. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442, homes4rent.com.

MISSION VALLEY/WEST. \$1595. Luxuri-ous 2 bedroom, 2 bath, beautiful interior, fireplace, washer/dryer. Lush, tropical, gated complex with pool, spa, gym, cov-ered parking. 619-301-9427.

MISSION VALLEY/EAST. 1 bedroom condo \$875/month, upstairs unit. Pool and laundry on-site, 2 parking spots. Near I-15/Friars, 858-576-0309.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1295. Large 1 bed-room, all appliances, washer/dryer, air conditioning, gated. Underground park-ing. Elevator. Pool and exercise room. Pet negotiable. 619-253-5802.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. Nice 1 bed-room, 1 bath, \$900. Pool, amenities, and garage. No pets. Cat 619-977-8861.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Washer/dryer. Upgraded tile. New carpet. Fireplace. Balcony/patio. Parking. Pets negotiable. Great central lo-cation. Gsuger4mate@yahoo.com. 619-252-5870.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom condo, to-tally remodeled and upgraded, washer/ dryer, pool/spa, weight room, clubhouse. Free service. Call 619-296-2787.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1490. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. River Colony. Patio, fire-place, air conditioning, dishwasher, mi-crowave, washer/dryer in unit, new car-pet/paint, 2-car parking. 619-675-2314.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Across from USD. Full kitchen, ground-floor, courtyard, laundry, parking, small complex. \$925 plus de-posit. Andy. 619-405-7800.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1300. Large, deluxe, newer, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, lower unit. Garage, laundry, security and inter-com. 4743 Hawley Boulevard. 760-796-7685.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$250 off first month! Newly remodeled, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking. New: carpet/paint/refrig-erator/stove. Laundry. Gated. No pets. \$1050. 619-423-1512.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON. \$1000 rent, \$600 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking. Laundry room. No pets. At 4742 East Mountain View Drive #5. Agent, 619-299-8515.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. Nice, clean, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs, new paint, carpet. Well maintained. Refrigera-tor. Laundry on premises. No pets. Con-veniently located. 619-563-0779.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$945. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautifully refurbished. Private bal-cony. Gated building. Off-street parking. Nicely landscaped. Quiet. 1 year lease. 4522 Oregon Street. 858-481-1138.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$625. Studio. Corner unit. Carpet. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry on site. No pets. 3355 Madison Avenue #8. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$100 off first month's rent! \$925, 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Laundry and parking. No utilities in-cluded. No pets. 858-483-5111 x41. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$995. Downstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove. Refrigerator. Dishwasher. Carpeting. Blinds. Laundry. 1 assigned parking spot. No pets. 4377 39th Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Utilities included. Cul-de-sac. Canyon view. Parking. No pets. 4867 Kenmore Terrace #B. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$780. Nice 1 bed-room apartment. Upstairs, garage, newer carpet. Close to shopping and freeways. No pets. 4642 30th Street. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 4774 33rd Street #3. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Dish-washer, air conditioning. Washer/dryer. Off-street parking. No pets. \$950/month plus deposit. Available now. www.timcassidy.com. Cassidy, broker, 619-275-LIST.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, clean and quiet. Parking, gated, laundry. Available 4/8. 4382 Utah Street #4. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850-\$950. 1 bed-room, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated community, parking, laundry on-site, great location! Available now. 4511 35th Street #1, #2, and #9. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit in gated complex. Laundry onsite, parking. Available 4/1. 4580 39th Street #4580-1/2. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. Deposit \$450. 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Refrigerator. Stove.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioning. Gated. Parking. Laundry. No pets. Available 4/20. 4429 Idaho #13. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$815. 1 bedroom apartment available. Close to 805 free-way, on Monroe Avenue. On-site laundry, off-street parking. First month's rent free! \$400 deposit, OAC. Call today for ap-pointment, 619-280-0061.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom. Pets considered! Very clean. Quiet com-plex. Downstairs unit. Laundry onsite. 4554 Boundary. Agent, 619-283-2144.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Parking, laundry. Avail-able 5/5. 4840 West Mountain View Drive. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dishwasher, microwave, laundry on site. Air conditioning, walk-in closet, Jack and Jill bath. Garage. No pets. Available now. 4561 Hawley Boulevard #9. \$1125. 858-483-5111. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Microwave, new paint, new carpet, mirrored closet doors. Laundry on site. No pets. 4567 Hawley Boulevard #1, \$1050. Unit #5, \$975. 858-483-5111. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/NORTH PARK. \$775. Huge, clean, sunny 1 bedroom with dish-washer, disposal, large closet, on-site laundry room and off-street parking. 3209 Meade Avenue #14. Please call 619-501-5109.

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL, Encinitas, 2 bedroom 1 bath, 3 blocks beach, reno-vated, hardwood floors, nice yard. Stor-age unit. No pets please. \$1850, plus uti-lities, 619-889-4915.

NORTH PARK. \$1875. Fully remodeled! 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. All appliances included. Attached garage. Washer/dryer. No pets. Excellent loca-tion: 4153 Idaho St. 619-518-2005.

NORTH PARK. \$675/month plus security deposit and credit application fee. Clean. Studio apartment. On site laundry facility, security gates. Off street parking. Pool. 619-297-7859.

NORTH PARK. \$1050. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with patio. Laundry facilities. Pri-vate complex. Trees/nice landscaping. No pets. 2030 Cypress Ave. Agent, Mer-cedes, 619-850-8013.

NORTH PARK. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, newer, deluxe upper unit with balcony, garage, 1 parking, laundry, secure build-ing with intercom. 3957 32nd Street. 760-796-7685.

NORTH PARK. \$100 move-in special! \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs unit in small, quiet complex. Laundry and parking on site. Deposit \$695. 3843 Cherokee Avenue. Call 858-483-5111 x41.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1350. Central location. 6-12 month lease, great community. Washer and dryer inside unit. Call for more information, 619-497-1768.

NORTH PARK. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Corner unit. Laundry. Parking for 2. Gated entry. No pets. Near Balboa Park. 3711 Arnold. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORTH PARK. \$925 and \$995. 2 bed-room, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. New carpet, parking, laun-dry, 4060 Iowa Street #7, #8. AMI Prop-erty Management. 619-697-6314.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit, hardwood floors, 2 closets, garage, available now. 4667 Utah Street. Call 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath spacious unit in gated complex at 3776 31st Street. Walking distance to resta-urans/shops, available 4/25. Call 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1550. Remodeled 2 bed-room, 2 bath condo. Custom paint, new appliances, granite countertops. Gated

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NORTH PARK. \$995. Spacious 2 bed-room, 1 bath duplex. Lower unit. Garage. Near Morley Field. No pets. Available now. 3181 Thorn Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Nice 1 bedroom, bright, new carpet, upstairs, appliances, parking/laundry, gated, great location/neighborhood. No pets. 4544 Oregon. \$700 deposit. 619-261-4024.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, recently remodeled. Tiled liv-ing room, kitchen, bathroom. Elevator, on-site laundry, security building. 3949 33rd Street. 619-280-2658.

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NORTH PARK. \$100 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom, \$750/month. Small complex, gated, laundry, parking. No pets. 4128 Wabash Avenue. 619-281-0579. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$400 move-in special! 2 bedroom, 2 bath totally renovated apart-ment. Pool, parking, security entrance. Laundry/exercise room, cable TV. No pets. \$1395 plus \$1000 deposit. 3929 Kansas Street. Steve, 619-543-0730. www.melroyproperties.com.

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NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, street parking. Close to all. A must see! Available now. 3617 30th Street #3. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Large 1 bedroom in gated building, downstairs. Assigned parking, new carpet and paint, laundry room onsite, 4153 Wilson Avenue #3. People Helping Others Property Manage-ment. 619-282-5400; www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

NORTH PARK. 2 weeks deposit! 1/2 off first month's rent! OAC. Near University Heights. 1 bedrooms from \$775! Refrig-erator. Disposal. Stove. Dishwasher. Picnic area. Barbecue. Gated underground parking. Easy freeway access. Near shopping, entertainment, Navy base/ downtown, Mission Valley. Las Palmas/ Laurel Towers Apartments. 3810 Wabash Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2132. 619-285-9910.

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NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with bonus room and garage in duplex. New paint, carpet, blinds. Attached laundry, great location. \$800. Rose, 562-506-5449.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, upper unit. Laundry on premises. No dogs. 3952 Iowa, near University. Call Ms. Bailey, 619-838-3358.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath down-stairs. New paint & carpet. Large closet. Patio. Off-street parking. Coin laundry. \$850. 3662 32nd. #2. 619-683-9274.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Close to all. No pets. 2636 Myrtle Avenue. 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$995. \$500 off 1st month's rent! Upgraded 2 bedroom, 1 bath apart-ment including new paint, carpet, blinds, kitchen and more. Laundry on site. Gated complex. Cat OK. 3838 35th Street. Now available. 619-865-3992. www.SanDiegoRealtyGuide.com.

NORTH PARK. \$795. \$350 off 1st month's rent! Upgraded 1 bedroom, 1 bath apart-ment including new carpet, paint, blinds and more. Laundry on site. Gated com-plex. Cat ok. 4251 Marlborough Avenue. Now available. 619-865-3992. www.SanDiegoRealtyGuide.com.

WWW.PARK/CITY HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom secluded back du-plex. New carpet, paint, appliances, blinds, etc. Pet negotiable. Section 8 OK. 3554 42nd Street. 619-698-6913.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Charming 1 bed-room, 1 bath Spanish style, gated, lower unit. Private yard. Laundry. 4077 Utah Street #3. 619-698-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry on site. New carpet/ paint. Assigned parking. Courtyard. Quiet. Gated. No pets. Available now. Manager on site. 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Cute 1 bedroom apartment in small complex. 4474 Illinois Street. Great location near 411 Agent, 619-222-4190.

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NORTH PARK. \$625. Great upstairs studio apartment in garden setting. Full size bath, parking, laundry and easy freeway access. Great deal and a must see! 4611 Ohio Street. 858-270-5500 x52. www.msbrower.com.

NORTH PARK. Large 1 bedroom, newly remodeled, microwave, laundry, pool, gated. Quiet. Must see to appreciate! \$750. Move-in special! Available now. Sorry, no pets. 3051 Meade Avenue #11. 858-483-5111 x10.

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NORTH PARK. \$795. Large 1 bedroom, fireplace, microwave. Quiet. Assigned parking. Laundry room on site. Upstairs. No pets. Available now. Easy access to 805 freeway. 4621 32nd Street #8. 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Immaculate, controlled access, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Nonsmoking. Close to shopping, dining and freeway access. 3967 Illinois. Call 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$800/month. \$850 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 3030 Suncrest Drive #517. 1 block off Adams Avenue. Laundry facilities. Pool. Gym. 619-584-5900.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful and clean complex. Controlled access, on-site laundry, stove, refrigerator, fireplace, barbecue area, courtyard setting and more! Please call 858-967-1107 or 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$2095. 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath. Beautiful unit with hardwood floors. Washer/dryer in unit. Parking. Upgraded everything. Must see! Please call 858-967-1107 or 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, built in storage. Laundry, cat OK. 6 month's lease. Available now. 4033 Florida. 619-239-4846.

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NORTH PARK. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. New carpet. Parking. Garage. No pets. Small complex. 2 available. 4511 30th Street. Uptown Properties. 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$1075 rent. \$800 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet and paint. Large upper unit with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Move-in special. 3036 Juniper Street #1. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK. \$785 rent. \$600 deposit. First month free! One bedroom, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 4036 Oregon Street #18. 619-804-3324.

NORTH PARK. \$775 rent. \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, single level unit with stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Move-in special! 4250 Swift Avenue #1. 619-804-3325.

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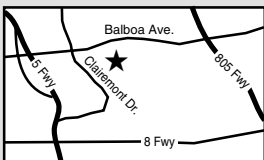


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LEAD STORY

— Because perhaps hundreds of Japanese Yakuza gangsters are nearing retirement age, the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare has drafted rules for the former gambling, loan shark, and protection workers to qualify for benefits, according to a March dispatch from Tokyo in *The Times* of London. Since organized crime leaves no employment paper trail, ex-mobsters must supply a letter of retirement from their crime boss in order to sign up, although local governments are expected to accept as partial proof gang tattoos, criminal records, and fingers with tips missing (the sign of traditional Yakuza punishment for mistakes).

Can't Possibly Be True

— Victoria Lundy, 41, in custody in Chillicothe, Ohio, in January for a barroom shooting, apparently smuggled her gun into the jail at the time of her arrest by putting it inside her vagina. A shot was fired in a holding cell, and according to a fellow prisoner interviewed by the *Chillicothe Gazette*, the gun had gone off when Lundy sat down on a bench in the cell. No one was hit.

— Among the places of business particularly affected by Americans' cell-phone rudeness was the Green Oaks Family Dentistry clinic in Arlington, Texas, according to a February *USA Today* story. Office manager Lisa Teague said patients were carrying on phone conversations while hygienists worked in their mouths. "It was very disruptive," she said.

— Chicagoland Schools in Crisis: (1) In February, a sixth-grader at Waldo Middle School was suspended and charged with a felony by Aurora, Ill., police when he brought powdered sugar to class for a science project and jokingly told another student that it was cocaine. A custodian overheard the conversation and reported him. (2) The *Chicago Tribune* reported in March that dozens of blind students in Chicago public schools are nonetheless required to take driver-education classes. One sightless but otherwise optimistic student told the *Tribune* she resented the require-

ment because it made her uncharacteristically dwell on something that she cannot do.

— Andrew Thurnheer, 45, was elected in January as the highway superintendent in Danby, N.Y., even though he still lives with his parents. He doesn't sleep in his old bedroom, though; he sleeps in his tree house, 40 feet up, which he built nearly 20 years ago, and which has a generator-powered elevator, a shower, and a propane heater, according to a January Associated Press dispatch. (Mr. Kapila Pradhan, also 45, has also been living in a tree, for the past 15 years, but that is in a village in Orissa state in India. He sought solitude after a fight with his wife, according to a January BBC News dispatch.)

Names in the News

— Arrested in February in Town Creek, Ala., on drug-related charges: University of North Alabama basketball player Reprobatus Bibbs ("reprobate," in the dictionary, is "morally depraved" or "beyond hope of salvation"). ... Sought in a February shooting death in New Orleans: 20-year-old Ivory Harris, whose nickname is "Be Stupid."

Unclear on the Concept

— (1) When the U.S. Department of the Interior was ordered to reimburse lawyers for American Indians \$7 million for their successful lawsuit over missing royalty payments on Indian land, the department decided that budget considerations would force it to raise almost half of that \$7 million by cutting back programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. (2) According to a November *Washington Post* poll (whose results were published in February), 94 percent of Americans said they are "above average" in honesty, 89 percent "above average" in common sense, 86 percent "above average" in intelligence, and 79 percent "above average" in looks.

Bring the Pain

— (1) In January in Kyoto, Japan, a 32-year-old nurse was sentenced to more than three years in prison after she was convicted of relieving her over-

work-induced stress by tearing off the fingernails and toenails of immobilized patients. (2) British dentist Mojgan Azari had her license revoked in January after a conviction for allowing her unqualified boyfriend to do fillings on more than 600 patients. (3) Terra Linda High School (San Rafael, Calif.) wrestler D.J. Saint James, a senior, was profiled in February in the *Marin Independent Journal* for his sterling record, including a freshman match in which he suffered a ruptured testicle (which eventually swelled to the size of a fist) but toughed it out for three minutes before summoning up an almost-miraculous burst of energy to pin his opponent.

Well, Of Course!

— (1) Russian president Vladimir Putin apparently surprised diplomatic observers in Britain in January when he declined to expel four U.K. diplomats who had been accused of espionage. Reasoned Putin, according to a January dispatch in Britain's *Guardian*, these four weren't smart enough to avoid getting caught, and if he expelled them, the U.K. would just send replacements who are more clever. (2) A recent study by economists Naci Mocan and Erdal Tekin concluded that unattractive teenagers grow up to commit more crimes than do attractive people. A February *Washington Post* summary of the research posits that fewer job opportunities and social opportunities might be what accounts for the "consequences of being young and ugly."

Clichés Come to Life

— Life Imitates a GEICO Commercial: A teenager lost control of his car in Kettering, Ohio, in March, and smashed into a house, causing major damage. According to police, he had swerved to avoid hitting an albino squirrel (which, unlike in the commercial, did not survive). Another squirrel caused a four-car collision in March in Mount Pleasant Township, Pa., but no injuries were reported. Neither human was cited by police.

— "What She Really Wants to Do Is Direct":

When Tamara Anne Moonier filed rape charges against six young men in Fullerton, Calif., in June 2004, she seemed the disconsolate victim of vicious predators. However, shortly afterward, one of the accused gave police a video of the entire incident, and Moonier consequently was indicted in 2005 for filing a false police report and defrauding a victim assistance fund. In February 2006, the *Orange County Weekly* published several pieces of dialogue from the video and described numerous "scenes" in which Moonier is shown laughing (27 different times), dominating action, ordering certain sex acts and positions, complimenting the men's bodies, and barking out exhortations for the men to improve their virility and performances.

No Longer Weird

— Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (77) The disgruntled debtor who finally agrees to pay, but delivers it all in pennies or \$1 bills, as William Lewis Jr., did on a foreclosure judgment in Sebring, Fla., in March. (78) The latest recycling laboratory breakthrough that makes possible the conversion of manure, urine, or methane gas into a new energy source, as was Japanese professor Sakae Shibusawa's March announcement that, by pressure and heat, he can produce an ounce of gasoline from five pounds of cow dung.

Readers' Choice

— A February BBC News story, citing a local newspaper in Upper Nile state in Sudan, reported that village elders had required a Mr. Tombe, as punishment for having been caught having sex with a female goat, to pay a dowry to the goat's owner and to care for the nanny as if they were "married."

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Thirty Years Ago

San Diego's University Hospital cafeteria is similar to an army mess hall. Costumes point up rank. Nurses are all in white — either pant suits or dresses — while female physicians wear the same coats as their male colleagues. Interns' uniforms consist of white pants and jacket. Residents wear only the jacket; the faculty sports knee-length coats. Lest any confusion arise, name and rank are clearly imprinted on plastic name tags: So-and-so, RN, Clinical Nurse III; So-and-so, LVN; So-and-so, M.D., Dept. of Surgery.

—“UP STETHOSCOPE,” Seth Tuls, April 8, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

For the last five years Ben White has been on contract to about twenty-five grocery stores for the recovery of shopping carts. Safeway, Vons, Food Basket, and Mayfair pay White fifteen dollars every time he swings through their area to collect carts. Some routes, like the one for the San Ysidro Safeway, he prowls every day. Others, like the one he's on now for the Linda Vista Safeway, he hits three times a week. He completes between ten and fifteen routes a day, six days a week, dawn to dusk,

and on a good day he can haul back 500 carts.

—CITY LIGHTS: “THE CART SHARKS,” Neal Matthews, April 9, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

You'd think with all the spinning in circles Earth does, we'd be losing weight. But all that exercise doesn't keep us in shape, and I'm afraid our planet needs to go on a diet. Not only are we spinning more slowly in our old age — our days are getting longer by about a millisecond per century — but we're gaining weight as well. Earth currently tips the scales at 6,585,600,000,000,000,000 tons.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice, April 10, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

A freeway runs through it. The freeway starts in San Diego. God and Rand McNally know where it ends. If you want to go to Rainbow, you have to get off either before you get there or after you've passed it by. There are no exits in between.

The highway used to run right through town. It was U.S. 395 then. Rainbow was the center point in the stretch from state 76 to the

county line that they used to call the Bloody Gap. Drunks, tourists, high school kids, Mexicans, Marines, locals, whole families all crashed and burned on the Gap.

—“INSOMNIA IS THE NUMBER ONE KILLER,”

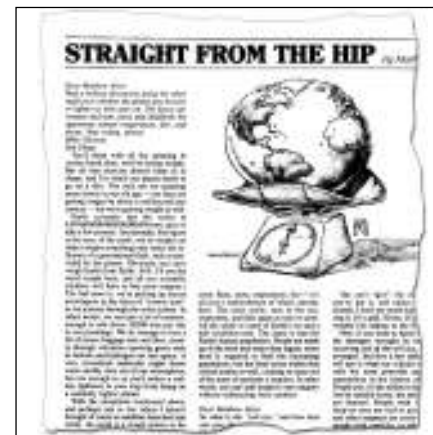
Jamo Jackson, April 11, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Two campaign aides to Juan Vargas are wasting no time returning to their city hall jobs in the wake of the city councilman's unsuccessful challenge to incumbent Congressman Bob Filner in the Democratic primary. Larry Cohn, who was in charge of fundraising, and Paul O'Sullivan, who walked precincts and manned phone banks, go back to their jobs as council reps on April 15. Campaign manager Ralph Inzunza, however, won't be returning as chief of staff. A Vargas staffer says Inzunza is considering going back to college, either law school or graduate school, until his boss decides which higher office to try for next. “This race was just round one,” the staffer says. “Juan is very young, he's very formidable, and he'll be back.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “REVOLVING DOOR,” Thomas K.

Arnold, April 4, 1996



San Diego Reader, April 10, 1986

Five Years Ago

Holding a Cup of Noodles in one hand, a rosary in the other, a woman crawls on her knees down the center aisle. Kneeling before the Sacred Heart, clutching a white Stetson to his chest, a white-haired gentleman sobs quietly. Outside Tijuana's cathedral, vendors erect their blue-tarpaulin stalls. Their tables are filled with fancy crucifixes and chalices made of straw. There are bowls heaped with scapulars. There are dozens of jars of “miracle cream.” There are hundreds of pendants of Juan Soldado, Tijuana's unofficial saint.

—SHEEP AND GOATS, Abe Opincar, April 5, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

A young friend of mine (she's 28) is getting married this fall. She's a charming, smart, independent person who hasn't had an easy time. Her parents divorced when she was two. Then her dad disappeared. Her mom has always been a complete flake, so my friend (I'll call her Audrey) never had money or advantages. She's worked nonstop since high school. She even sends money to her wacky, barely solvent mom every month. When I asked how wedding plans are going, Audrey said they were going well. The wedding will be simple, and she had just found the dress of her dreams. It costs \$2700. I almost fainted. Audrey doesn't have that much money. The nice young man she is marrying is doing okay, but isn't rolling in money. I am 20 years older than Audrey, and maybe because of this I feel motherly towards her. After I recovered my breath and asked how she was going to pay for this dress,

she said, "credit cards." I am happy Audrey has found love. However, I'm flabbergasted that my clever, practical, down-to-earth little friend wants to start married life in debt when she could find a perfectly lovely dress to get married in for, say, a couple hundred dollars or less. If I were a millionaire, I would just buy her the dress as a wedding present. Should I advise her to find something else?

ENCINITAS SURROGATE MOM

Dear Surrogate Mom,

People can be so sensitive about their wedding dreams and fantasies, so tread carefully. If you feel you must say something, be tactful and restrained. It sounds like Audrey has had to "go without" all of her life. Maybe she sees this dress as symbolic of the indulgences and nice things she has had to forgo. My advice is to tiptoe around and delicately inquire if she's sure this is what she really wants. If she has doubts, then you can discuss options. If this is what she truly wants, then maybe it would be okay with her if you and her other friends chipped in to help defray the cost of the dress. But don't try to stop her.

Dear Saffron,

My mother lives on the East Coast. She has a large social circle and extended family. She tells any friend or family member who mentions they're going to

visit San Diego or is even thinking about coming west that they "simply must" come stay with my husband and I. When I was growing up we were always having houseguests and parties. Never formally employed, my mom was a homemaker and fabulous cook and hostess who loved to entertain. The big house she and my father owned was always full of people. I lead a much quieter life and also work full time, as does my husband. It's ridiculous how many people call up, expecting to stay with us or to be shown around San Diego. Or both. These folks are sometimes distant relatives I've never met, or just pals of hers — in other words, strangers to me. My husband is starting to complain, and I don't blame him. She seems to have no sense that we have other things to do besides host the many people she sends us. I've hinted around, but she never gets it. How can I get her to stop sending floods of guests my way without hurting her feelings?

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Welcome to the world of indie short-film producing, in which one can conduct important business while looking like a homeless person and without leaving one's luxurious futon-on-the-ground. My office is a cracker-box adorned with surf art and postcards from my father; my piping-hot macchiato latte with extra foam is a bottle of flat, day-old diet soda; my decorous furniture — a second-hand Ikea desk, a chair scrounged off the street on trash day, and six plastic crates.

The phone rings; no one is picking up.

I can hear my roommates outside my door, laughing and talking, blow-drying their hair, locating missing socks. They're about to go somewhere, shopping or walking, perhaps grabbing some lunch. Their voices slide into my room, muffled and distorted, but happy.

Their ease makes me tense as I hold the phone to my ear and wait; perhaps it's the idea that time is running away from me and I know it, but they, on this day, in this moment, are operating in what may as well be a differently calculated universe. I am running against the clock. My slipping hour is their eon.

And, as always and for the billionth time, I ask why it is that I'm doing this. Why am I busting my butt, shelling out hundreds of dollars for less than an hour of film stock,

wrangling crew members and casting actors, and spending my weekday minutes making these damn calls in the hopes of getting a location? What am I doing shooting my blood pressure through the roof, spending sleepless nights worrying about light kits and f-stops and latitudes, skipping meals to storyboard, planning meetings and call times and synopses? All for five precious minutes of story. Why? Why? Why?

It's difficult during the thick of it; I remind myself of this, remind myself of the things that make it all worth it. My first film — video, to be honest — wore me into the ground, day after day, take after take. I was 17 and ambitious and had two months at a crazy arts camp to do whatever I wanted. I thought, *Hell, let's make a narrative short*. Hours of set-dressing and cueing and lighting and traveling and calculating and crying and haggling and whining and stomping around later, the thing was in the can, as they say, and I was a mess. Sleep-deprived, greasy-haired, and harried, I fell into my bunk and thought, *There is no way I can do this EVER AGAIN*. I was sure the film would be terrible, but when we hud-

dled on the grass for the premiere, my hand gripping that of my intrepid friend Vicki, and the outdoor lights went down, I could feel it, whatever it was, in the air. Everyone silent, music fading up, titles glossing across the screen. My words. My picture. Perfect, imperfect, but mine.

After it was all over, I was drained of energy and



high on nervous adrenaline. I made my way toward my friends but was stopped by a young acquaintance. He looked at me with tears streaming down his cheeks, and said, in his prepubescent voice, "That was amazing." I stared at him with a mixture of shock, horror, and pleasure. Babbling apologies, I drew him in for a hug. He smiled and said, "No, no, no, it was great." I held him at an arm's length for a moment, hands on his

shoulders, watching his eyes. Lashes wet from crying, he blinked at me. "I gotta go," he said, as a bell rang faintly in the distance, "that's the bedtime gong."

I watched him as he walked off down the hill toward his bunk, hair flopping in the wind. As guilty as I felt about inadvertently causing his sadness, I was amazed and a little proud that — I paused. That I what? What had I done? I watched as he got smaller and smaller, shadow dwarfing him as he passed under the night lamps, and it occurred to me: I had moved somebody. And *that's* what it all meant.

Back on my futon, I am about to give up on the phone when it clicks through to a voicemail. I'm ready. The beep sounds, and I take a breath, adjusting the waistband of my shorts, removing a stray thread from my tattered hoodie.

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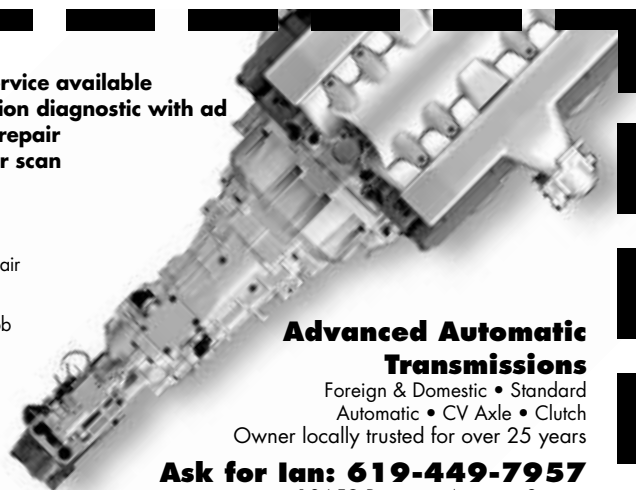
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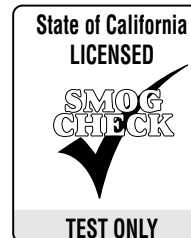
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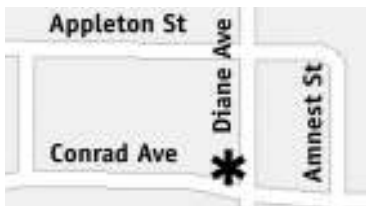
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Location: [5000] Diane Avenue,
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Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. on 3/14/06

Officer's Report: I responded to a radio call of a person brandishing a firearm. Upon our arrival, we had communications



direct the victim to a mall at the intersection of Diane Avenue and Clairemont

Mesa Boulevard. I spoke to the victim, Miguel N.

N. was threatened by the suspect who had a rifle at waist level with a barrel pointed just to the right of him. He believed the weapon to be a real firearm. The suspect told N., "If you mess with my dogs ever again, I'll shoot you." No shots were fired during this incident. N. says he thinks the suspect resides at the address and described him as a white male, 27, 5'7", 180 pounds, with blonde hair. The suspect had a light moustache and was wearing a grey t-shirt and jeans.

N. desired to make a citizen's arrest of the suspect once we apprehended him.

Officers Gonzalez and Weaver determined the suspect residence.... During their watch, a female, now known as Carol F., came out [of the residence] and contacted Gonzalez and Weaver. Carol F. is hearing impaired and mute.... She did communicate that her son, Charles F., had been involved in an altercation with N. Charles was no longer at the residence, according to Carol. Carol additionally told the officers her son owns a "toy" gun. Officer Weaver asked Carol if she could show us the "toy" weapon. Carol went into her residence and came out with an air soft pellet gun that resembled a Colt AR-15 in shape, color and

size. The weapon was entirely black and had no device or obvious markings that would indicate it was not a real firearm.

N. was shown the air-soft rifle. N. told me it was the same type of weapon the suspect had brandished when he threatened to shoot [N.].

In his statement to me, N. said he was in the side yard...doing gardening when a large German Shepherd dog started to bark at him and attempted to climb over the wall...from the yard where the dog belonged. N. had a weed-whacker in his hands when the dog attack occurred. N. activated the whacker and used it to keep the dog back from the fence line. The dog was not struck by the tool.

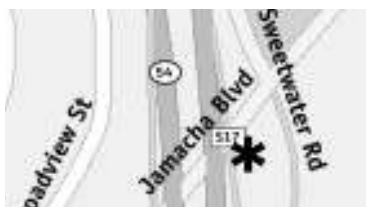
Charles exited the residence and started to yell at N. Charles went into the residence and came out with a rifle.

Charles walked away from N. after making the threat.

HOMICIDE

Location: 8661 Jamacha Boulevard,
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Time/Date: 9:36 p.m. on 3/23/06



Report: Sheriff's Communications Center received a call of an armed rob-

bery, with one person shot. This address [was] a building on the property where the Spring Valley Swap Meet is held. Deputies arrived on scene at 9:41 p.m., at which time they found two subjects who had suffered gunshot wounds. One was transported to a local hospital, while the other was pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies learned that three males and one female were inside a storage building that had been converted into living quarters. While the victims played cards, the suspect walked into the building and confronted the group with a handgun.

The suspect was described as a black male about twenty-five years old, 5'10" tall, with a medium build. He was wearing a black "beanie" cap, a light colored cloth material covered the lower portion of his face and dark clothing.

The suspect demanded money, while instructing the victims to lie on the floor. Shortly thereafter, the suspect shot two of the males and fled the scene with an undetermined amount of money.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Location: 415 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon

Time/Date: 7:10 p.m. on 3/19/06

Résumé of Incident: The victim was sitting outside Parkway Plaza waiting for a ride from his father, when the suspect...approached him and demanded money. The suspect threat-

ened that he would be shot by his friends who were nearby if he did not comply. The victim looked around and saw the two suspects later identified as Jose M. and Joshua T. standing nearby,



watching him. Before anything more could happen, the victim saw his father pull up, so he began to yell and ran to the vehicle.

The first suspect ran into the mall and the other two began to walk away. The police were called and were close to the area. Officer Shawn Webb arrived and was able to detain and arrest T. Officer Kevin Reilly began to detain M., but he broke and ran away. Officer Reilly chased him on foot and caught him but lost control as he fell to the ground. M. again ran and was grabbed by Officer Reilly who caught up to him when he was blocked by traffic on North Johnson Street. They both fell into the roadway and struggled. The suspect broke and ran again, but Officer Reilly was able to strike the suspect with a baton and to detain him. When the suspect stopped, he turned to confront Officer Reilly in an attempt to fight, while holding an object. Officer Reilly was able to use his baton and M. finally submitted to arrest.

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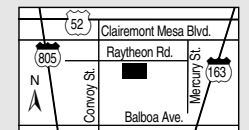
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PAPER TAPESTRIES PRINTED WITH THE OILY INK AND COMPLICATED CHARACTERS of Japanese calligraphy flutter in a soft breeze. A warm wind crosses the sushi restaurant and delivers to me the subtle scent of ginger, tuna, and soy.

Gentle smells, flute music, and low light all lend to a still atmosphere. Smiling waitresses round the tables delivering hospitality and water with soothing voices.

"HYEAH!" the kitchen erupts with cheer. One of the waitresses, smiling broader to mask her annoyance, rushes to the curtain at the far end of the room and vanishes through it. On the other side rises the waitress's voice in a bright tone with a chiding pace. She then reappears into the dining area, smiling again. She floats from table to table and when she gets to mine she asks, "Is there anything I can bring you?"

"Yes, I spilled my tea when the cooks yelled. Can I get another?"

"Of course, sir. We apologize," and I feel bad when she says it because she lowers her eyes in shame. The voices of a half-dozen men in loud celebration, "HYEAH!" breaks the serenity of the restaurant, and the server snaps her head rigid and looks toward the ornate drape separating us from the kitchen.

She runs through the tapestry. I'm familiar with the print on the kitchen curtain. It's a painting of a tall celestial woman with her black hair pulled into a tight queue. Her florid robes are covered in complex patterns and adorned with mysterious symbols. On tall wooden sandals a group of children, in robes that match the woman's, huddle against the matriarch figure and together they step through thick snow. She's a symbol of Japanese strength and perseverance of culture. On the other side of the ornamental drapery the waitress is chittering at the noisy cooks.

She pops through once more with a green ceramic pot of aromatic tea. The scene repeats itself, with the kitchen blowing up in loud voices and the woman rushing back to quiet them.

With my curiosity impelling me up and out of my seat I peek past the printed curtain. In the center of a pile of dirty steel pots sit four Asian men in white coats and paper hats, huddled around a 13" black Panasonic television set. On the screen is the score of a baseball game: Japan 6, Cuba 0, bottom of the 6th. And to one side stands an exasperated woman waiting to "Shh-hhhh!" the cooks on their next outburst.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

ANIMAL PLANET REPORT

ANIMAL 11:00 A.M.

It's been found that the head male baboon, the baboon in charge, is always the baboon with the highest levels of serotonin — a chemical in the brains of apes, monkeys, and humans. I've found an over-the-counter medication that artificially raises serotonin levels. I've been popping the pills for months now and I expect soon to reign the baboon world as their king. Come to me! Come, my furry little subjects, and do my bidding!

FUTURAMA

TOON 10:30 P.M.

My left asscheek has become hypersensitive.

That pocket is where I store my phone and the slightest vibration, even from other sources, sends me off in fits of technological epilepsy. I see a future where this has altered our DNA. Pleasure and alarm centers in our brains will light up at the shaking of our butts and we'll pay money to go to fancy clubs and sit in pulsating chairs to get drunk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

THE INVISIBLE BOY (1957)

TCM 9:00 P.M.

When I was an invisible boy, I saw the girl I love kiss someone else. That day I watched as he walked away with her, and I sat beneath a tree and smelled the grass. I wasn't really invisible, but to her I was. The one you love always

loves another. That's how it is.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

GOOD MORNING SAN DIEGO, WEEKEND

KUSI 7:00 A.M.

My neighbors kick off every Saturday morning with an early morning round of mariachi music. By 7 a.m. I'm up and sipping coffee and pretending I know how to Mexican Hat Dance in my kitchen and singing along to the songs I know and making new words up for the lyrics I don't. I yell, "AY! AY! AY! AY!" and I jump on my couch. Being a morning person has its advantages. One benefit is that no one stays over at my house on Friday nights.

THE LAWRENCE WELK SHOW

KPBS 6:00 P.M.

Sure, you start watching *The Lawrence Welk Show* for the irony. You tell yourself you like how weird it is, the accordions and bubbles and sentimental attitude. Pretty soon you're clearing your schedule so you can watch the show while you eat a TV dinner and talk to your cats. Next thing you know you're old and don't really like the music that "those kids" listen to.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

THE KING OF QUEENS

FOX 4:30 P.M.

Can you believe that hot chick is a Scientologist? I think that makes her sexier. You can tell her anything and she'll believe it. "I'm from the planet of Guargum, and the only way I can survive in your atmosphere is if I make out with you on the couch for an hour. And you make me a sandwich. Then you leave me a six pack of beer on my porch and go back to your apartment."

MONDAY, APRIL 10

THE PEOPLE'S COURT

UPN 4:00 P.M.

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The King of Queens

tion at the time of a great earthquake and served as a helmet to protect the babe from falling debris. Doug Llewelyn's hair is a hero, and you never hear any good press about it and that's fine. It didn't help that infant for the fame.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

EMPIRE

USA 3:00 P.M.

In the final days before the coming revolution I will stand on my balcony, swaddled in great robes, and I will call to my people for peace. All the while I'll be pitting the Senate against our newly appointed "Chancellor," and my troops will be repositioning to the south.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

JOHN GRISHAM'S THE RAINMAKER

USA 3:00 P.M.

Sure I enjoy a good bon mot or the dry wit of highbrow humor, but you can't tell me your mind doesn't go right to pee when you see that title.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

M*A*S*H

FOX 12:00 P.M.

The theme song for M*A*S*H is called "Suicide is Painless." In the version they play on the movie there are words and, yes, the lyrics say, "suicide is painless / it brings on many changes / and I can take or leave it if I please." And you people think my generation was dark and weird.

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By John Brizzolara

I started asking around: What would be your ideal Friday night? Like, if a genie gave you a wish, that kind of thing.

The first three out of five answers (on a bus — one cab driver, two high-school-aged girls, and a small mini-mart-type clerk) involved Las Vegas. I submit this means something terrible, but I don't know exactly what. Naturally these Vegas scenarios involved lots of money. Hookers figured in one case, and the fantasy resurrection of Frank Sinatra, and in the third Vegas fantasy, "Enough rock cocaine to nuke a yak." That last was my metaphor, not his — his being indecipherable on tape, but sounding similar. The two girls wanted to "hang out backstage with Kiss or somebody like that."

One of the guys on the #7 bus thought an ideal Friday night would be "to stop time. Stop the clock, the calendar, keep it Friday night forever." This was so in line with what I was after that I pursued the question to see what an eternity of Friday might be to Stephen R., a Costco employee. After some modest fantasies involving a kind of tropic island as setting for this Forever Friday, his specific wishes trailed off into the more general idea of an endless, open vista of possibilities that would never be allowed to narrow. "If it turned out like one of those old deals-with-the-devil stories and

things went wrong, you could go to bed and always wake up at, like, five in the afternoon on your Friday." He was my kind of thinker, and only a Texas Street transfer prevented a longer, more philosophical pursuit of this hypothetical tweaking of existential law.

I posed the question to a handful of other strangers; the more unimaginative the answers, the more I expected, and, ergo, it was so. I mean, "I come home from work and the lights are all dimmed except for a trail of candles and rose petals up to bathroom where a scented bath and a bottle of champagne are waiting along with my husband of five years and..." Obviously cribbed from a seriously out-of-date *Cosmopolitan* and clearly a ready-to-hand little fantasy that had been well rehearsed by someone whose brain had congealed after years of daytime television viewing and was one of a dozen or more well-prepared speechlets to draw from when her 15 minutes of televised fame arrived on *Maury*, *Montel*, it wouldn't matter.

Fortunately, I am used to exactly this kind of obstacle to my work. Constantly surrounded as I am by inarticulate, intellectual inferiors, I, sensibly and frequently, must turn to myself for material to fill the column. Once again I, in a sense, interview myself or at least ask that self what the ideal Friday night might be.

"Well, interesting question, John. In my case, it would not necessarily have to take place on a Friday, but since that's when most major motion pictures premiere or open wide [as I will learn to call it once I am a Hollywood insider], the four-hour filmed interview with Bill Moyers might well indeed be a Friday event."

"So, you wish to make a documentary film, an interview with Bill Moyers?"

"There's that famous sense of humor. Very good. No, *The Man, The Myth, The Power* would naturally be Mr. Moyers interviewing me with questions I will help him prepare. In fact, allow me to show you some samples of the script I've already prepared for Bill."

"Thank you."

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MOYERS: In your 1985 work of short fiction, marketed as ephemeral pulp in the science fiction magazine *ZOUNDS!* [Oct., Issue #4] you stated in "Uber-Reich Rangers," and I quote, "Ranger Buckrod cursed the genetic miscreants that the Emperor decreed must now be treated as human. 'How can we trust them?' he asked his lieutenant, Zarn. 'With their pink mottled skin,



their brown polka-dotted hands, their blasphemous prayers to their Raigen? Perhaps the Emperor himself is not as genetically pure as he would have us think?" Some say you were advocating the concentration camp confinement of Republicans in that beautifully told love story.

BRIZZOLARA: Well, Bill. I'm glad I have a chance to clear that up. Yes, it's a fantasy of mine to be the subject of a feature film as well as its star. If you're honest with yourself, I think you'll find that idea quite a kick yourself. What better Friday night than to walk down the carpet at that premiere in a celebration not just of ego but also of truly profound, warmly human, and socially pithy thought such as I believe you'll find I have to offer.

It is a thought that cheers me when an image comes to mind of those teenaged girls at the bus stop backstage in a Friday-night romp with...Kiss?

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