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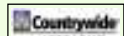


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Deep cover Backers of moving San Diego International Airport out of Lindbergh Field insist that they are going about their business in full public view. But sources inside the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority accuse the agency's board majority of exploiting a gaping loophole in the Brown Act — the state's open-meeting law — to conduct its most sensitive business behind closed doors.

The scheme works this way: over the past two years, the airport board has been quietly setting up a series of "ad hoc" advisory committees, the meetings of which are exempt from public notice and disclosure under a little-known provision of the Brown Act. The latest such clandestine group is known as the Legislative Issues Ad Hoc Committee and was established on April 4 of last year. It was originally meant to last only through the end of the so-called BRAC period — the military base-closing process that proponents of moving the airport had hoped would shutter Marine Corps

Air Station Miramar. Members of the authority engaged in a fierce behind-the-scenes battle, attempting to influence the administration and Congress to open up the coveted real estate, while in public saying they were remaining above the fray. Private discussions among some board members are said by one source to have included getting well-heeled local donors to pay for opposition research into the private lives of military brass and others who oppose booting the Marines out of Miramar.

After their failure to get the government to close Miramar, the ad hoc committee became moribund, but the board "reconvened" it this February 6 for another nine months — just long enough to take it up to the November election in which voters will be presented with a measure on whether to move the airport. When asked to provide details about the committee's most recent meeting, on March 22, airport authority assistant general counsel **Edward A. Cahill** fired back with a letter that noted the group "is composed solely of four Board Members (five Board Members are required to constitute a quorum)."

Cahill added that the group was not a "standing committee" and thus also exempt from the Brown Act because "it was formed for the specific purpose of meeting with federal and state legislative officials and its term is short term, expiring before the November 2006 election. The Legislative Issues Ad Hoc Committee meets on an infrequent and irregular basis at the request of one or more of its members." All Cahill would disclose about the March 22 meeting was that it was called to "discuss issues related to recent communications with legislators."

The members of the group are **Joe Craver**, a defense-industry procurement consultant who works intimately with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce; Chula Vista developer **Paul Nieto**; ex-construction-labor-union official **Xema Jacobson**; and **William Lynch**, a wealthy Rancho Santa Fe resident and active speculator in county real estate who has close ties to the downtown development establishment. Many regard Lynch as a pivotal advocate of the Miramar move.

Chris, phone home A bill to strip California cities and counties of much of their control over



Christine Kehoe

cell phone antennas sailed out of the state senate's local government committee late last week on a 4-1 vote, causing rejoicing among the ranks of cell phone companies and the gnashing of teeth among local-control advocates. A key point of the bill is to allow the cellular industry to "co-locate" additional antennas on existing antenna towers — adding radiation as well as physical bulk — without having to get discretionary permits from local government. The senator carrying the measure is San Diego Democrat **Christine Kehoe**, and its sponsor is T-Mobile USA, Inc., the wireless giant owned by Germany's Deutsche Telekom. Whether by coincidence or not, T-Mobile gave Kehoe's reelection fund \$1000 on December 16 of last year. The bill was introduced this February 24. Other cell phone operators contributing to Kehoe have included Verizon Wireless, which kicked in \$1000 last December 1, and the SBC California Employee Political Action Committee, which gave \$1000 in April 2005. A lobbyist for the League of California Cities, which opposes the measure, still hopes to kill or amend it. Kehoe did not return calls.

Wino If nothing else, release of that school-district audit of **Alan Bersin's** "Superintendent's Fund for School Innovation" is casting yet more light on the ex-San Diego school chief's eating and dining habits. According to the document, Bersin spent \$3925 from the charitable fund just on booze alone. Expenditures included \$190.64 at the Wine Bank for "business dinner party at Bersin home."

The audit also provided more detail about the relationship between Bersin and **George Mitrovich**, onetime PR man for Del Mar swindler **J. David Dominelli**. Mitrovich took a leading role in promoting Bersin during his tumultuous tenure as superintendent.

In an April 16, 2001, memo, Bersin promised to pay Mitrovich \$1000 a month for ten months. Only two "responsibilities" were listed in the memo, prepared on school district stationery: "You will work with our district in establishing a program involving ASB presidents and their participation in City Club of San Diego programs." In addition, "You will continue to offer a program that permits ten San Diego Unified School District high school students and their faculty advisers to attend City Club luncheons as your guests."



Alan Bersin

Mitrovich runs the City Club, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that throws banquets with big-name speakers. The memo provided no explanation as to why the money went to Mitrovich and not the club. He was eventually paid a total of \$12,000, the audit says.

— Matt Potter

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Take Me Out to Merrill Lynch Field

By Don Bauder

The City coughs up more than \$15 million annually to support a ballpark that was supposed to pay for itself. That expense would

be \$3 million to \$5 million a year less if city hall had not agreed to sell AAA-rated, insured ballpark bonds for an astonishing 7.66 percent interest rate in February of 2002. There was

to look for shenanigans, it "remains a mystery," says city attorney Mike Aguirre. Corruption in municipal bond offerings is becoming a national scandal.



PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANK GLASER

no competitive bidding. One underwriter (Merrill Lynch) got the right to handle the whole package.

The ballpark bonds are among City financial instruments being probed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Although this kinky deal seems the most obvious place

The City had hoped to refinance the bonds at a lower rate, but in the current chaos it can't do so.

In the weeks before the bond sale, Peter Q. Davis, onetime mayoral candidate, incurred then-mayor Dick Murphy's wrath by emphasizing that the ballpark bonds could be sold

at an interest rate 2 or 3 percentage points lower, the standard for AAA-rated, insured municipal bonds at that time. He intended to express his view at a meeting on the bonds. He was booted out and "was never invited back," he says.

Today, Davis is torn. On one hand, he blames incompetence and bureaucratic boobyism for the bond fiasco; the adventure "looked far more like a slapstick comedy than an Enron board meeting," he says. "City staff was lazy; that was why they pushed for exclusive dealings with one underwriter."

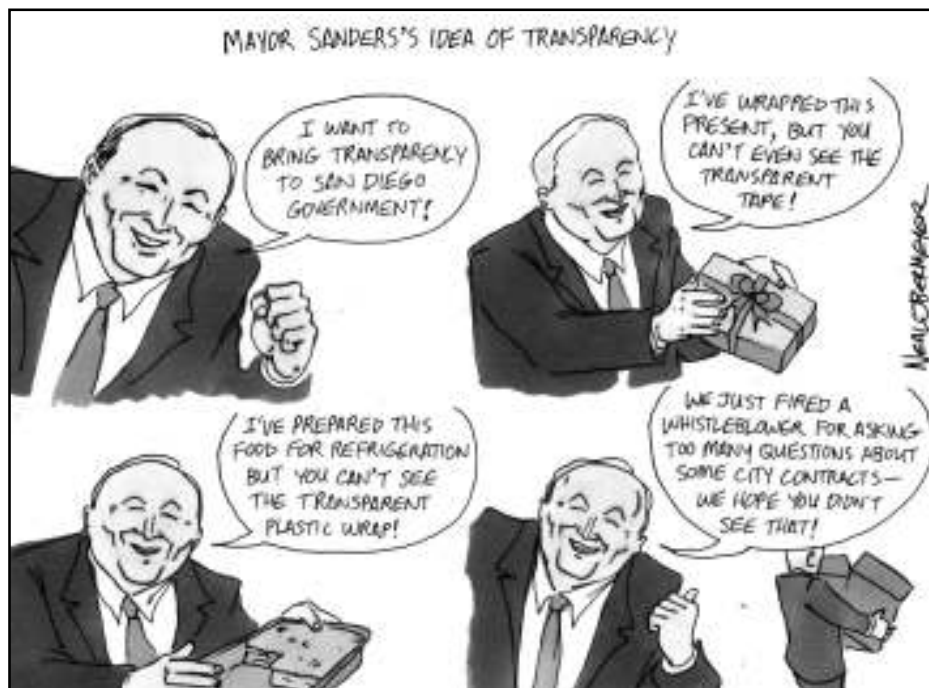
On the other hand, it has never smelled right. "I realize there was a lot of money being made on this bond issue, and the reasons for decisions may have rested in other than laziness," says Davis, downtown mover and shaker and former bank chief executive.

So was it ineptitude or corruption? A good case can be made for some of each. The deal was typical San Diego: the City government and Superior Court bent over backward to accommodate an establishment developer — in this case, John Moores, Padres majority owner. According to the 1998 ballpark vote, the Padres could only "fine-tune" the ballpark development project mix; if there were substantial changes

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Pizza v. Tacos

By Ernie Grimm

Early this year, Papa John's closed 14 pizza stores in Tijuana. You'd think the people who run Mama Mia Pizza, the locally owned chain operating in the city, would be happy to see a competitor leave town. They're not. "It damaged the pizza market when Papa John's closed," says David Vargas Armenta, Mama Mia's commercial director.

It sounds strange to us Americans who have lived through a decades-long pizza war. We're used to seeing three or four pizza-chain commercials per half-hour sitcom. We're used to receiving piles of direct-mail advertisements from Pizza Hut, Domino's, Papa John's, Round Table, Little Caesars, and the mom-and-pop joint down the street. But a communal feeling among Tijuana's pizza hawkers is just one of the ways that the pizza business in Mexico differs from that of the United States.

Why does Vargas feel his business would be better off if Papa John's were still operating in Tijuana? "Because our competitors are not the other pizzerias in town," he answers. "We have to compete against tacos."

Vargas, a big man with a round face, sports a mop of curly hair that, were it blond instead of black, would look like Harpo Marx's. In his mid-30s, he's dressed in black slacks

and a black pin-striped dress shirt sans tie. On his clean-shaven face he wears a look of sincere frustration as he talks about tacos. "Mexicans," he says, "eat tacos for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day. But they only eat pizza once a month."

While untold thousands of taquerias and taco carts



David Vargas Armenta

around the city churn out Tijuana's favorite fast food, a comparatively small number of pizza restaurants try to compete, "a total of 138 restaurants," Vargas says, among them Pizza Hut, Peter Piper Pizza, and Domino's restaurants. "As a group, they are disorganized. There are 63 different brands, but the majority of them are just one pizza place."

For a city of more than

two million, 138 pizzerias is not a lot by American standards. But by Mexican standards, Tijuana is a pizza mecca. Much as good Mexican fast food grows harder to find in the United States the farther you move away from the border, pizza is a border phenomenon in Mexico. "We have 12 stores in Tijuana and 1 in Tecate," Vargas says, "and with only those 13 stores we represent 1.7 percent of the national consumption of pizza."

While Vargas acknowledges that the \$12 cost of a large pizza is prohibitive for many Mexican families, he says that isn't the chief obstacle to pizza's catching on. "The biggest problem," Vargas says, "is the myth that surrounds pizza in Mexico."

While Mexicans consider a third of a pound of meat fried in lard, covered in guacamole, and wrapped in a high-carbohydrate, high-fat tortilla to be a healthy meal, Vargas says, "There is a myth that pizza is fattening, that it is not good for kids, that seniors cannot eat pizza."

Vargas believes it isn't so much pizza that's unhealthy as Mexican eating habits combined with pizza. "In Mexico," he says with a grin, "we were all taught by our parents and grandparents not to listen to the signs of our bodies. When we were children they used to tell us to eat everything that was on your plates and finish everything, even if we weren't hungry. It became a habit, and we are satisfied only when we finish everything



Pizza maker, Mama Mia Pizza

that is served to us. So when we buy a pizza, it is a challenge to eat it all. But if you only eat what is sufficient, which is two slices — big people like me could eat three slices — you'll be fine. But to eat the whole pizza, that is crazy, that is madness. But we Mexicans have a psychological inclination to finish it. That is why pizza fattens you."

Though he'd like to debunk the pizza myth, Vargas is trying to work with it. To get Mexicans to start eating pizza, Mama Mia is using the same trick American pizza companies use: they're making gimmick pizzas. "We've come out with a *pizza ligera*, a light pizza," Vargas says. "It's got a thin, whole-wheat crust, and it comes with chipotle sauce and smoked tuna. It's become a big seller for us. And soon we're going to launch a new pizza. It's going to be a Mexican pizza with a corn crust."

The gimmicks don't stop there. "For three years now," Vargas says, "our customers have been able to order and add it to their phone bills. The service is called Eat Now and Pay Later. If you are hungry, anything and everything you can charge to your phone bill. That service was created considering how couples live today. Now the mom and the dad both work, and sometimes the kids are at home, and with a special code, they can order it; they don't have to handle any money, and they will just get billed through their phone bill. We are the only pizzeria for the last three years

that has done that."

Though each Mama Mia has a few tables for customers who come in to eat, Vargas says 75 percent of the 160,000

ery. Instead of a teenager in a Honda Civic, a grown man on a Honda 125cc motorcycle delivers your pizza in Tijuana. The motorcycles, in



pizzas they sell monthly are delivered. He doesn't foresee a Chuck E. Cheese's-style family pizza restaurant being successful in Mexico, though that role is being filled by another American fast-food import. "Down here, hamburger restaurants are becoming someplace you go for a family outing. You take the kids and they play for a while on the playground. Normally with pizza, you sit around it, either at your home or at the office."

Another difference between American and Mexican pizza cultures is the mode of deliv-

addition to being more economical, guarantee faster delivery in traffic-clogged Tijuana. And quick delivery, Vargas says, is of prime importance. To illustrate the point, he offers an anecdote he swears is true. "A man ordered a pizza from his office for lunch. When it didn't arrive within the 25 to 30 minutes the pizzeria had promised, he got fed up and he went home to eat. But when he got home, he found his wife with another man. She wasn't expecting him for lunch. So their pizzeria was responsible for their divorce because they didn't deliver on time." ■

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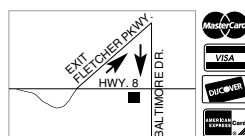
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in the number of hotels, retail establishments, office complexes, and condos, there would have to be another vote.

On November 20, 2001, the council relieved the Padres of 66 percent of their pledge to build offices and 33 percent of their requirement to build retail buildings, among other forgivenesses, permitting Moores to substitute housing. Three

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weeks later, retired law professor Robert Simmons challenged this switcheroo in court, saying such draconian changes hardly represented fine-tuning and would diminish tax receipts while increasing infrastructure costs.

But this was San Diego. The City declared that unless it got an accelerated hearing and a decision in its favor by late January, the Padres would leave town. Hardly surprisingly, the judge nodded assent, and Simmons was not given time to

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do discovery or prepare his case. In particular, he wanted to bring in an expert to determine how the changed development mix would affect property taxes. Without the originally planned number of hotels and retailers, would the City get the promised hotel and sales taxes to offset bond interest payments?

"Fine-tuning had become course-redesigning," says Stanley Zubeil, who was Simmons's attorney. "We needed an expert from outside the county; the ones here are locked up by the old-boys' network." But the judge wouldn't grant the time. Simmons dropped the case. What happened? Moores sold land he had received at low-ball prices to condo developers. But condos eat up in infrastructure and services costs what they provide in real estate taxes. Without the promised hotels and retailers, there aren't sufficient taxes to help service the bonds. Now, the coming condo bust will intensify the problems.

Once the Simmons case was out of the way, the City rushed the bonds to market. The final prospectus had errors — for example, overstating the

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funded ratio of the City's pension plan. The City had to pay "about double normal insurance costs," says Davis — and the insurance company, if it had to pay bondholders, had the ability to go back and recover its costs from the City.

"That is not an insurance policy in the traditional sense," says Zubeil. It's called a financial-guaranty insurance policy — "like saying 'dry water.'"

The prospectus told how Wall Street's Mr. Big, Merrill Lynch, would buy the bonds and could sell them only to well-heeled institutions or individuals with a net worth of at least \$25 million. San Diegans were outraged. If these bonds yielding 7.66 percent were insured, why could they go only to the superrich?

On March 17, 2002, the *Union-Tribune* reported in a front-page story that the bonds had already been sold to 32 wealthy investors, and Merrill would not disclose their names. The author of the story, Jonathan Heller, says he talked to a Merrill Lynch spokesman and a high official of the City and both said the bonds "either

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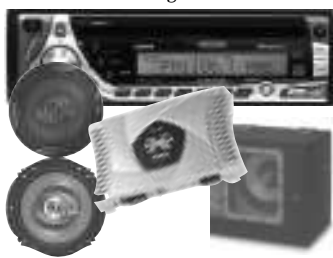
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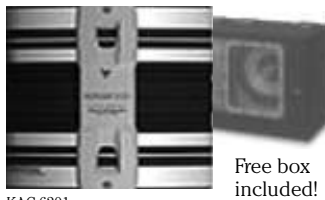
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had been sold or were in the process of being sold."

But on October 10, 2005, the *Wall Street Journal* revealed the

truth: Merrill Lynch never sold the bonds. The firm claimed that it had been "extremely difficult" to find buyers—an assertion that lacks believability. Hard to find buyers for AAA-rated, insured bonds yielding 7.66 percent, about 3 percent-

age points higher than equivalent municipal bonds? Please.

Bill Halldin, Merrill Lynch spokesman, says that the City attached onerous conditions to the bonds. For example, they could be repurchased, or "called," in three years, earlier than most

municipal bonds. But who wouldn't put up with an early call date to get such high rates on an insured, tax-free bond? Because the bonds got a qualified rating from the City's counsel, they could be considered taxable. But that juicy

7.66 percent rate would have been a good taxable yield too. At any time, only 32 buyers could own the bonds, thus Merrill Lynch would have had to monitor the resale market. But brokerage houses are paid to perform such administration.

"At no point did we have a commitment to sell those bonds," insists Halldin, who has no explanation for why the *Union-Tribune* reported they were already sold or being sold.

"Merrill Lynch got its cake and ate it too," says Zube. "It got a high interest rate and got the insurance. That suggests that Merrill Lynch was on the inside when it came to knowing the true financial precariousness of this city. It creates the appearance that the firm had more knowledge about the pension problems and the chickens that would come home to roost than the average person."

Replies Halldin, "Merrill did not know about the city's financial problems at the time." Someone with stock in Merrill Lynch, concerned that the company could wind up owning a money-draining ballpark if San Diego goes bankrupt, could ask: why didn't Merrill know? A brokerage is supposed to do due diligence on stocks and bonds it handles.

This is an especially intriguing question since a so-called "smoking gun" memo that later surfaced suggested that Murphy's Blue Ribbon Committee on City Finances held up its report warning of the pension problem until the ballpark bonds went to market.

Says Davis, "My belief at the time was that Murphy was very uncomfortable making presentations to [the investment community]. So I assumed he was relieved that this solution [a monopoly underwriter] freed him of the need to leave town and make a presentation before tough questioners. Of course, if he were aware of the worsening financial problems of the City, this would likely have increased his discomfort making public statements to the contrary. But this is just speculation and connecting the dots on my part."

Throughout the period, Murphy "seemed concerned with spinning the financial situation of the City, without the financial documents to support it," says Davis. "I don't mean to imply he was not telling the truth, just speaking like a politician and assuring everyone things were fine."

Davis and Merrill Lynch will not say whether they have been interviewed by government investigators. Zube says he has not. I could not reach Murphy; his former aide, John Kern, did not return an e-mail posing queries. ■

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Thanks And Correction

Re "San Diego Models Tell All" (March 30). Although we appreciate the coverage for Scott Copeland International, we would like the opportunity to correct some errors.

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Planet Of Fecundity

Re: "Planet of Slums," by Juris Jurjevics, April 6.

As I am sure is the case with many others who have read it, I found "Planet of Slums" an at once highly informative and disturbing article. I have not yet read Mike Davis's book but now certainly so intend.

However, I find what appear to be certain deficiencies in what I have read thus far: Mike Davis seems to blame the IMF, the World Bank, European archeo- and neo-colonialism, etc., for the plight of these ever-swelling urban-fringe slums around most of the planet.

His arguments, as far as they have been exposed in the article, are cogent enough, and certainly the factors named have played their part, but he seems to ignore

one salient fact that stands like a shot tower above all the rest: *nobody* is forcing these people to stubbornly continue to breed like yeast! Anyone that would bring a child into such an existence, under such conditions, is, if not actually malicious, manifestly as stupid as they are unnecessary.

Consider that 100 years ago the world's population stood at just 2 billion, some 30 percent of what it is now.

Consider what life on this planet would be like if there were but 2 billion still, with our present level of technology. Is anyone prepared to dispute the proposition that, under such conditions, everyone on the planet, able and willing to work for such things, would be able to have a decent place to live, enough to eat, access to reasonably good health care, education, reasonably meaningful employment, etc.?

Considering the above, can there be any reasonable doubt that these suffering hundreds of millions of unemployed and unemployables, while indisputably victims, are primarily victims of their own unrestrained fecundity?

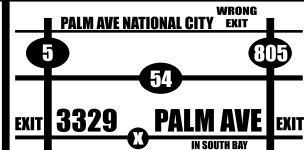
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The untrammelled growth of these societal cancers that are so inadequately called "slums" are indeed a threat, both to the global ecological balance and to civilization itself. Positive measures must be taken to abate this, which is at once threat and tragedy. If not, we may well see the 25 centuries of progress, error, imperfect success, and hard-won wisdom that we call Western Civilization go down under the swelling tide of this newest and greatest barbarism. In the best interests



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L. Severus Pertinax
via e-mail

Death As The New Sex
Re *Death's Door*, a book review by Judith Moore ("Reading," March 30).

I enjoyed Judith Moore's review by way of interview of the author. This is a clever and entertaining format. Moore is notable for her apparent mastery of the topic — she can tease out omissions conceded by Gilbert despite *Death's Door* being an expansive, impassioned treatise. Such writing, not death, may be "the new sex."

But by way of critique, what else was omitted? There is unremarked upon a disparity between people being the only animal that knows it will die and that many deny to themselves, right up to the very end, that they themselves are dying.

Similarly, only silence on the page attends the

contradiction in the comforting superstition of afterlife, where the dearly departed are simultaneously *near* to the living yet reside in a place *far* away, not like the world we know.

J.M. Coetzee's novel *Disgrace* was brought up because of the passage where stray dogs are euthanized, apparently the point being they also fear dying, in contradiction to the above assertion. I haven't read *Disgrace*, but in Coetzee's excellent book *Elizabeth Costello*, the treatment of animal rights is rather different than implied here. Coetzee brilliantly shoots down the false rhetoric and argues that excessive sentimentality towards animals is related to our sense of mortality. More specifically it is our regrets and guilt about how we have treated others, our desire to be remembered kindly. Or, at least not despised in death for being selfish and mean like a dumb brute!

On page 97 of Moore's review it literally reads, "...because we have a concept future." Such a clever writer as Moore may regret

this typo until she dies, but I hope she's not too harsh on the copyeditor. (The *Reader* has one, correct?)

It should be evident that the concept of the future is an illusion. We are fooled by our memory and other evidence of things that exist now, in the very moment, which inexorably recede into history. The "future" in reality amounts to the fleeting present and unalterable past.

Grieving is simply about breaking bonds, like food stuck to a pan after cooling. Sure, it's a pain to clean, but there is no mystery involved. People bond to all kinds of things besides parents, lovers, spouses, offspring, other family, and friends. We bond to where we live, dwellings, cars, clothes, art, and on and on. Sexual bonds can be some of the strongest.

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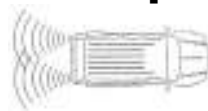
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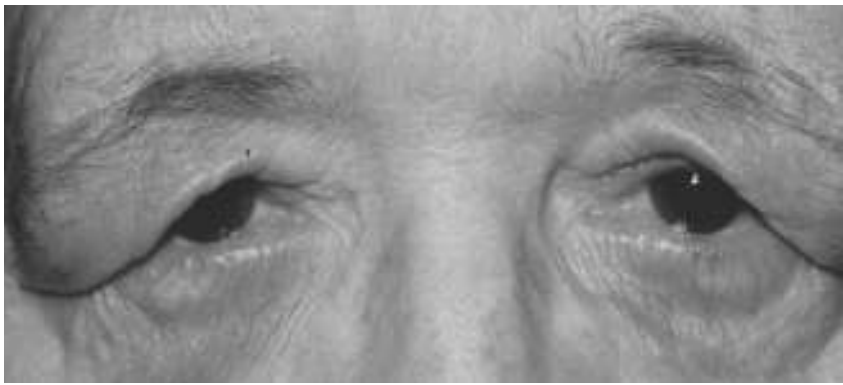
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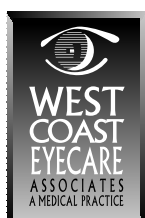
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Matt:

My phone is listed on the "do not call" registry. Yet it seems that every candidate for the 50th Congressional seat has called my house to urge me to vote for them. Okay, I think it was probably a recording...but nonetheless, shouldn't I be protected from this form of unwanted campaigning?

— Keith W. Turner, Rancho Bernardo

Oh, Keith, you must be one of those free spirits who actually believes that life is fair and laws are made to protect us. Got to admit, the DNC registry comes close. But consider also that the state has some strict laws about public or commercial access to DMV records, yet we still get a ton of postal political huckstering at election time that comes straight from that database. So what's the common thread here? Where's the loophole you could drive a campaign train through? Politicians. The people who made the laws in the first place. True, your local representative is more than happy to claim that he/she helped pass the state and national laws that keep people from autodialing you at dinnertime to sell chimney-cleaning or annuities. But why would they intentionally bar themselves from calling you at election time? They were careful to make "Vote for Me" telepleas exceptions to the Do Not Call laws.

Other exceptions are calls from charities, though these days no legit charity solicits phone donors; surveys are also exempt, unless they include a marketing pitch. The trickiest exemption is the one for businesses with which you have established a "relationship." Buy a product and somehow reveal your name and phone number to the maker? They can legally make solicitation calls for the next 18 months. Call a business to make some kind of inquiry or fill out a job ap? They've got you for the next three months. Beware those TV ads that ask you to call their 800 number for more information.

Your last-ditch protection as a consumer is to tell the caller that you want to be put on the company's do-not-call list. (You need to be that specific; a hang-up or "Buzz off!" won't work.) Once that's done, even if the dialers fall under one of the exceptions, they can't call you again without being fined. Of course, you can't bark orders at a recording, so it's up to you to find the phone number for the solicitor, call them, climb through the phone tree, and get a real person to talk to. Don't rely on the number that's displayed on your caller ID. Many telemarketers have systems that can disguise their business numbers on outgoing calls. Oh, one more caveat. The federal registry protects your phone number for only five years. You have to re-up after that. Check your status through the FCC's DNC website, donotcall.gov.

Hey Matt:

Please help! Roaches are everywhere! I've tried everything to try to get rid of them. I know you'll have a good solution. I just know it.

— Adrian, San Diego

I think you have Matthew Alice confused with the Orkin Man. And I'm not sure what you mean by "everything" — how creative you've actually gotten. Anyway, if hiring a professional exterminator isn't a possibility, I do have a last-ditch suggestion to solve your bugful woes. It means adding more wildlife to your already-overrun house, but I'm told it works like a charm, though it may take a little getting used to.

This idea comes to me from some MA pals who recently were run out of New York City (by the weather, not the bugs). It's the exterminator of choice for Manhattanites. Reptile and amphibian dealers confirm it's true. Go to a pet store and buy yourself a house gecko. It will only set you back a few bucks. The gecko family of lizards, when not making insurance commercials, spend their time eating bugs. Cockroaches are a particular favorite, I'm told. When you get home, release the little guys under the sink or anywhere else they can find their way into the walls. The next sound you hear should be contented chomping.

The bug-besieged in New York seem to prefer the tokay gecko, but that's a more feisty, foot-long member of the clan, the Doberman of geckoland, which "barks" and bites and won't let go once it's clamped down. Well, Gotham may have an especially pugnacious strain of cockroaches, or perhaps the geckos double as self-defense weapons. House geckos grow only a few inches long and spend virtually all their time hiding under and behind things or hunkered down in your walls waiting for lunch to scurry by.

Cockroaches have survived on Earth for about 350 million years, survived whatever disaster did in the dinosaur, and will surely continue to outthink us. While waiting for some future biological control, your best bet might be the low-tech gecko. Actually, if I were the wagering sort, my *dinero* would be on the *cucarachas*. Good luck, and I'd be flattered if you name one after me. A gecko, not a roach.

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Congregation size: 2500
Staff: 40
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Singles program: yes
Dress: formal in the Sanctuary, casual in the Worship Café
Diversity: mostly Caucasian, but some Hispanics and Asian-Americans, and an Arabic congregation
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Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, both services
Website: www.transformedlives.com

"What makes this day special?" asked Pastor Bruce Humphrey of the crowd seated beneath the octagonal dome that is the roof of Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

The congregation answered, "This is the Sunday we remember that when Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowds gathered to celebrate his entrance as the Messiah."

"How did they show their joy?"

"They cut palm branches and laid them before him. They shouted their hosannas."

"Who made up the crowd?"

"The crowd included not only adults, but also children in the temple."

As we sang the opening hymn, lines of children processed through the aisles, bearing frilly palm branches.

"This is the Sunday the children lead us in praise.... This Palm Sunday, we recall through music the story of Jesus' last week of ministry.

Remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, pleading with his Father for the cup of suffering to pass from him: 'Lord, have mercy.' Or in the Greek, 'Kyrie eleison.'" And with that, the children began to sing: girls in matching pink dresses, boys in black pants, white shirts, and pink ties, standing at the forefront of the choir on the stage, a choir four risers deep. Below the children sat the miniature orchestra; to their right, two vocal soloists and a harpist; to their left, the ringing organ and rich piano.

"Awake my soul, and with the sun/Thy daily stage of duty run/Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise/To pay thy morning sacrifice." The opening of the *Kyrie* in John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*.

The sung Mass, which took up most of the service, proceeded through a Latin Gloria ("Glory be to God in highest heaven") and Sanctus ("Hosanna in the highest"), before borrowing a William Blake poem for the Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us").

Next Rutter adapted prayers from Lancelot

Andrewes and St. Patrick into an entreaty — that the Lord would open eyes, lips, and heart; defend and keep; be guide and companion. And as sunrise had opened the Mass, so nightfall closed it. "Glory to Thee, my God, this night/For all the blessings of the light..."

Meanwhile, across the hall, Pastor Tim Beal was preaching in the Worship Café. The room was almost dark; candles in the center of the round tables paled before the spotlights shining on the black stage with the white railing. Beal was holding a plastic Roman sword; on the screen beside him was what looked like a movie still of a Roman confronting Jesus. Beal spoke in the Roman's voice. "These Jews are a very strange people.... They claim there is only one God.... But what's really curious is these Jews claim to be that God's chosen people." The Roman, here to keep the peace at Passover, had noted Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, but thought it was going to be "a tempest in a teapot...after all, he came riding into town on a donkey."

Beal put down the sword and picked up a dagger, assuming a zealot's persona as he did so. The picture changed to that of a zealot attacking a Roman. "What we hope for is to reestablish the glory of the kingdom of the Jews. But people just don't seem to care. What we need is a catalyst."

Then a prayer shawl for a Pharisee, worried about Jesus' apparent disregard for the law that gave the Jews their identity as God's chosen people. Then a palm branch for James the disciple, convinced that Jesus "is in control. Even when enemies confront him, he never seems to get flustered."

Finally, Beal spoke as himself. "What strikes me is how those voices must have been heard by Jesus. He weeps as he sees Jerusalem.... He knows that destruction is ahead..." Because you did not know the time of the visitation of God."

But the real mes-

sage of Palm Sunday was, first, "that God has a plan, just as Jesus showed in sending out the disciples to get that donkey." Second, that the plan "is revealed in God's compassionate commitment to seek us out despite our sinfulness." And, finally, "God needs our help. Just as Jesus said when going to get the donkey: 'The Lord needs it.' It's a matter of the strategy of touching the lives of people. Some people cannot and will not give God the time of day. How will God touch and reach them? Through us, because those persons like us. They know we have their best interests at heart."

After Beal's final prayer, the band, a four-piece combo, broke into "Sing or the Rocks Will Get To" — "When the mountains sing their praises/I will sing all the louder..."

What happens when we die?

"We find out what our relationship is with God," says Beal. "And we get to celebrate that forever."

— Matthew Lickona



TIM BEAL

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church Rancho Bernardo

★★½

Sermon

content★★½
delivery★★½

Liturgy

Music

congregational★★
band.....★★★½

Snacks

.....★★★

Architecture

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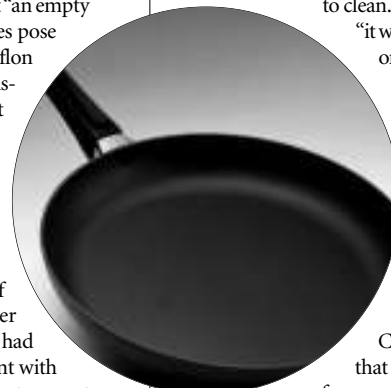
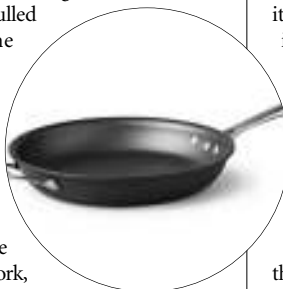
My pop loves his pan-fried bacon. Microwave bacon will not do. “It never gets that crunchy texture,” says Pop. It’s been his guilty pleasure for years, and it got guiltier when the doc told him to trim the fat from his diet. Mom refused to cook any more of his precious pig meat, so Pop decided to make it on the sly. When she sallied forth into the garden on Saturday morning, he got out her pan, pulled some bacon from the basement fridge, and started frying.

But nobody told Pop about using metal utensils on a nonstick pan. He not only got busted, he ruined Mom’s pan. He turns his bacon with a fork, “the old-fashioned way,” and all that stabbing made a mess of the nonstick coating. Mom said, “It might be dangerous to use now” because of “stuff” she heard on the news somewhere.

What she had heard was what I read in a July 27 article in the *New York Times*. According to the article, the nonprofit organization Environmental Working Group had found that “an empty overheated Teflon-coated pan does pose a risk by releasing toxic fumes.” Teflon manufacturer DuPont “does not dispute that, but there is no agreement between the company and Teflon’s critics over what temperature releases the fumes.” The Environmental Working Group says 325 degrees, “or a medium flame; DuPont says 660 degrees.” Nor is there agreement as to the extent of the risk posed to humans. A later *Times* article noted that the EPA had “reached a \$16.5 million settlement with DuPont over the company’s failure to report health risks from the chemical, perfluorooctanoic acid, also known as PFOA,” which is used in the manufacture of Teflon.

DuPont had also agreed “to eliminate PFOA and the chemicals that break down into PFOA from all consumer products by 2015. A few days later, the majority of the EPA’s scientific review panel advised the agency that the chemical should be classified as a ‘likely’ carcinogen,” meaning that it caused cancer in animals, and that it was unclear whether or not it caused cancer in humans. The advice on how to reduce exposure: “Use Teflon pans at lower temperatures and never put them over heat without food or liquid.”

Mom didn’t want to fret. She asked me for help finding a replacement. I immediately thought of Scanpan — Retail Manager Erika D’Eugenio at Great News in Pacific Beach (858-270-1582) had listed it among her kitchen essentials when I spoke with her. Unlike Teflon, which is a sprayed-on coating, Scanpans are made from a mixture of ceramic and titanium, bonded onto an aluminum core. “Unlike other nonstick cookware,” said sales clerk Pat, “it can get super-hot.” With some nonsticks, “you have to be careful not to overheat it, because it starts breaking down.” And because you can get Scanpan really hot, “you can brown food in it” without oil or butter. “And you can use metal utensils.” “It’s almost indestructible,” agreed Allison Sherwood, who manages the Great News cooking school. Right now, Great News has a sale on Scanpan fry pans (9-inch, \$39.95; 10-inch, \$49; 11-inch, \$59; 12-inch, \$69.94). Scanpan is also



The ceramic-titanium compound is fired into the pan base at “36,000 degrees Fahrenheit and at twice the speed of sound.”

available at The Complete Kitchen in Rancho Penasquitos (858-538-0188) where the fry pans range from \$39.99 to \$69.99.

George Bente, President and CEO of Scanpan USA (www.scanpan.com), told me that the company came up with its nonstick surface when it decided to expand from restaurant cookware into the consumer market. “The consumer was looking for nonstick convenience, but traditional nonstick technology did not have a sufficient life expectancy for application to expensive, pressure-cast aluminum pans.” The ceramic-titanium compound that Scanpan uses is fired into the pan base at “36,000 degrees Fahrenheit and at twice the speed of sound.” The surface is anchored to the pan base “and is then impregnated with a proprietary nonstick formula,” which allows for “searing, browning, and deglazing,” and is oven-safe to 500 degrees Fahrenheit. “It comes with a manufacturer’s lifetime warranty, which is unique to the industry. Scanpan cookware does not use Teflon or DuPont products, and is PFOA free.”

Like a proper nonstick, it’s a snap to clean. “Typically,” said Bente, “it wipes clean with a sponge or paper towel” — though he did recommend soapy water and a sponge.

Bente’s comments got me wondering — how do the restaurants do it without nonstick?

Larry Lewis, program director at the San Diego Culinary Institute, said that he might use nonstick for eggs, but otherwise, it was stainless steel all the way. To avoid sticking, “we season the pan. You put about two tablespoons of oil and two tablespoons of salt in there, heat it up to where it’s almost beginning to smoke, and then let it start cooling down. Then scrub the salt into the pan using a paper towel — rub it pretty hard. Wipe the pan out, re-oil it, wipe it out again, and the pan is fine. It creates a nonstick barrier on the pan. You do it at the beginning of the pan’s life, but it may be necessary to do it again periodically. And you never wash it. You just wipe it out.” If you get stuck bits, “then you have to scrub it out and start over again.” And you wouldn’t use a seasoned pan if you wanted caramelized bits for sauce — the kind that stick to the pan.

Chef Todd Acheson at California Cuisine in Hillcrest said that in his restaurant, “high-grade aluminum is what’s normally used.” To keep things from sticking as they sauté, “we start out with medium-high to high heat. You want to get the pan hot and then add the oil — just enough to coat the bottom of the pan. Then you add whatever you’re cooking.”

Madeline at Williams-Sonoma in La Jolla (858-597-0611) also likes stainless, as well as Calphalon. For her, sticking is just what a chicken breast does when it’s not done cooking. “If you keep it at the right temperature and use your oil — not a lot, a couple of tablespoons — you brown it and it actually releases from the pan. When you start to turn it over, if you get a little bit of resistance, you just let it cook a little bit more. When you go to turn it, it turns very easily.”

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1. Calphalon nonstick frypan
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SMILES FOR MILES

by Josh Board

I've gone to parties that lasted until morning light but never to a party that *started* in the morning. Until last month, when I went to a US Airways event that started at 9:00 a.m. US Airways was bringing back one of its "throwback aircraft" designs, that of Pacific Southwest Airlines, with the smile wrapped around the nose of the red-and-orange planes.

The dedication ceremony hosted former PSA pilots and employees and a lot of people in suits. Not the motley bunch with ripped jeans and T-shirts who I usually see.

I grabbed a coffee and a donut and wondered why they didn't have flight attendants handing them out or giving out bags of peanuts.

The commuter terminal of the airport was decorated in the flower-power theme of the '60s and '70s, the era of the original PSA design. Someone told me it was the airline of the "love generation and flower children."

The flight attendants, or stewardesses, as they were called back then, were wearing the fashion of the day — orange miniskirts. I overheard one woman say, "I wonder if they felt like cheerleaders trying to get into their old outfits before a high school reunion."



I watched the old employees greet each other. Some had stayed in touch; others hugged and screamed, not having seen each other in over 20 years.

The man people seemed most excited to see was an African-American named Erskin Moore. He was wearing an old Chargers shirt, and everyone was so excited that I thought he was a former Charger. A guy with



Erskin Moore (top, right), Captain Leonard (bottom left), former PSA employees

one could attend, Moore yelled out, "Do we get a free flight?"

I saw a guy named Dan whom I had met the week before. He told me he was an

popularity. He said, "Oh, we were like a big family at PSA. And he was one of those guys who always had a smile on his face."

When I talked with Moore, I asked him if he was related to boxer Archie Moore, and he said, "No, but I knew him." Moore told me, "I worked here for 35 years. I was a ticket agent, and I worked in all different areas. There weren't a lot of black guys around here then. I knew everyone here."

A few guys looked as if they were enjoying the retired life, wearing Hawaiian and fishing shirts. A few people had

"I wonder if they felt like cheerleaders trying to get into their old outfits before a high school reunion."

white hair hugged him and said, "Seeing you here makes this whole thing worth it. I was hoping you'd be here."

When someone started speaking with a microphone about how glad they were every-

airplane mechanic for 30 years. I asked, "Does that mean you work on all the cars in your family?" He said, "No, not really. It's a totally different technology."

I asked him about Moore's

wings pinned onto their clothing, which reminded me of my first flight on PSA as a kid. I treasured the plastic wings they gave me.

We were led outside to see the airplane. A lady was handing out earplugs at the door. A guy had a microphone, and I heard him say that PSA is most remembered for two things — nice employees and the smile on the plane. The thing I remember most when I think of PSA is the crash in 1978 over North Park, which killed 144 people. At the time, it was the worst in U.S. history. The father of a friend of mine died in that incident. The papers said that residents found charred body parts for miles.

I watched as people had their photos taken in front of the smile on the nose of the plane. Everyone wanted Moore in their group photos.

The person continued to speak into the microphone about the history of PSA. Planes landing and taking off drowned out his voice. He tried to talk over the noise but decided to wait until it stopped.

When an older pilot took the microphone, I thought it would be time for me to snooze. The coffee hadn't kicked in. But he told interesting stories. He was Captain Leonard, copilot on

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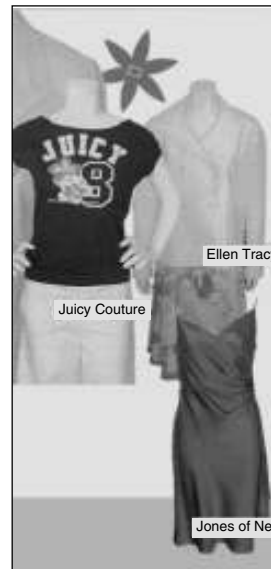
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the first PSA flight in 1949. "They told me I have five minutes up here. I'll try to finish this in four."

Leonard said PSA bought their first plane for \$20,000. It's funny to think that most cars cost more than that today. Someone said, "It only cost \$13 to fly to Burbank in the mid-'70s." I said, "Now, it's more than that for gas if you're driving up there."

Leonard explained that the airline flew once a week between San Diego and San Francisco, mostly carrying military guys who wanted to spend the weekend at home with their families.

He said there was a time that PSA was making

\$700 million annually.

Leonard talked about the famous smile on the plane and that it was a PSA employee who came up with the idea — a takeoff of the fighter planes that had faces painted on them. At first, PSA used the smile logo in their brochures, but it got so popular that they painted it on their planes.

Before I left, a gentleman told me this old PSA story: "There's a pregnant woman flying into Burbank, and they hid her from the pilot. They thought he might get nervous. He ended up seeing her and noticing her condition. He did panic. He called for

ambulances to meet them at the runway. She said that she had five kids and that she would make it through the flight just fine. She knew exactly when she'd give birth. The plane landed, and she refused to get into the ambulance. She wanted a hamburger first. She got one, ate it, and then hopped into the ambulance. She had the baby at the hospital ten minutes later."■

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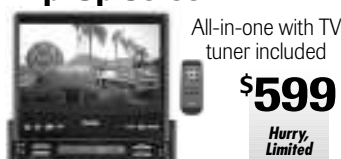
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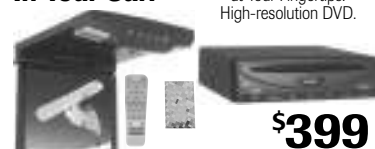
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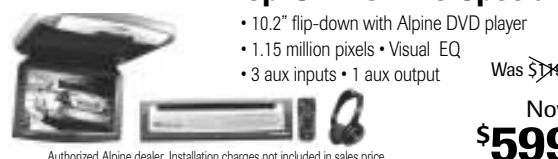
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by Barbarella

Pity the Fool

There is in human nature generally more of the fool than of the wise.

— Francis Bacon, Sr.

It was early on a Saturday morning and showering was my only accomplishment thus far. I was digging through a pile of clean laundry, looking for a shirt to throw over my blue jeans and black bra, when the phone rang. I grabbed the receiver in the bedroom, glanced at the number displayed on the screen, and answered.

“Yo.” This short syllable, forced out in a deep masculine tone of voice, is how my sisters and I begin conversations with each other. Jane started it. The rest of us gradually adopted the habit through the art of mockery. Jane’s “gangsta-bitch” phrases are an endless source of amusement for my family. There’s something inherently funny about a clean-cut, corporate-pharmaceutical-selling Nordstrom mommy who has her jeans tailored and her shoes colored to match her purses look up at you with those big brown eyes and say, in an incredibly accu-

rate Latino accent, “Choo gotta lotta heart, *ese*. Maybe too *much*,” which is a phrase Jane has randomly dropped into conversations ever since she first heard it while watching the movie *Blood In, Blood Out*.

“Hey,” said Jenny. She sounded exhausted, but it was the glaring lack of “Yo” that indicated something was wrong. “I didn’t wake you up, did I?”

“No, not at all,” I said. “Everything okay?”

“I didn’t know who else to call, Barb. I need your help.”

The “h” word summoned my full attention. I was needed. This was important stuff. I lowered my voice and softly coaxed, “Tell me.”

“I was supposed to have my period three weeks ago.” Her speech was even, mea-

sured, as though she had rehearsed the best way to deliver the most information in the fewest amount of words, like trying to figure out how to unload a truck full of granite without having to make too many trips.

I quickly flipped through possible responses in my mind’s file drawer, marked “Delicate Subject Matter,” until I stumbled upon the reasonable sounding, “That doesn’t necessarily mean anything. I’ve missed entire months before. It could be because of diet or stress or—”

“No, Barb. I *never* miss. I take the pill. Something’s wrong.”

Next tactic. “I’ve never been on the pill. Are you supposed to take it the same time every day?”

“Yeah, but I didn’t think that mattered so much. About a month ago I was taking it at all different times.”

Deep breath. “Okay. Three weeks — anything’s possible. There’s no reason to stress until we know for sure. We’ll go to the store and buy a test kit.”

“Well, I’m not sure if it’s been exactly three weeks,” Jenny said. I let her talk as I scanned the laundry, less finicky now that being dressed and ready to go was priority one. “It was March, I know that. What’s the date today?”

“The first of April,” I said mindlessly, settling on a simple red T-shirt.

“Yeah, but what *day* is it?”

“Saturday, but that doesn’t matter, we can figure it all out together.”

The phone became staticky for a moment

as I pulled the shirt over my head, and then Jenny repeated, “But what’s the *date*?”

“It’s April fuh-oh — you *bitch*! It’s April Fools Day. Okay, you got me,” I said. The surge of “fight or flight” energy drained from my body, and I was left relieved that my sister wasn’t in real distress.

She hardly paused to giggle — this was all business. “All right, I gotta go. I still need to make a few phone calls.” Her voice was cheery, with a high note of satisfaction.

Five minutes later, the phone rang again. “Yo,” I said.

“Yo,” said Jane.

“You’re too late, Jenny got me.”

“*Shit!*”

“I’m embarrassed — she got me with the oldest one in the book.”

“I tried to get *her*,” Jane said. “I even woke her up! And she didn’t even flinch. I told her, ‘Heather’s late,’ and she said, ‘Oh, that’s right, it’s April Fools Day! I gotta go, I need to think of what I’m going to do to Brad.’” Poor Jane. She is so much easier to fool than she is good at fooling others for two reasons: 1. She never strays from the script — the names may change, but someone is always “late.” 2. She is incapable of lying well.

My sisters and I strive to reinvent the pregnant prank each year in the same way comedians rework that joke “The Aristocrats.” (There are a million ways to tell it, but the punch line remains the same.) In high school, despite their disbelieving faces, I continued to try and convince my family that my best friend’s older sister

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was pregnant. It was after noon, and those who had already been fooled were intent to not let it happen again. But my tenacity prevailed and, in the end, everyone but Jenny believed me. Hours after I had begun my plausible version of the pregnancy prank, I proclaimed with glee to my converted believers, "April Fools Day!" Ten minutes later, Jane asked, "But what is she going to do with the baby?"

Now I could hear my trusting sister speaking to her daughter at the other end of the line. "Hey, have you talked to Mom yet?" I asked. I refrained from kicking myself as I suddenly realized I had only cheated myself of being entertained with whatever pregnancy story Jane had concocted this year when I told her I'd already been fooled.

"Jenny got Mom, said her car broke down and that she was stranded."

"Ooh, that's a good one," I said.

"Then Mom called me and told me she was coughing blood," Jane said. I knew our mother had been home sick all week and that she was taking prescribed medication, but I didn't know the nature of her ailment.

"Was she?" I asked Jane. On one hand I felt stupid for my gullibility, but on the other, it wasn't so farfetched. I didn't want to make light of Mom's pain if she was really experiencing it.

"Well," Jane explained, "She said, 'I'm really sick, I'm coughing blood,' and I said, 'Fuck you, it's April Fools Day.' But then she kept at it. She said, 'No, really, Jane, I'm coughing blood, I think I need an ambulance. I don't know what to do,' she wouldn't drop it. So, finally, I said, 'Fine, I'll call an ambulance for you right now,' and she said, 'April Fools!' And I was like, 'Yeah, I knew that already.' But for a second, when she kept pushing like that, I wasn't so sure."

My mother is ruthless when it comes to this day of pranksters. We learned from her that you are almost guaranteed to catch a fool if you attack first thing in the morning, before he or she has a chance to process the calendar.

date. Whereas our pranks typically involve pregnancy, Mom's are based on more violent occurrences, like blood and theft.

"What's that on your face?" she would say to her young daughters as we were pouring milk over our cereal, still blinking sleep from our eyes. "Did you scratch yourself in your sleep, maybe? You've got blood all over you!" It would take someone running to the bathroom to examine herself in the mirror before Mom would call out, "April Fools!" When Jane was 16, Mom barged into her room, shook her awake and said, "Jane! Where's your car? Your car is gone!" Jane had jumped out of her bed and run outside in her pajamas.

I sat on the side of my bed, half listening to Jane telling Bella, "Wait for Mommy," and thinking of who I might be able to fool, if it wasn't too late. Just then, my phone beeped.

"Jane, that's Heather, I'll call you later." I pressed a button to switch to the incoming call and said, "Yo." ■



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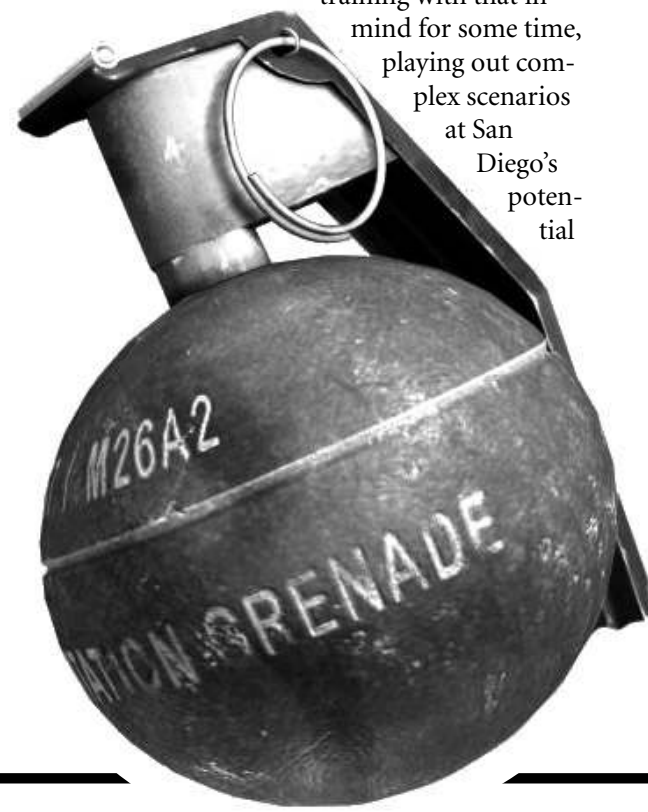
Grayson is in his element inside this metal trailer housing dozens of now-inert bombs, grenades, and shells largely found during his 28-year watch on the San Diego Sheriff's Department Bomb/Arson squad. On any given day, the 64-year-old sergeant and squad commander might well be the most contented man in the county. There's an infinite supply of his chosen work — outwitting dangerous devices and sifting answers from ashes of arson fires.

More frequently, though, he teaches. Relocate the wiry, voluble Grayson to a podium, substitute tweeds for camouflage pants and black T-shirt, its back emblazoned with SHERIFF'S BOMB & ARSON SQUAD, and he'd fit into a college lecture hall. Teaching cops, firefighters, and worried citizens the difference between a piece of harmless plumbing hardware and a homemade pipe bomb, and the gruesome hazards of the latter, is Grayson's calling. This homely little bomb museum, which squats on the edge of the Sheriff's Department bomb range, is only one of his classrooms.

Grayson can also hold forth, at length and with unflagging intensity, in e-mail, a medium usually lacking in emotional affect. When I contacted him some months ago, expressing interest in his work, Grayson responded with compositions *con brio*, a tempo not often found in missives from law-enforcement officers. He quickly conveyed the demanding nature of bomb and arson work, seamlessly overlapping as it does on squad-members' home lives, each call pulling them into another unpredictable scenario.

The seven-member squad's mission is a full one. They essentially serve all the county except the city proper of San Diego, including 17 cities and the county's huge swath of unincorporated area. The idea of terrorist bombings here is becoming sharply real to civilians, but the bomb squad and other agencies have been

training with that in mind for some time, playing out complex scenarios at San Diego's potential



targets — military bases, large public attractions, and mass-transit stations.

Day-to-day, these are the men who go when a teenage boy blows his hand off with a pipe or bottle stuffed with a recipe involving gunpowder, CO₂, dry ice, or hydrochloric acid. This happens more often than you'd think, and wreaks more havoc. A pipe bomb can travel faster than a bullet: "If you hear it, you've already been hit," one of the squad members told me.

Two or more of the squad members respond when a suspicious package must be carefully retrieved with a robotic device, then disarmed or transported to a safe place to be blown up. Or a bundle of dynamite is found under a vehicle. They get rid of ammunition left behind in a garage by a firearms



Conrad Grayson

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enthusiast. Bomb scare at a school? They're in. Bombs and arson fires traded between rival motorcycle gangs took up a lot of squad time in the 1960s and '70s, and similar nogoodniks haunt the meth-lab

business, which came to East County long before it was the drug-worry *du jour* for the rest of us.

If a fire's source is not immediately evident, they cover that too, whether it's from

smoking and nodding off in bed (horrifyingly common) or wildfire racing through thousands of acres. The squad also issues blasting permits and checks gun stores to ensure federally regulated gun-

powder sales are logged properly. In return for this, a senior detective/deputy sheriff earns just under \$32 an hour and as a member of Bomb/Arson can claim another \$4.40 an hour when working on

explosives.

The squad gets upwards of 400-500 calls a year, about 80 concerning bombs or explosives of some kind. If he had to guess, Grayson would say a garden-variety bomb call takes about 90 minutes. I checked in occasionally over the past months to ask about the call level. A weekday in early November was typical. The previous four days were "pretty busy," Grayson said. Meaning 10 call-outs, 5 coming in a single day, including a gunshot-suicide in a house where six sticks of dynamite and a live grenade were found.

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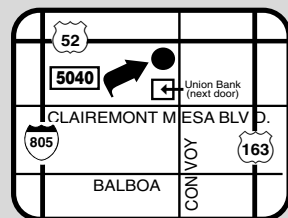
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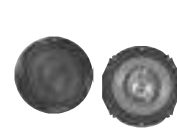
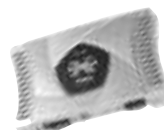
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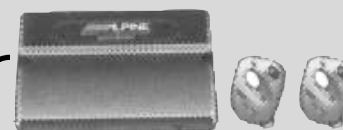
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most of his body was burned. He died within two days. Grayson, descended from French-Spanish grandparents and whose family name was Garcia a generation ago, speaks some Spanish. He sorted out what details he could with distraught family members who gathered at the hospital.

Grayson and the squad may be better known among the network of 457 other bomb squads across the country than to most people here at home. Apparently, the on-the-job experience gained from handling piles of potentially explosive flotsam left behind by a large military population, and San Diego County's huge rural land mass (so well suited to antisocial pipe-bomb makers), combine to make the squad something of a designer label among

peers.

The fact that many locals are only vaguely aware of the county squad suits its members just fine. While big-city counterparts, including the San Diego Fire Department's bomb squad, seem to enjoy being featured on nightly news whenever they roll on a call, the county squad prefers to lie low. The remote locations of many county emergency calls help with this, discouraging TV crews who prefer to film SDFD bomb techs blowing up fireworks in a nearby yard to foraging for iffy sound bites somewhere out in the sticks.

Grayson hoped, in vain as it turns out, that by letting me shadow the squad during late last summer and again in early fall, I would focus on the unit and allow him to recede into the background. No such luck. By dint of his



longevity and a remarkable memory for detail, Grayson's career just doesn't play as background music. People remember him; everywhere we went some cop or citizen greeted

him with a variation of "Coni, you old son-of-a-bitch, how are you?" Wait two minutes: They'll recall an adventure involving the chase of a wild-ass perp, raging wildfire, would-be

bridge-jumper, or other near disaster attended by Grayson. "Career-wise, I've always been at the wrong place at the right time," he says.

At first, a couple of the guys worried I would divulge proprietary information about bomb-building or fire-setting. Their fears were laid to rest when they saw my primitive grasp of such things. (I give away my true interests when I excitedly write down that "ordnance" means military ammunition or supplies and is spelled without an *i*.) So, dear reader, if you're a would-be bomber or firebug, stick to the Internet. This is not a story on the nature of C4 plastic explosives; it won't help anyone craft a package bomb that will outwit a PAN disrupter or aid those hoping to build a fire that tricks the big payout from an insurance com-

pany. It's just the view of a curious outsider, wondering what goes on inside a bomb squad. The license of a middle-aged journeywoman writer might not entitle her to much, but it does allow her to seize on professions fascinating for their sheer foreignness.

This pastime surely is foreign. For someone used to viewing the world through the safety of her high-speed Internet connection, there's substantial initial shock on being ushered into the squad's museum, a roomful of devices invented precisely to blow up people and property — including several designed just to ruin a specific object or body part, say a foot or a testicle.

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lines of a Japanese grenade. A concise material-culture lesson in the tiny hanging-hook on a wooden grenade from World War I, when uniforms didn't yet have pockets. The dark comedy inherent in a Claymore mine stenciled with "FRONT-TOWARD ENEMY" on its GI-green shell. The ingenuity of CO₂ cartridges modified to serve as bombs is intriguing, then chilling, when Grayson remarks that these "crickets" were used at the Columbine High School bombing in 1999.

None of the men (and they are mostly men) who do the work of rendering explosive materials and devices impotent would think it strange that an outsider finds these objects appealing. They're familiar with the sensation, having themselves early on all felt attraction to the design and noise of objects that go boom — an affinity that grows with time. What differentiates the professional bomb technician is that he comes to appreciate these contrived instruments for the damage they could do, given the chance. This is the first absolute truth of being a good bomb tech: You must have an abiding respect for every device you face down. There is nothing static about this respectfulness; it is fed by obsessive training, reading, tinkering, and shop-talking. That's where the second absolute truth comes in: You can have surgeon-steady hands and a pair of solid-brass *cojones*, but without a brain crammed full of the chemistry, physics, history, sociology, and weaponry specs that make up bomb-smarts, you're just a guy leaning over a pile of antsy gunpowder, hoping for a spell of good luck.

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The concept of luck, good or otherwise, doesn't come up much in conversation around the squad's small office in the city of El Cajon, just off Marshall Avenue. There, in a

building shared with several other Sheriff's Department Emergency Services operations, the Bomb/Arson investigators favor careful routine and facts over anything as flimsy as fortune. It's

an orderly bunch. The desks are revealing: A glance shows how long a guy's been on the job (there's a world of difference between two years' and two decades' worth of personal items) or whether he's

served in the military: The workspace of a onetime Navy SEAL looks as though it could be packed up in a heartbeat. A former Marine just can't resist lining things up in crisp, right-angled

stacks. Grayson's desk is a crowded still life of a career. On the bookshelves over his desk, neat rows of binders identified with labels such as "Biological Agents" and "Hezbollah"

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lah” sit next to Yogi Berra’s collected wisdom and *The Blaster’s Handbook*. Towers of training videotapes and photos of fire and bomb casualties are stacked around framed family photographs of his wife, their four grown children, grandkids, and a few of the dozens of pets they’ve waited on over the years. There’s more than a whiff of Semper Fi in this corner; Marine memorabilia fills all available space. Grayson was a 17-year-old grunt in the early Vietnam era. “The Marine Corps,” he tells me when I ask about his service, “was the first family I could really count on.”

These middle-aged squad members sit at their desks like kids waiting for study hall to end. They put in considerable desk time, including keeping up with a steady flow of

classified information on bombs and bombers, but for the most part, out is where they want to be. Between them, Grayson, Bill Jache, Ron McCracken, Ron Cox, Robert Luke, Eric Berblinger, and John Williamson have 59 years of bomb and arson experience and more than 165 years’ total time in the Sheriff’s Department working in jails, on patrol, homicide, SWAT. It’s fair to say that none of them got this far because they love paperwork.

When the dispatchers beckon, they jump into their white one-ton Ford Econoline vans (or in Grayson’s case, a 2003 Explorer), each crammed with the essentials of their calling: radios, first-aid kits, bright-yellow fire gear, boots, bomb suits, helmets, heat-retardant “monkey gloves,” run-



Ron McCracken, Bill Jache

ning shoes, sleeping bags, toolboxes, shovels, cannons that shoot water, a small robotic arm to grab bombs; towels, socks, sunblock. One van carries a set of

bagpipes, and another has a trash bag full of teddy bears for scared kids. There are coffee cups, a crumbling dog treat or two, scores of water bottles, fluttering

calendar pages of after-school sports schedules, bags of trail mix. Racing down the freeway in one of these vans is like hurtling through space in a very small house filled to bursting with all the stuff one guy could possibly use during a workday — and some of what he needs to stay alive to see the next one.

Bomb calls are a chase scene followed by slow-mo. The squad members get there — wherever “there” is — fast, with multitasking as art form. Testing for sheriff’s department law-enforcement jobs is a labyrinthine process, but it seems that the brass could simplify things by putting each job seeker in a heavy vehicle on a rush-hour freeway, then demand that she or he take a radio call, noting a seven-digit street address and salient details from a dis-

patcher (preferably one new and nervous on the job), roger calls from a supervisor and other officers responding; call spouse to warn that Plan B for picking up the kids is now in effect, answer a question from reporter riding along, swig some water, flip on the siren and wig-wag lights. Oh, yes, and — *whoa!* — swerve around a leather armchair that just tumbled out of that truck up ahead. All in, say, seven minutes. This exercise would weed out more misfits than any department psych eval ever could.

The atmosphere changes once they arrive. “As a bomb tech, you really need to slow things down,” Grayson explained as we sped to an evening call in a nearby small city. “We get there fast, we get people — civilians — out of the way fast, then we take it slow so we

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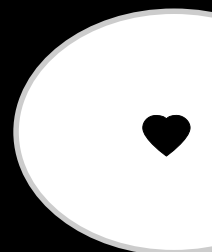


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don't make mistakes."

We pull up on the residential block a few seconds before squad member Bill Jache (pronounced YAW-key) arrives and park next to the clutch of very young police officers standing watch. One greets Grayson by name, fills him in: A neighbor out on a stroll spotted a small metal pipe at the edge of the street, thought it might be a bomb, and called 911. The young cops are circled around the object, waving curious drivers past. Jache pulls a protective vest (made of Kevlar and ballistic composite material), a helmet, and gloves from the back of his van and puts them on, while Grayson politely, firmly, asks that the street be shut down to all traffic, then pulls on his own vest.

Jache, with Grayson some yards away, circles around the pipe, then crouches down on one knee, hands well away from the object. (Bomb techs often keep their hands behind them, especially their dominant one, when they aren't actually working on the worrisome object — a reflex for those times when a small explosion could "just" take off a finger or two.) After a minute, Jache picks up the pipe, turning it over in his hand for a few seconds. When he stands, his dismissive shrug tells Grayson what he needs to know, and the sergeant calls a translation over his shoulder to me: "Not a bomb."

The un-bomb turns out to be a plumb bob — a solid piece of metal swung from a line, used as a carpenter's level. It does look like a pipe bomb. As Jache packs up his gear, Grayson gives the cops a quick tutorial in plumb-bob history, interspersed with tact-ful tips on securing a

bomb scene a bit faster next time. The uni-formed trio nods eagerly during his rapid-fire monologue.

Grayson pauses in the middle of a sentence, glancing at one patrolman's shiny

nameplate, then inquires into the health and whereabouts of several of the cop's family members. Before departing, Grayson urges his listeners to come by the bomb range to see various

types of real explosive devices up close. As we climb back into the Explorer, some 13 hours since the start of his workday, Grayson radios dispatch with the all-clear. He nods at my notebook: "Write this

down: 'You know you're an old fart when you meet up with a beat cop and you once worked with his grandfather.' "

Bomb calls don't follow much of a pattern, although when a day starts out nuts, it

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often spawn a run of imitators. Quiet spells never last long. “You’ll be going along real quiet, then *wham!* The ass falls out and we’re going crazy,” said Grayson. Calls came in steadily whenever I shadowed the squad, but no live bombs were picked up on my watch, prompting one of the men to refer to me as the “white cloud.”

The squad statistics do not break bomb calls down into real stuff and what the men call “nothing burgers” — duds, things mistaken for bombs, and so on. This is probably because call stats are still kept in an antique-looking ledger book, not on a computer, but this lack of statistical parsing also reflects the bomb techs’ firm belief that any call is a serious call. “We learn this stuff on the job — not out of a book,” Grayson is fond of saying. “Figur-

ing out if it’s really a bomb and how it works...that’s the point.” No one on the squad betrays impatience over nothing-burger calls. Mistaking a harmless piece of metal for a bomb is not a bad thing; the reverse error is the real worry.

One morning in mid-October, squad member Robert Luke had a chance for an up-close-and-personal view of another typical worry: The thing he was eyeballing underneath the VW Jetta parked on an Encinitas street was indeed what civilians call a bomb and what the pros call an IED — improvised explosive device. An IED that hadn’t worked quite as planned.

The contraption under the car’s gas tank featured a road flare taped to a small propane tank. Luke put on his helmet with face shield and ProTech



Ron McCracken

bomb suit. (The suit only protects the wearer from smaller blasts, at some distance. Usually, if a tech is standing or kneeling over a bomb that blows, “It’s just

gonna take you out,” Grayson said.) Luke slid under the car, first checking to be sure the device was not booby-trapped. Within a few minutes he’d seen what

he needed to see: The fuse had not ignited from the nearby book of matches as the bomber planned, probably because of the day’s dampness. He slid out from under the car, device in hand. The 49-year-old Luke, after 25 years in the department, nearly 8 of them on this squad, is no shrinking violet when it comes to trading zingers with his fellow bomb techs, but he has a minimal need for postgame chit-chat on the scene. He’d done his talking on the front end, telling firefighters and other deputies on hand where to find the keys to his van, and reminding them — if the bomb did go off — to stay clear until after his back-up tech checked the scene. “We want them to stay in place until we know it is safe to approach the injured bomb tech,” Luke explained.

Once Luke pulled off his gear, he hit the road. Job done, wave goodbye, no sweat, no problem.

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A good breakfast together at an eatery in Santee is the usual start to the squad’s workday: Out of deference to diners potentially alarmed by a group of serious-faced men wearing BOMB & ARSON T-shirts, the group is seated alone in a back room. Every meal is subject to sudden interruption, so one learns to make quick work of food. Breakfast disappears in the blink of an eye, yet no one appears to gobble. Every morning I watch to see how this table-manners magic trick is accomplished but never quite catch it.

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plates, then slips his food to whoever sits next to him. Raised by strict orphanage nuns for some of his formative years, Grayson is constitutionally incapable of talking with his mouth full. He chooses talking over eating; as a weight-management strategy, this proves effective.

His fellow grunts called Grayson "Peanuts" back in the Marine Corps, a moniker another man might have left buried in his past. But when you're the sort of guy who, at 17, chooses to tearlessly slam your M-1 rifle bolt shut with your nose (breaking it, splattering blood all over the astonished range master yelling at you for leaving the bolt open), you don't grow up to sweat a diminutive nickname. You might even like it; a reminder that a runt in a tough spot must employ innovation in place of mass.

A former marathon runner and martial-arts instructor, Grayson is five foot five, about 150 pounds, down an inch and up 15 pounds from his fighting trim. He's gone gray and wears glasses all the time. Every ten seconds or so the bifocals get pushed up on his damaged nose, broken at least seven more times since the boot-camp episode. He skips lunch to power-walk two miles. Constantly shifting from one booted foot to the other burns enough calories to make his usual afternoon latte and pastry a wash. The energy level remains more Peanuts than Grandpa. When the inevitable movie rights get sold, I'm thinking Dennis Hopper on lots and lots of coffee plays Coni Grayson.

There are some excellent reasons to stay in shape on this job: When a squad member

uses the heavy-duty bomb suit, it takes only about 15 minutes for the 112-pound suit to become too hot and heavy for most to tolerate. Even the lighter bomb gear (used more often and weighing just

over 30 pounds) and the regular fireproof clothing are hot enough to invite swift dehydration.

Trailing after the guys in my borrowed jacket, helmet, fire boots, and gloves, I got

a taste of it: Standing alongside the shell of a just-burned Poway house one relatively mild 85-degree afternoon seemed like being at the gates of hell. It may be coincidence, but fire scenes and suspi-

cious packages never seem to end up being in nice, shady spots — at least around here. It bears reminding that a lovely, breezy summer day on San Diego's waterfront can feel considerably hotter and a

whole lot dustier in East County.

A good portion of the squad members' fitness regimens are built into the job. When people decide to toss out the "souvenir" artillery shells or other UXO

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(unexploded ordnance) they smuggled off a base or inherited from a veteran in the family, they tend to throw it into places that take some hustle to reach: the bottom of steep ravines, alongside a busy freeway. A surprising amount of the regular squad work is flat-out manual labor, in particular maintaining the two-acre range in the East County's unpopulated hills where bombs, confiscated fireworks, and ordnance picked up all over the region can be safely blown up.

The present squad carved out this dusty range over the past eight years and has maintained it since. All the men, some with more enthusiasm than others, do regular shovel duty to keep the place working. They

routinely regrade the topography to mimic different bomb situations and comb through the sandy soil to remove bits of metal, wood, or plastic that could become dangerous projectiles in an explosion. When they aren't moving earth around, they load and catalog crates and canisters into small, heavily fenced sheds (called magazines) used as holding areas for ammunition, fireworks, and explosives awaiting destruction.

The range actually does grow on a visitor, even with its persistent grit, ugly oat-colored hills, and the need to keep a sharp eye out for rattlesnakes inside the humid portable toilet. It is possible to become indifferent to burnt-powder smells and thunderous booms.



John Williamson

One morning, as squad members blew up 200 pounds of confiscated Mexican fireworks, I

noticed a large squirrel nearby, picking peanuts from a small pile of trail mix. It twitched barely

so much as a small, gray ear at the teeth-rattling explosions.

There is something satisfying about seeing dangerous materials reduced to rubble, maybe. Or perhaps visitors' keen interest reflects how rare it is to see people work so hard at mastering a craft, particularly one as unpredictable as this. Fascinated, I spent enough time at the bomb range during my visits that Grayson gave me an explanatory letter to show TSA security guards at the airport, given the likelihood that explosive residue on my clothes and hair would set off their detectors. (Alarmingly, my manicure scissors proved to be a bigger worry.)

If the metal trailer housing the bomb museum is one of

Grayson's favorite classrooms, the bleachers shaded by a sloped roof is Bill Jache's stage. The day I observe Jache's training, the students are two dozen or so Navy men, mostly in their 20s and graduates of the Navy's year-long explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) school, here to fine-tune their skills. I'm told that they're heading for Iraq but given no other details of the deployment. EOD training is a "perishable skill," requiring ongoing education. "The only way to cut the odds of blowing it when you're dealing with a real bomb is to have practiced every scenario you can think of before you get to that point," explained Jache.

The never-ending learning curve is what appeals to him. "A good EOD tech gets really

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of their own, an arguably loony outgrowth of environmental protections.)

There's not (yet) a cable show called *This Old Bomb*, but Jache could be the technical advisor when the inevitable reality series surfaces. Standing in front of the Navy group, he takes their standard-issue bomb-tech kit apart to show how small adjustments and odds and ends from the hardware store can help in tight spots.

In keeping with his

aversion to things going too smoothly, Jache prepared for the class by making up 100 pipe bombs, shooting each with a water cannon called a PAN disrupter. PAN stands for percussion-actuated non-electric, and the tool fires water at 200 miles per hour, a nifty way to reduce a bomb to countless minuscule bits, so that it doesn't detonate as originally planned. (The "non-electric" aspect means the cannon won't accidentally set off a bomb

with radio-frequency energy.) With every shot at one of his 100 bombs, Jache asked himself more questions: Was the device disabled more readily when hit at the elbow of the pipe? What happens with this slight change of shot angle? He tells the men about these earlier findings, then sends them off around the range for their hands-on time.

Next, the men gather around several mock bombs that have been prepared for their use, hidden inside suitcases, gas cans, and other containers. Using portable X-ray machines, they scan containers with mock bombs inside. One by one they set up, then shoot the PAN disrupter. Things turn immediately competitive. It's possible to forget what all this training is really about; we could all be playing

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darts in a sports bar. When a hit of high-pressure water hits its mark well, they cheer; when one misses, those responsible are reminded, in no uncertain terms, that they'll be buying the beer later. Jache lets them get their hoots, then recaps what worked, what did not, and why, with no wasted words.

Until now I'd bought the cheesy movie image of bomb

experts spending a lot of time untangling colored wires. Not so. The idea is to clear the area, ascertain the nature of the beast with portable X-ray machines and other careful means of scrutiny, then stay as far away as technology will allow with robotics, water cannons, and other devices that shield and relocate a bomb for safer probing. When I comment that it seems odd that a jet of water



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can trump a pile of explosives, Jache nods with a small smile, saying, "It's always a case of out-thinking, not out-muscling."

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Detonation of explosives

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team have come from SWAT, as did Grayson.

The ideal personality often comes out of a SWAT background, Grayson says, because those deputies are tacti-

cally minded, good at using equipment under stress, a lone operator yet able to contribute to a team effort. "These are not the spit-and-shine folks, they're

front-line people," he says. Years ago, the unit wore suits and ties, then moved to more casual clothing. The switch to tactical gear (the camo cargo pants, boots, and

T-shirts) came about five years ago. "That was a good move," declared Grayson. "It's more practical, it's who we are, and it means guys who like to worry about hair and clothes aren't here."

Sometimes a bomb tech works out fine for a few years, then "goes spook" — loses his edge. "It can happen that a tech gets a real bad bomb and handles it okay at the time," says Grayson. "Anyone might tend to lie there at night thinking about what might have gone wrong." But when that doubting escalates too high, things go spook. The tech may start to second-guess basic decisions, wear unusually heavy body armor, and, generally, become too cautious — behavior that sets off an alarm for a squad commander. Then, Grayson says, it's up to him to reassign the tech in a

way that doesn't humiliate the individual or damage the squad's tight-knit fabric.

Managing the squad can be like "keeping six lightning bolts in a barrel," says Grayson. "You've got to have these get-in-your-face, take-charge personalities. They don't — pardon my language — take shit from anybody. It's inevitable they'll clash with each other, but they know they have to settle whatever's going on because they could be standing over a bomb together later that day."

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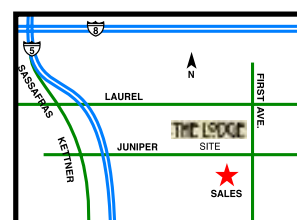
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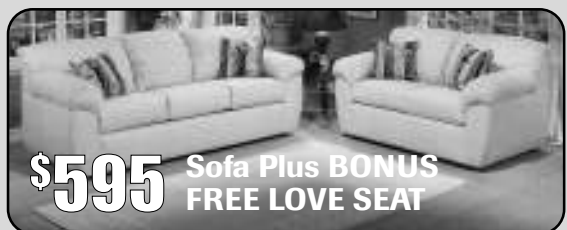
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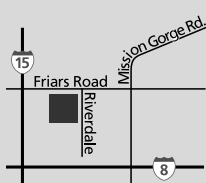


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mander is not the way it happens anymore. After things fell apart for their schoolteacher mother and truck-driver father in East Los Angeles, six-year-old Conrad and two older brothers were sent to a

Catholic orphanage, the Santa Cruz Boys and Girls Home in Tucson, Arizona. ("It was October 31, 1947 — Halloween night," he recalls.)

The home was across the street from a dump, and other kids walking by held handkerchiefs over their noses. The orphans didn't get it; they were used to the smell. The painfully apt metaphor stayed with Grayson. "A lot of orphans grow up thinking there is something wrong with them

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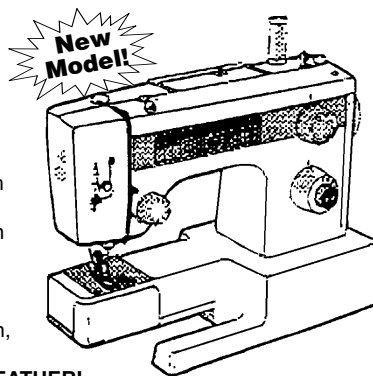
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because they have been dumped off like a piece of trash." The Grayson boys fared better, he says. "We had each other."

Three years later, relatives sprung the boys. Young Conrad ended up back in Southern California, couch-surfing, then sharing a brother's apartment. He had to switch from parochial to public high school, but after years in a single-sex classroom, the sound of nylons twitching when girls walked by was wholly distracting music to his ears. He went from a B-plus average to almost flunking out. Thoughts of being a priest gave way to a plan to enlist. Grayson needed a parent's permission to join the USMC at 17, which meant searching for his father in downtown San Diego's shoe

stores. "I'd heard he was selling shoes, so there I was, wandering around with \$1.47 in my pocket. When I found him, I said, 'Sam Grayson?' and he said, 'Conrad?' We hadn't seen each other for ten years." Sam signed, and his son went off to boot camp.

After leaving the service, Grayson worked with big animals at the San Diego Zoo, a job he loved, but the pay didn't feed his young family, so he moved to police work by the end of the 1960s, joining the Sheriff's Department in 1972. He'd gone back to get his high school diploma and eventually earned two associate degrees, in law enforcement and supervision. But it was the earlier time in parochial schools that made him into somebody and saved him

from the streets, he says now. The Catholic teachers get credit for all manner of good-boy behaviors to which he still clings: "I'm not a horn-honking kind of guy," he explained to me once as we idled silently

"I'VE WORKED THROUGH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME TWICE, AND I AM STILL HERE. I GUESS I'M JUST NOT SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO FALL APART."

behind an annoyingly indecisive driver at a green light. "Blame the nuns."

His occasional asides on training-by-sisters notwithstanding, Grayson generally steers clear of talking religion and politics. "You need

to be a nondenominational bomb tech" is how he puts it. "A good bomb tech has no political views." What does he say when someone wants to know if he's a Democrat or a Republican? "I say it is none of

notorious Mongol motorcycle gang. "In a sense, he was my enemy," said Grayson. "Here was a real criminal, a guy making his living selling drugs. But that's what's special about what we do. It's our job to protect everyone. It's not about picking and choosing, protecting just the people who believe what you believe."

I began to wonder — What does it take to discourage a rabid bomb tech? Something on a near-apocalyptic scale, as it turns out.

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"We pulled four bodies out of here in the Cedar fire back in 2003," the sergeant says as we approach the Muth Valley. "It was a war zone." He's quiet for a mile or so, until I ask him to say more

about what it was like to be in the worst firestorm in California history. He recalls backing out of this very stretch of road when the air was so thick with smoke he thought the truck's engine would conk out.

This is the first and last time in hours and days of driving with Grayson that I've heard him talk about experiencing real fear. He'd described being shot at several times and being "beaten down to the ground" by a prison inmate swinging a piece of chain. He'd told me about unstrapping a live bomb off a dead man's chest. When I asked about his own injuries, he'd told of being peppered with shrapnel and about the time he crushed his hand, eventually losing a finger. Yet none of those accounts

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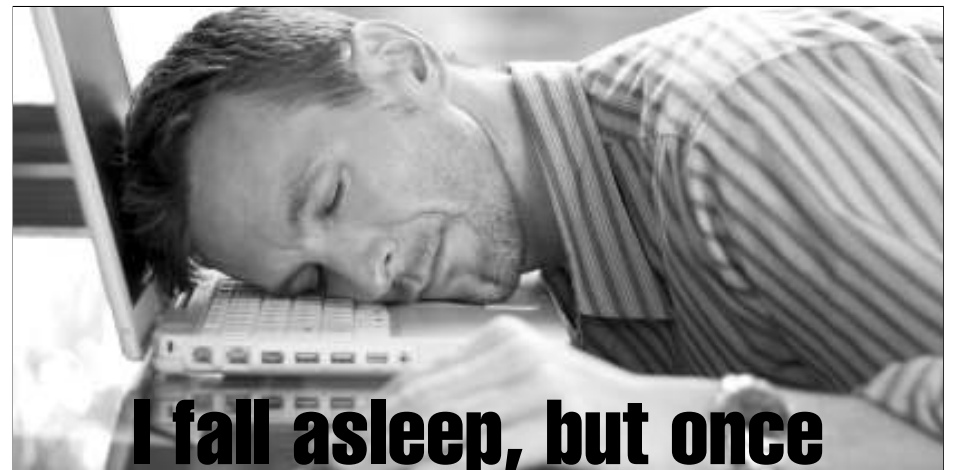


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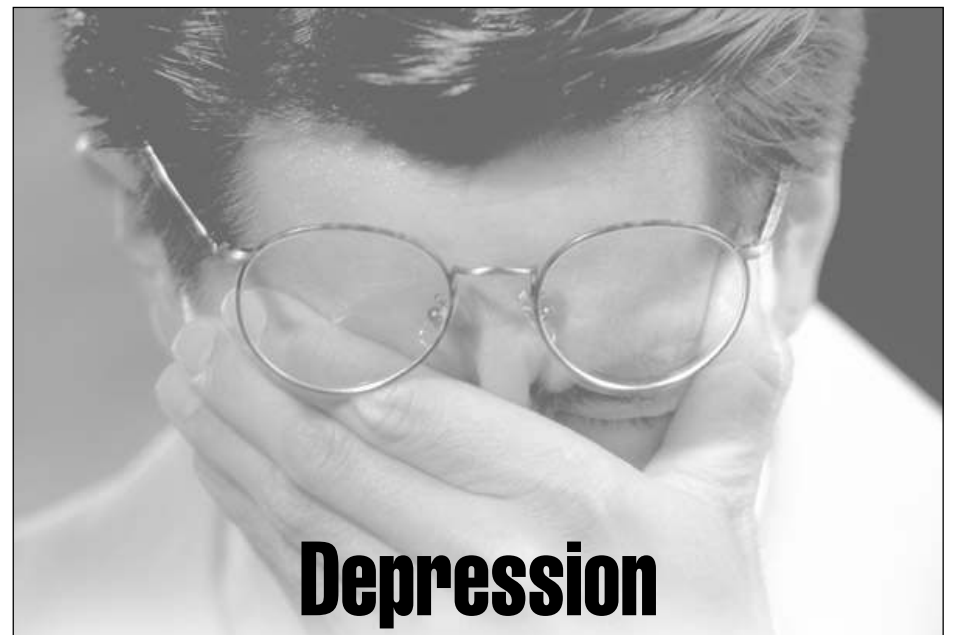


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sounded this distinct tone. "When you're out in a little truck by yourself in a wilderness on fire... Well, that's where I take my hat off to firefighters. We law-enforcement guys have our dangers, but this..." His voice trails off. "You don't want to die that way," he says slowly. "Nobody wants to die that way."

The wild ferocity of the Cedar fire killed 14 people and Lord knows how many animals unable to outrun it. Fire Engineer Steven Rucker lost his life after traveling 400 miles from his Novato, California, firehouse to help. There's a built-in moment of silence whenever Grayson or his men recall those events. Finger-pointing about how this fire was fought and whether lives could have been saved left real wounds

throughout the county. But the quiet that descends when any of the men finish recalling the fire is about things that go deeper and live longer than second-guessing chain-of-command decisions. The fire's images are the sort that do not fade.

Grayson has a hefty mental album of disaster scenes, and his way to cope is to page through it occasionally, then move on. Long ago he tried erasing the scenes completely, but one day the cache got too full, too fast. The overload came shortly after September 25, 1978, when a Pacific Southwest Airlines 727 jetliner and a small Cessna collided over San Diego, then crashed in North Park, killing 144 people. Grayson, living alone due to the demise of

his first marriage, was in the first wave of emergency workers on the scene. He'd seen his share of carnage by then, six years into his Sheriff's Department career, following on the heels of Vietnam and time as a city cop. This was different.

ON WEEKENDS, GRAYSON USUALLY CAN'T RESIST DRIVING OUT TO THE BOMB RANGE TO MAKE SURE ALL IS WELL.

"It was a horrendous scene," he recalls. "A lot of bodies, or, rather, body parts. There were very few intact bodies." Of the dozen or so others who arrived in the first few minutes, he's the only one left working in law

enforcement, Grayson says. He blames the horrible images they saw that day for more than one early retirement or soured career. For weeks afterward, Grayson couldn't sleep. He cried in his car while driving to and from work.

("Embarrassing for a macho guy like me.") Then Grayson and some of the other emergency workers saw a psychologist who specialized in critical-incident stress management. "The doc listened to me go on for a

while, then pulled out a piece of paper, drew this grid of boxes, and started crossing them out, saying, 'Now, this one is a body part' and 'This one is another body you saw,' and he kept filling them in. When all the squares were filled, he said, 'See, this is how your mind works, and it's just overloaded.' " The simple graphic device stopped Grayson in his tracks: "His manner of explaining it was excellent. I understood it. I was okay." After a good night's sleep, he reported for work. "I went right in to a double-bagger fire — a husband and wife killed from smoking in bed. I was back in the saddle."

Grayson's ability to compartmentalize ugly scenes seems to have held up pretty well all these years since the

PSA crash. There have been challenges; the Cedar fire was one, the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 was another. Grayson was one of the experts brought in after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which injured 800 people and killed 168, including 19 children.

He learned, or rather, relearned an important lesson in the rubble of the Murrah Building: Four days, then get out. Experts in post-traumatic stress disorder figure that is how long a trained emergency worker can typically function knee-deep in horror without long-term damage. (An untrained civilian at a disaster scene is advised to get out after 20 minutes.) "I spent eight days on the Oklahoma City

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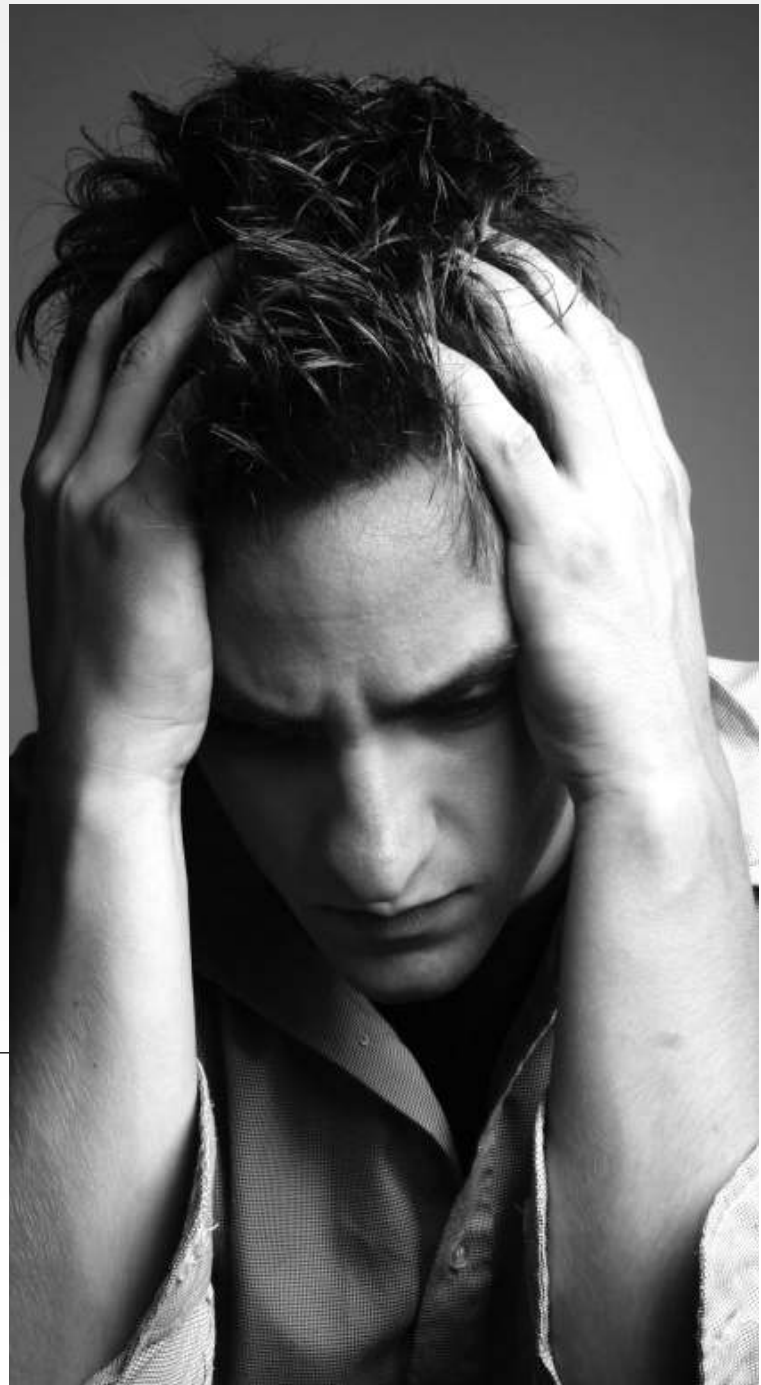
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site, from April 27 to May 4, 1995," Grayson says. "It screwed me up for a couple of years." This time, at least, he knew the value of venting the pressure and anger he felt. "After seven days, I went off where no one could see me and cried myself out." He'd spent the week clearing out the second-floor day-care center where the 19 murdered infants were found.

In my early e-mail correspondence with Grayson, I asked how he dealt with all the disaster and death he saw. Why hasn't it gotten to you? I asked. He responded this way:

"For the past 28 years on the job I've averaged bagging 15 to 20 blown-up or burned bodies a year...I've worked through post-traumatic stress syndrome twice, and I am still here. I guess I'm just not sensitive enough to fall apart."

He went on to give a more serious answer:

"I think the answer goes back to joining the Marines at 17 at the beginning of the Vietnam War. The Marines and 14 months in the big green as a squad

leader made me grow up too fast. By the time I came back home and received my discharge in the mid-'60s, I was already an old man."

Memories bind people together, and it might be the bad ones that weave the tightest bonds, particularly among those who fight the same fight, take the same risks. We all incorporate others' experiences into our own mythology, but there's a strangely literal sharing between one soldier, firefighter, or cop and another. Veterans' most detailed stories often relate what happened to the other guy. The men who work for Grayson know his stories as well as their own. They know the stories of guys who live thousands of miles away.

Squad member John Williamson, 48, who joined the Bomb/Arson team last year, has been shot twice in his 21 previous years with the Sheriff's Department. His utterly harrowing account of looking up from the driver's seat of a parked squad car to see a criminal's gun barrel is a story he'll

tell if asked, but he's more likely to dwell on the risks faced by a buddy, a NYC firefighter, survivor of 9/11, whose on-the-job exposure to toxic chemicals led to cancer this year. Over the years, the lifers in this work carry a lot more than their own baggage; all this collective-memory stuff is pretty damn heavy too.

"WE ALL FOUGHT SO YOU COULD KEEP THE RIGHT TO BURN THE AMERICAN FLAG, NOT THAT WE RECOMMEND YOU DO THAT IN FRONT OF US, MIND YOU."

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Each of the squad members has his own way to temporarily exorcise ghosts or escape from work pressures. Five of the seven are presently married (five have been divorced), all but one have children, one is preparing to adopt a child. They all work

through the infinite to-do lists of the middle-class Southern Californian: yard work, remodeling, carpooling, stealing time for occasional surfing or the like. They all spend more money than they want to for stuff their fathers never dreamed of buying. To a man, they say their wives and girlfriends have made peace with their

downstairs in the house. On weekends, Grayson usually can't resist driving out to the bomb range to make sure all is well.

Increasingly Grayson's "free time" is spent teaching, a pastime he may ramp up when he gets around to retiring. Most months he can be found in front of a range of groups: college students, service clubs, lawmakers, other emergency-services and law-enforcement types.

I sat in as he spoke to a community emergency response team (CERT) in Coronado one late-summer evening. It was a potentially tough room, a tricky mix of ages and political-cause lapel buttons. Grayson broke the ice by sharing that his 40-year-old son was, at that moment, stationed in Iraq. He asked other veterans in the audience to raise their hands. "We all fought so you could keep the right to burn the American flag," he said, adding sotto voce with a grin, "Not that we recommend you do that in front of us, mind you." He assured his listeners that civilians like them are vital to efforts at a post-disaster scene.

Grayson showed a film built around graphic disaster-scene

footage, meant to acquaint civilians with the demands they could face as first-responders. Driving to the event he'd predicted the first question with perfect accuracy. What's the likelihood of terrorist bombings on local soil? His answer was intentionally blunt: "It will happen. The only real question is: 'How strong will we be when it does?'" The room became very quiet.

On the drive back to El Cajon, Grayson checks his office voice mail. Some TV reporter needs a sound bite. New hires in the Sheriff's Department want to come see the bomb museum at the range. Then he checks in with squad members: A stash of pipe bombs was recovered without incident. Good. That big arson case has a court date. Excellent. Grayson pushes his glasses up on his nose, twice. He's tap-tapping his left foot as he drives. I imagine he'd just as soon dispense with the wasted hours about to be spent sleeping and get right back at it. I scribble in my notebook the fourth absolute truth for a good bomb tech: There is always going to be more work to do tomorrow. ■

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SHADY ALLEYS

BEING IN HIGH SCHOOL, I SEE THE MANY STUDENTS WHO COME TO SCHOOL HIGH EVERY DAY. I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT SEEING IT IS FUNNY, BUT SAD, TOO.

I once knew a woman who grew marijuana in a small pot next to her kitchen sink. She was going through chemotherapy for breast cancer and smoked cannabis to ease the nausea, vomiting, pain, and fatigue caused by the treatment. After her cancer had gone into remission, she continued to smoke, even though she was no longer experiencing side effects from chemo. She had become addicted and frequently smoked it in front of her children.

As a teenager, I believe that the legalization of marijuana for medical use will send the wrong message. Allowing an illegal and harmful drug as a medical option may encourage young adults to think that marijuana is safe for recreational use. The Food and Drug Administration lists marijuana as a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Schedule I substances have a high potential for abuse and lack accepted medical use.

It has been proven that marijuana not only damages the brain, heart, lungs, and immune system, but it interferes with memory, perception, and judgment. The fact that the drug contains cancer-causing compounds raises more questions about the value of its use; it is ironic that a cancer patient would smoke a cancer-causing drug when there are many legal and less-dangerous prescription drugs available.

The FDA says it will continue to be receptive to scientifically based research into the medicinal uses of botanical marijuana. However, because medical marijuana's purpose is to relieve symptoms, it may not be a high priority

for approval.

I have noticed a tremendous amount of people pushing for the legalization of medical marijuana via websites, government petitions, and advertisements in periodicals, including the *San Diego Reader*. Why are so many people committing such a great amount of their time and resources trying to legalize a single herb for symptom relief? What is their true agenda? Their time would be much better spent encouraging the research and development of drugs that can cure and prevent the diseases that cause such symptoms in the first place.

With so many people working to legalize medical marijuana, what is next for California? The legalization of heroin for medical use? Some may claim it alleviates symptoms of their disease.

— Erin Bradley,
Rancho Bernardo H.S.

They had me on a morphine drip and, boy, was I happy.

Two years ago, I dislocated my left knee in gym class, and the only thing that kept me from chewing my throbbing leg off like a trapped fox was the painkiller. That's why I cannot dismiss the arguments of activists for medical marijuana.

Lawyers, judges, and even doctors cannot judge the pain a person experiences. Only the sufferer knows the extent of their pain. It is not right for lawmakers to decide whether marijuana can be used for medicine; the choice must be given to users who are being advised by responsible doctors. But there must be guidelines for use.

Medical marijuana users should not be allowed to grow their own plants. I am



Marijuana

not allowed to manufacture Prozac in my bedroom, so it should not be legal for medical marijuana users to grow their own medicine. To retain the medical label, marijuana should be prescribed and distributed like any other pharmaceutical, through a pharmacy. The main roadblock for this policy: medical marijuana is illegal under federal law.

Some people argue that legalizing medical marijuana nationwide would encourage impressionable adolescents to try the drug. I go to high school; believe me, laws are not discouraging anyone determined to get high from getting marijuana. Many teen users see the law as a fun hurdle to jump. Activists for the legalization of marijuana for recreational use hear this and argue, "Then why not legalize marijuana altogether?" A drawback to legalizing marijuana — besides the increase in irresponsible teenagers taking

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Insomnia

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To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

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- Study procedures and tests

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a mind-numbing drug — is that parents who tell their children to “just say no” will no longer be backed up by the law.

My knee is fine now; I was in a brace for only three weeks. But there are responsible people who are in chronic pain and may never be healthy again. Medical marijuana can ease that pain. Many Americans

do not sanction cruel and unusual punishment, so why should the ill be allowed to suffer?

— Madeline McCurry-Schmidt,
Valhalla H.S.

Marijuana is often associated with delinquents and deals in shady alleys. Many people, especially parents,

are convinced that marijuana is a “gateway” drug that leads to further narcotic use. However, as grounded as this stereotype claims to be, it is not relevant in the case of medical marijuana.

The effective use of cannabis for medicinal purposes has been proven by prominent research groups and endorsed by

national organizations such as the American Cancer Society. California’s Compassionate Use Act allows patients with a doctor’s approval to grow, smoke, or acquire the drug for medical needs. The law paved the way for the drug to be used to relieve painful effects of multiple sclerosis, cancer, AIDS, glaucoma, diabetes, and chemother-

apy. Opponents of medical marijuana need to face reality and put aside preconceived notions of “that hippie drug.”

Some people fear that abuse will increase if medical marijuana is entirely legalized. However, many people forget that doctors already prescribe more addictive and potentially lethal drugs to patients, including attention deficit disorder drugs such as Ritalin and pain relievers such as morphine and Vicodin. An overdose on any of these drugs can lead to death; in contrast, smoking marijuana cannot. The claim that marijuana is more addictive than morphine or Ritalin (which is becoming popular among teenagers) is ludicrous. Furthermore, marijuana’s legalization as a medical drug has not led to an increase in teen usage.

According to the Cal-

ifornia Student Survey, teen marijuana use in California continued to rise steadily from 1990 to 1996 but began falling immediately after the first medical marijuana law was passed in 1996. Even Drug Enforcement Agency chief administrative law judge Francis L. Young ruled in 1988, “In strict medical terms, marijuana is far safer than many foods we commonly consume. For example, eating ten raw potatoes can result in a toxic response. By comparison, it is physically impossible to eat enough marijuana to induce death.”

The Controlled Substances Act of 1970 placed marijuana in Schedule I, defining it “as having a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision.” However, research since then has

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proven otherwise. Moreover, 35 states have passed legislation that authorizes its medical benefits.

— Jennie Matusova,
La Jolla H.S.

I believe there are good uses for marijuana. Look at all of the victims of multiple sclerosis or leukemia; their pain is constant. I believe that with the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes, it would help ease some of the pain that these people go through. I believe that it should be used for medicine only.

Being in high school, I see the many students who come to school high every day. I have to admit that seeing it is funny, but sad, too. Many of these kids don't realize what they are putting their bodies through! With the legalization of this drug, can you imagine how many other teens will be subjected to it? Even kids like me, who don't even wish to try it... What I am trying to say is, we can all be tempted. Marijuana's legalization would definitely


send the wrong message to us teens. Doctors should be the only ones allowed to distribute this drug. I feel that the state should not even attempt to override federal law on this issue.

If this drug were legalized, I don't think that it would necessarily open the door for other drugs because most of the other ones have way more devastating effects. I shudder to think about having those drugs sold in open markets. Can you imagine buying crystal meth at a local Wal-Mart or Target?

— Lee Ann Gonzales,
Monte Vista H.S.



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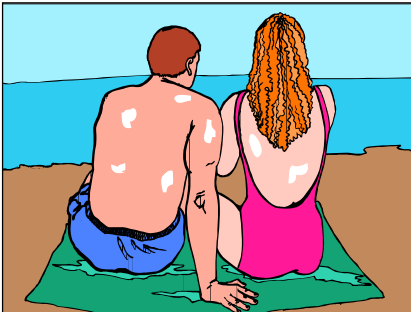
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Some symptoms of schizophrenia include:

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- Paranoia, or unnecessary mistrust or suspicion

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Doctors argue that there are several legal prescription drugs that provide effective relief from pain. Most of these medications have brutal side effects (especially in the level prescribed by doctors) not the least of which is addiction. The effects of marijuana, conversely, are usually likened to those of cigarettes — plus the hallucinogenic effects.

But let's forget about the patients because it isn't about them. It's about state-versus-federal powers, which is as old as the Constitution; it's about the moral stigma that lawmakers associate with marijuana and the notion of the nation's doctors functioning as street-drug vendors. The biggest issue, though, is about marijuana becoming legal as

a recreational drug after it's become legal as a medication. There's little question about people in pain who need relief, but lawmakers are more worried about the message this will send.

What might that message be? That the criminalization of marijuana, like Prohibition, is truly failing? Well, it may be. As it stands, the small fines for possession, ease of acquisition, and the number of casual users constitute a neglect of the laws against it.

At some point, the more liberal states will begin making concessions to the legalization campaign. Eventually most (if not all) of the states will follow. The challenges of enforcing current laws will be a factor, but it will become a money matter,

like everything else. If there is a demand, someone will fill it, and whether gangsters or governments reap the benefits depends on the Capitol.

— Robert Burton,
Helix H.S.

I believe that marijuana should be legalized for people who need it. Some people will claim to have health problems just so they can obtain medical marijuana, so, the law will be broken no matter what.

The lifting of Prohibition in 1933 didn't lead to the acceptance of other drugs. I don't believe the legalization of marijuana would lead to the legalization of other drugs. Teens will try marijuana even if it isn't legal.

Since 1996, 11 states have legalized medical marijuana. I find it very strange that doctors are currently allowed to prescribe cocaine and morphine but not marijuana. According to administrative law judge Francis L. Young, "Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known...." Most people who smoke marijuana only smoke it once. Smaller than 1 percent of Americans develop a dependence on marijuana. Put into perspective, pot is less addictive than coffee.

— Natalie Venolia,
Ramona H.S. ■

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It was wonderful fun, and pretty comical, as these “Indians” who knew nada, zip, zilch, about their heritage, stumbled through the motions of a stomp dance.

ON BECOMING TSALAGI



I grew up in Oklahoma, which was, until 1889, an aggregation of contiguous Indian reservations. When the Whites arrived the Indians stayed, having no place else to go, and there was a lot of inbreeding. Most of the older families in Oklahoma are proud that they have a little Indian blood. Not too much, mind you, somewhere between an eighth and a quarter is optimal.

My mother and I moved to Oklahoma when I was five. As far as I knew my ancestry was English, Irish, and Dutch. That’s what I was told and that’s what I believed.

I grew up kind of envying people who had Indian blood. My sister Saundra, from my dad’s second family, more than shared my admiration for that life. She practiced it. Ten years ago, she constructed a medicine wheel on our other sister, Shirley’s farm, and we’ve — blunderingly,

but with huge enjoyment — held Indian ceremonies there whenever the family got together. This was something I would never have thought to do, but I loved it.

Then, in 1999, Shirley called and told me stunning news. A lady from the Cherokee Nation of Arkansas and Missouri had contacted us. We were part Cherokee.

“Naw, can’t be,” Shirley responded. The lady took offense. Were we prejudiced against Native Americans?

“Not at all,” Shirley responded. “But we know what our ancestry is, and we’re not Indian. We’re blonds and redheads, English and Irish.”

“Well,” the lady responded, “your

great-grandmother wasn’t. She was a full-blood Cherokee Indian.”

At that time our dad was ninety-one, living in a little house on Shirley’s farm. Shirley asked him what he knew of his paternal grandmother, who had died when his father was two. The heritages of all our other ancestors were known; like I said, English, Irish, Dutch. “Well,” Dad replied, “they said she was an American.”

So, we were English, Irish, Dutch...and American.

The Cherokee Nation of Arkansas and Missouri, as it turned out, was descended from 600 Cherokee families who had crossed the Mississippi in 1720,

to get away from the steady influx of White people. They found them overbearing, wasteful, dirty, and foul-smelling. Daily bathing — “Go to Water” — was a ritual with the Cherokee, even when they had to break ice to do it. The Whites found this practice primitive, so strange that they called the Cherokee “The Clean People.”

When Whites settled Missouri and Arkansas, they found the Cherokee already living among them, and living in pretty much the same way, in cabins on family farms. In 1838, the Jackson administration stole all the Cherokee land east of the Mississippi and transferred all the Indians they could, in a forced exodus, to the Indian Territory that is now eastern Oklahoma.

But probably, a third of the tribe just faded into the hills. They were already a mixed-race people. At the time of the exodus — the “Trail of Tears,” on which one-third of the transfers perished, mostly children and old people — the Chief of the Cherokee was John Ross, who was one-eighth Indian and seven-eighths Scottish.

So it was easy for many Cherokee to simply disappear. If anyone questioned their ancestry, they claimed to be “Ital-

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ian” or “Black Dutch,” whatever that might be. For generations these Indians hid among the general population. Some kept the memory, and some forgot, like us.

In those days, the lot of those who let word of

their ancestry get out was grim. They were discriminated against. Their children were kidnapped by the government and put in Indian schools, where they were taught to feel inferior.

But times and society

have changed. It’s safe to come out now.

In the spring of 1999, my sisters and I went to a powwow of the Cherokee Nation of Arkansas and Missouri. There were a few members of the tribe who

knew the customs, and led us through them. It was wonderful fun, and pretty comical, as these “Indians” who knew nada, zip, zilch, about their heritage, stumbled through the motions of a stomp dance, an Indian

wedding of two blond kids whose noble steed was a fire-engine red Camaro, a lot of campfire singing, and a revival meeting. A number of these folks were fundamentalist Christians, and they figured Jesus would be

right at home in the Nation.

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The stomp dance was a revelation to me. The second time around, with my sisters on my arm, I realized I was in an altered state of consciousness. All the jabber of my mind was quiet, and my soul had blended with the drumming and the step, the woods and the air, and the minds of all present. We were a single organism, connected by invisible bands. Everyone there felt it. It was coming home to a home we’d never known we had. We were a big, extended family.

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Shortly after learning of our family heritage, I contacted a couple of old friends, Captain D.L. “Pappy” Hicks, and Paul Williams. Both are part Cherokee, have known it all their lives, and take that immodest pride in it that is so typical of the Nation. Other things we have in common are that we are all three combat veterans of the Vietnam War, and all are writers.

I met Paul when we were in the writing program at the University of Arkansas. Paul had been an enlisted forward observer — usually an officer’s job — with the Marines in northern South Vietnam. He has a lot of complicated memories and a slight limp from that period. Paul has written many literary stories set among the Cherokee of Northeast Oklahoma. Reading them is about all I know of that life, and possibly all I will ever know. I came to this late, and no matter how much I study, most of it will have to be book learning.

Pappy was a career soldier, and more to the point, a professional soldier. He was a kid rifleman in Korea and a one-man special operative in Laos and Vietnam. His trademark was a Gurkha kukri knife, an instrument with which he was sufficiently proficient to decapitate a running man. He is in his seventies today, and walks with a cane, but he is still nobody to mess with.

Among his other claims to fame, Pappy is Principal Chief of the Texas Cherokee, another band of separated, mostly part-Indian Cherokee who have rebanded together. He’s

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written the best book I've read about what life was like in the Nation before the White Man came. This book was a revelation to me, because the life it describes is like the life I've always lived, and thought myself most peculiar for the living of it.

This is single-source anthropology. Pappy got all of it from his grandfather, a man known in his later years as Indian Charlie. The title of the book is *Tsalagi Beginnings: Religion and Customs*, and even that has a tale.

The name *Ani-tsalagi* was a term used by the *Anidawehi* (A-nee-da-way-hee), the medicine men, in prayers, and also by the Cherokee as their name for the tribe. The name is from the word, *tsalegi* (ja-lay-gee), "mountain ridge." *Ani-tsalagi* means "People of the Mountain Ridge."

"Cherokee" is a bastardized form of a word from the Choctaw trade language. The word is *Chiluki*, "People from the cave country." The earliest written spelling is from De Soto, who uses "*Chalque*" for the Choctaw word "*Chiluki*." There are about 50 different variations of this word, including "Cherokee."

In addition to practicing superior hygiene, it seems to me that the Cherokee had a superior social organization, in that it was based on the way people actually are, rather than what one might hope them to be.

First, and to me foremost, men did not own real property. Men owned weapons, clothing, gear for hunting and war, and, after the Whites arrived, horses. Young men lived in a sort of barracks. If a young man, or an old one for that matter, found a lady he fancied, he brought her a bundle of firewood. If she favored him, she cooked him a meal with it, and if the dinner went well, he got his gear and moved in. If things went sour, he took his gear and left, or she put it on the porch, and he took it away. Some couples lasted a lifetime, and other unions formed and dissolved, but either way there was no social stigma. The father of children could have any relationship he wanted with them, but the official male

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parental duties fell to the brother of the woman.

Like the United States, the Cherokee had three branches of government. Unlike the United States, the three branches were war, peace, and women.

The men had separate chiefs and councils for both war and peace. The war chief who lost a battle, or a war, could expect, at the least, to be busted back to buck private. Execution was another possibility.

To me, the women's council was the most interesting. The women did not propose laws, rules, or policies, at least not in council with the men. But they had a formal veto over everything. Their leader bore the title "Most Beloved Woman."

The Cherokee also had a great way of handling the "women in the military" problem. Men went to war, period. Women *could* go to war. And about ten percent of Cherokee women suited up and went with the guys. It should be pointed out that in this type of warfare, the concept of "support

troops" was unheard of. These babes were fighters.

When I first heard of the Cherokee social organization, I felt a great sense of identification, because it's pretty much the way I've always lived. I was a professional soldier for years of my life, and a war correspondent after that. I have never had the slightest desire to own a house or land. For some years it was my policy not to own more than I could get in my car, although books and record albums finally made that impossible. I've been married four times, and have had many liaisons that did not involve marriage.

As a child of divorce, growing up in the '40s and '50s, I promised myself I would never divorce, but I did, and I beat myself up over that very badly.

When I read about the Cherokee lifestyle, I identified with it, and felt vindicated. I like to say that I'm one-eighth Cherokee, fair-skinned and redheaded or not. The one-eighth is in the shape of the nose, the

cheekbones, and the attitude.

I was a lousy father, my biggest failure in life. But my kids still love me, and I them, and I've been able to do them a few good turns over the years, even as my dad, also a lousy father, was able to do for me.

But realizing that I was connected to a tradition, rather than just a lone, loser asshole, was reassuring, and also set me to thinking.

In the part of the world I come from, which is pretty much Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, my life experiences are not that unusual. A period of military service, at least when I grew up, was still considered a duty, not an imposition. About half the population are veterans of multiple marriages, and this was long before it became the norm in the rest of the country.

Why was that? Maybe the effects of genetics extend further than is generally recognized. Six hundred Cherokee families settled in Arkansas and Missouri in 1720. Then, a hundred-plus years later, their descen-

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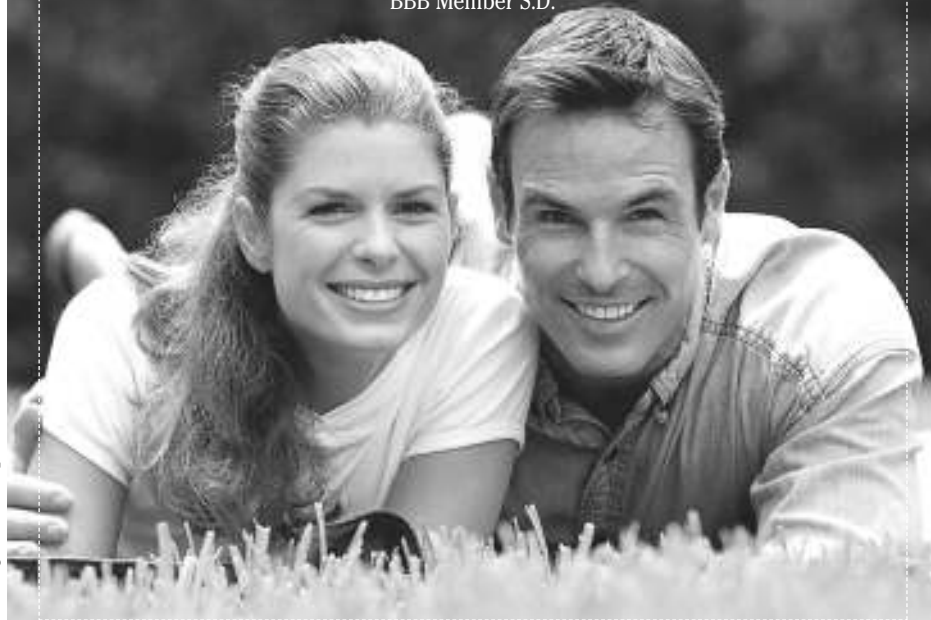
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dants blended into the general population. It seems to me that by now there should be no families who have been there for three generations or more that are not part Cherokee.

After my sisters started checking into their genealogy, they found that, in addition to being one-eighth Cherokee on their father's side, they were a quarter Cherokee on their mother's. I haven't checked into my mother's ancestry, but my Uncle Fred was of a swarthy cast, and had a variation of the Cherokee nose.

With hundreds of Indian tribes in the United States, many are doing the same disappearing act. My surmise is that there aren't very many native Americans who are not Native American to some degree.

The movement to reclaim their Indian heritage by those who have recently discovered it has received a mixed reaction from the fullbloods and mixed-bloods who have always been part of a tribe. They range from "Welcome

Home," to "Who the hell do these people think they are?"

It is comical to watch a bunch of folks who have never been to an Indian powwow try to put one together from an instruction book.

For some Indians, the move to reclaim that heritage inspires outright rage. But knowledge is there for anyone who needs it, whether it's knowledge of nuclear physics or the Sundance.

In the late '80s I edited a couple of books by a woman named Wabun Wind, originally Marlise James, who had become a follower of a medicine man named Sun Bear. In 1993, she and Sun Bear appeared at a New Age exposition in Pasadena, and I went there to see if I could catch up and possibly meet Sun Bear in person.

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the sole purpose of teaching Indian culture and spiritual practices to Whites. Many of his followers were German, fans of the German Western writer, Karl May. This business of White kids dancing around and taking names like Laughing Eagle and Paints-the-Garage gave these Indian kids the leaping fantods.

So here's this young "brave" standing there in designer shades and Calvin Klein jeans, raging at Sun Bear for ripping off his culture.

There is probably no one alive who cannot play the being-offended-as-a-victim-of-oppression game if he or she wants to. The White soldiers who "conquered" the Indians — i.e. picked up the pieces when most of them died of diseases brought here by Europeans — were largely descended from the Irish, who were conquered by the English, who had been conquered by the Romans, who were destroyed by the Visigoths, or had some other complicated genealogy. Most

of the Europeans who came here were descendants of tribes that had been conquered by an empire. So what else is new?

On a more positive note, there's a guy in Malibu named Miguel Rivera. He runs sweats and performs other Indian ceremonies. At one of his sweats I connected to a memory of a previous lifetime, or a racial memory, or a really cool fantasy — whatever you want to call it — of a buffalo hunt before the White Man came. No horses, the whole thing was on foot. Whatever you believe, it was a great experience, one I could never have had any other way.

Miguel was a student of the late Wallace Black Elk, grandson of the famed Black Elk, subject of the book *Black Elk Speaks*, by John G. Neihardt. You can't get more authentic than that.

Miguel is a Sundancer, a participant in, and now leader of, a ceremony that, if it were undertaken unwillingly, would be called tor-

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The first ceremony that Miguel staged was invaded by a group of young Lakota Sioux, who came to bust it up. When they saw the care, the respect, and the authenticity with which it was done, they stayed to help.

Painful as it is in the near term, over the long haul cross-cultural fertilization is usually a good thing. The Cherokee are inordinately proud of being the only Indian tribe with its own written language. But they did not have one until Sequoyah, also known as George Guess, Guest, or

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Gist, got the idea from the Whites. And, as is frequently the case, did them one better.

Sequoyah didn't speak or, obviously, write English. So when he decided to create written Cherokee, he had to figure out how to do it from scratch. He devised the 87-character Cherokee Syllabary. He contrived a separate symbol for every sound in spoken Cherokee. It took him seventeen years to do it, but from the time he finished, and taught his

daughter to read and write, only one year passed before the entire tribe learned it. If you can speak Cherokee, it only takes about two weeks to memorize the syllabary, and bingo, you're literate. Conversely, there are parts of Indian culture that the Whites must adopt to survive. Whites conceive of themselves as something separate and apart from the Earth, as owners, rulers, exploiters of the planet. In the Indian culture, this parasitical attitude is insane.

Any objective view of reality shows clearly that the Indians have this one right. The Caucasian idea has turned the Sahara Forest into the Sahara Desert, and is about to do the same for the San Joaquin Valley.

Our population and economy cannot continue to expand indefinitely within a finite system, which any planet definitely is.

Just as I have come to believe that Indian genes have distributed themselves throughout the American

gene pool, it's a fairly safe bet that African genes have too. A cursory look at American Blacks reveals that almost all have some European ancestry. I daresay the reverse is also true.

I remember reading about New Orleans planters and their "Quadroon" and "Octoroon" mistresses. It seems obvious that the children of these mistresses would look White, that their fathers, who probably loved them — no matter how much they might have

wished otherwise — sent them away to school, and told them to head west when they graduated.

And my guess is that when they got to Oklahoma, California, or wherever, they forgot to tell the locals to hate them.

An Australian acquaintance, a mercenary, and probably the most racist man I've ever met, once said, "In Europe they think all Americans are niggers. You walk like 'em, you talk like 'em."

I'm fine with that.

My belief is that Americans are a new people — that the melting pot melted us a lot more than most people realize, or maybe want to believe.

There is another factor that influences who we are: Black, White, Red, whatever. That factor is the land.

I have this theory that I call the "Spirit of the Land Theory." It's probably not original with me, but I've never encountered it anywhere else. The idea is that

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the land itself has spiritual qualities that transfer to the people who live on it. I was once expounding on this to my friend Julia, then a textbook editor with Harcourt Brace Jovanovich in San Diego. "For instance," I said, "I'll bet the Indians who lived in Texas before the White Man came were also blowhard assholes."

You have to be careful what you say and how you say it. Many of those Indians were Comanche, and my son has since married a Comanche woman. Almost any Comanche would bust you square in the chops for calling him a blowhard asshole. But none would object to being described as proud to the point of arrogance, and unabashedly vocal about it.

In any case, Julia dissolved in laughter. "I don't know anything about the Texas Indians," she said, "but I once edited a book about the Southern California Indians.

"According to the manuscript, they had no archi-

ture, because they didn't need it. Their most sophisticated tool was a digging stick. They quickly succumbed to disease when the Whites arrived, because they sold them their women for trinkets.

"What they did have was seventeen ceremonial drugs that they took at varying times throughout the day. They had drug routes that extended halfway down into South America."

"There you have it," I said. "Spirit of the Land."

Most Indians, if you go back far enough, are of Asian ancestry, but they never based tribal membership on race. The Comanche augmented their numbers by raiding down into Mexico for children. Mexicans are a Mestizo people, which is to say of Indian and Spanish ancestry. So all Comanche today, even the fullbloods, have some European ancestry. On the eastern seaboard many escaped slaves hid with Indians, and many were adopted into the tribes.

In addition, I believe

that the eastern tribes' notably paler complexion came from abandoned Viking settlements. I don't believe Leif Erickson was the first, or the only. Think about it. You're thousands of miles from home. You could take a long sea voyage back, passing between icebergs, to a cold place where people don't bathe. Or you could settle down in a place where the hunting is good and the babes are hot.

Like I said, a new people. I believe that the mind of America is White, the Soul of America is Black, and the Spirit of America is Red. I believe that we all have that heritage, that it is ours to claim.

If I want to drive Detroit iron 120 miles an hour on an abandoned county airport runway, I will do it. If I want to boogie till the break of dawn, I will do that, and if I want to sit in a sweatlodge, or learn the wisdom of the Toltec, I will do that too.

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Nick Vitalich, Jr. scans the oyster-colored sky for rain.

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Before he climbs into the yellow Toyota forklift to cart the fish into the warehouse, he points at the skipper of the seiner that has just docked. "You've got to understand the Sicilian temperament," says Vitalich, a Yugoslav. "They start out everything they say and do from the perspective that life is very hard, that they're working and working but barely making ends meet, even if they're doing all

right. They're a very sad people in their work."

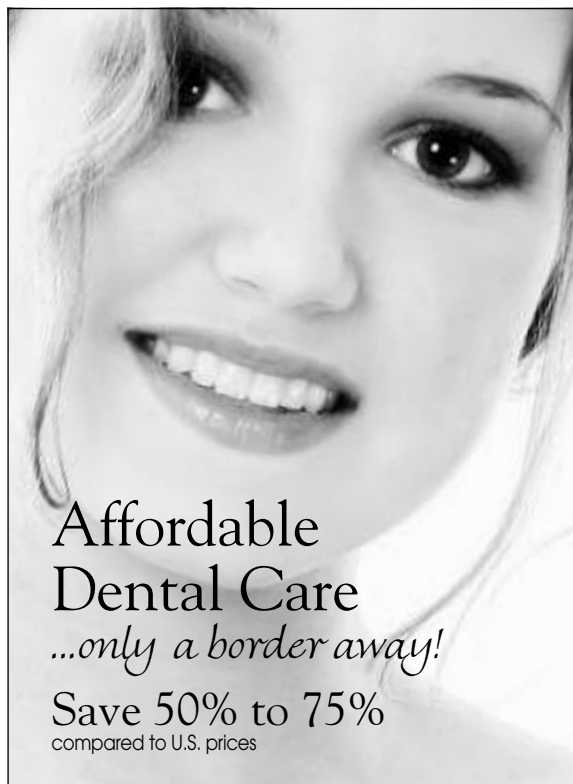
As Vitalich hauls the cargo to Chesapeake Fish Company, on the waterfront near Harbor Drive and Market Street, a menacing sou'wester blows in cold from over the ocean, bringing with it a trace of rain. A man named Joe Engrande ambles over to the pier from the nearby People's Fish market and restaurant, of which he is part owner. He is wearing black

rubber boots and a yellow apron. "Where's Whitey?" Engrande asks a man on a fishing boat. The skipper of the craft points out past Coronado and says, "He's still out there. Man, he's tough. We came in last night, it was getting so bad. Hit a south swell." Engrande, who comes from an old Sicilian fishing family, turns back toward his store. "Those guys are taking their lives in their hands when they go

out in weather like this," he says in a voice of admiration and frustration. "My oldest boy works on a tuna boat. He lost his thumb and part of a finger in some machinery on the boat. It's a rough life. I hope my youngest boy doesn't ever want to fish. He's in school. I don't think he wants to. Jeez, I hope not."

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have pulled their creaky 40-footer against the pier. They are slicing open three thresher sharks that were trapped in the boat's gill net: The skipper, Salvatore Russo, yells at a young Italian on the dock and says the roller broke, so they had to haul in the net by hand.

Both Sal and the young man are compatriots from Palermo, Sicily. The young one is newly arrived; Sal, who is short and swarthy and in his middle 40s, has fished the waters off San Diego for 14 years.

That morning Sal and his mate had left for the open

sea to catch rockfish for a local seafood market, but because the roller broke, they had to return early and be satisfied with the sharks they had already snagged. When they arrived back at the pier, the man from the market said he didn't want sharks, so Sal went to Chesa-

peake and talked to the manager, who agreed to buy them for 65 cents a pound, cleaned. Sal said later, "I don't like fishing for those other guys. All the time, they cry to me. They say, 'Hey Sally, go fish for me.' Then when I come back and they don't like what I got, they cry. Waa waa."

Sal wears a pair of faded Rugged K overalls, thigh-length rubber boots, a blue turtle-neck sweater, and a blue baseball cap. His mate, a gray-bearded man of 50 with a finely weathered face, wears a white thermal undershirt and a yellow apron. The old graybeard digs a short-bladed knife under the left pectoral fin of the biggest shark and carves forward under the gills, splitting the shark open. He sticks his fist into the open wound and removes the warm, bloody innards, tossing them onto the boat deck. As he does so, four fully developed baby sharks spill from the open gut onto the deck next to the pile

of steamy entrails. Unperturbed, the fisherman turns the mother shark over and cleans the other side, then cuts off the head and the long, flat tail. He washes his hands in a gray, plastic bucket, mixing blood and seawater.

David Ptak, manager of Chesapeake, cranks the pier-side electric winch and lifts the carcasses from the boat onto the waiting forklift. "Hey!" yells Sal from the deck. "You got it!" A crowd of onlookers approaches from a nearby seafood restaurant. Sal grabs hold of the shark heads, jams winch hooks through the eyes, and hangs the heads in a grisly public display. Most of the gawkers avert their eyes and walk away. Sal climbs from his boat and follows Ptak into the warehouse, where the fish are weighed. Ptak writes out a check for \$325: a day's work for Sal and his mate.

That money, though, is not all profit, as any fisherman will attest. There are boat

payments, equipment repairs, gasoline, and other expenses that must be considered before salaries. And to make matters worse — to make life even rougher than it already is — Sal and his colleagues must contend with a ban on swordfish accidentally caught in their gill nets. "Hey, what am I gonna do?" he asks. "A swordfish, he swims into my net. I gotta cut him loose. Why not I give him to the poor people? It's nuts, I tell you. It's already dead, but I gotta cut him loose. When they do stuff like this, you know what happens to guys like me?" He stamps his foot onto the cement bulwark of the dock and grinds his foot as if crushing a burning cigarette.

Although Ptak (pronounced pea-tack) was not expecting the sharks, he bought them anyway. Chesapeake Fish Company, the largest seafood wholesaler in San Diego, often finds itself currying favor with

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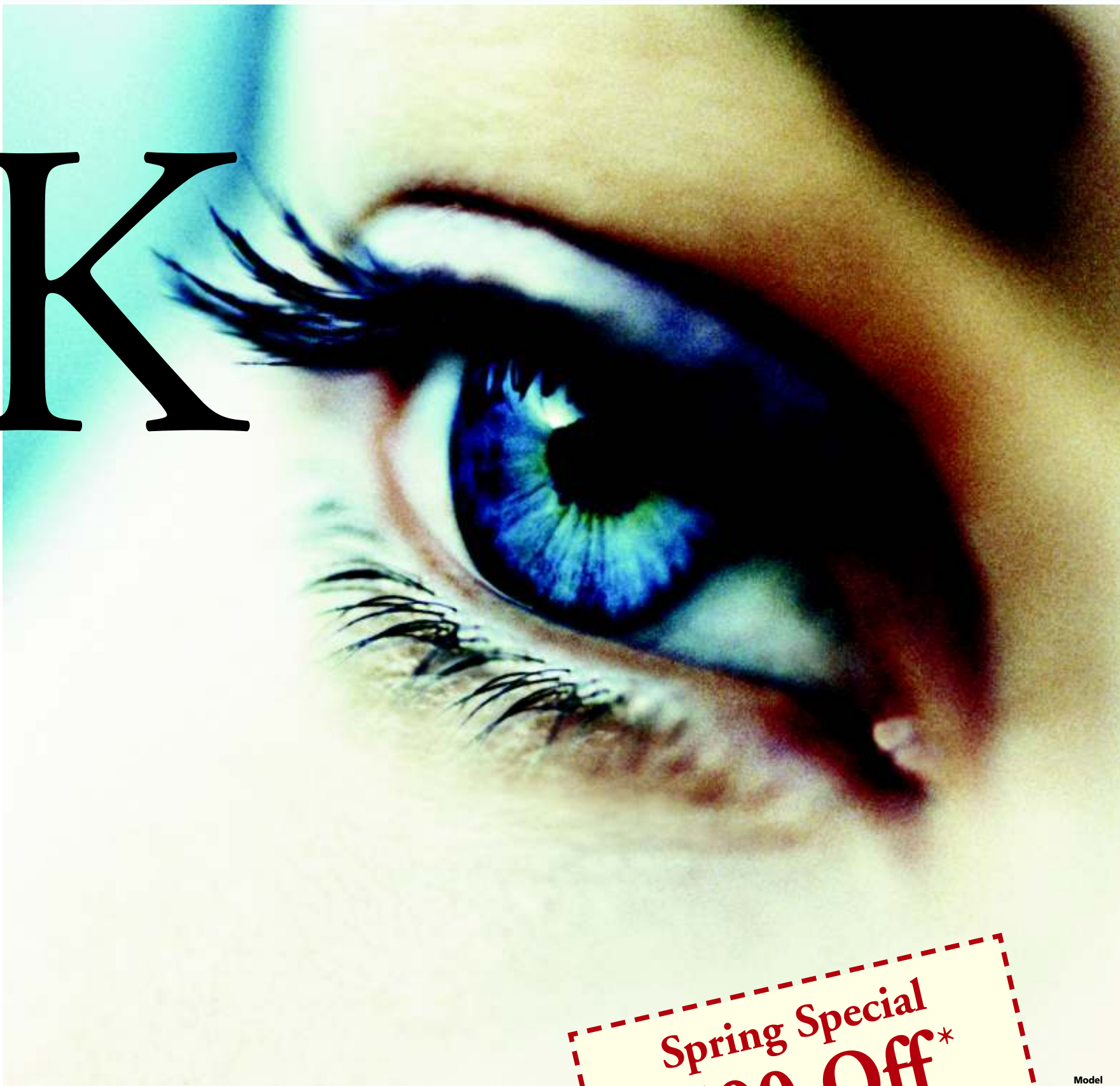


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the local fishermen to maintain good relations. "We're trying to keep as many local boats operating as possible," says 36-year-old Ptak. "We sometimes do that at a loss of money, because it will prove good for us in the long run. Some of those fishermen wouldn't meet if Chesapeake stopped buying fish. It would be difficult to admit that Chesapeake is keeping them going, but that is basically the case. We could possibly get all the fish we need from Mexico and the Pacific Northwest, and at a cheaper price, but the local fisherman is a convenient safety valve. Who knows how long the Northwest can keep up the high productivity it has now? In 15 years, I might be relying on the local boats to keep us in fish. In the long run, I need those guys."

Chesapeake is one of the top five wholesalers in Southern California, processing more than ten million pounds of fish a year. "We always need fish," says Ptak, "so I don't discourage any new fisherman."

On the other hand, if Chesapeake had just received 20,000 pounds of fish from the Northwest, and already had three local boats out fishing that day, and a fisherman said he wanted to go out for Chesapeake, Ptak would likely turn him down. "There are two rules I have," Ptak says. "If you didn't call me before you went out, then as far as I'm concerned you didn't go out and I don't want to hear about it. And also, with the exception of special circumstances, I don't buy fish on Fridays, because we don't work on Saturdays. Now if a guy was having problems and he couldn't get back because of engine trouble, or if he was sick, I'll make an exception." As he explains, a loudspeaker voice calls him to the telephone. He lifts the receiver and speaks with a *permisionario*, a Mexican fish dealer who has permission to cross the border to sell his fish. "Bueno," says David. "¿Quién habla?" He learns that the fish dealer, also called a *jefe* (meaning boss), is in Mexicali with a truckload of 4500 pounds of ice-packed sea bass. Ptak puts the

phone down and calls for Vito DeMaria, a part owner and 30-year veteran of Chesapeake. Although it is a Friday, they decide to break one of their rules and accept the fish, because they are nearly depleted. Vito says they need the load that same afternoon. Ptak tells this to the *jefe* but the Mexican demands an extra day. "It's tomorrow or not at all, he says," Ptak informs Vito. "Okay," sighs Vito, nodding his head. "Tomorrow. But tell him to make it early." The deal is made.

There are 23 wholesalers in San Diego. Union Fish is the only one comparable to Chesapeake in size. In Los Angeles County there are about 25 major wholesalers and 75 smaller ones. Few of them, though, count ten million pounds of fish a year. "When you get into the tens of thousands of pounds of fish, you're getting into our ball game," says Nick Vitalich, Jr., whose grandfather founded the Chesapeake Fish Company 65 years ago. "We're able to buy that sort of quantity at one time from one boat, whereas the smaller whole-

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At eight on a Monday morning in the Chesapeake warehouse, an electric insect-killing device with a voltaic-blue light makes a crisp snapping noise whenever it electrocutes another wayward fly. An extensive air-conditioning system cleans the air, leaving barely a trace of fishiness, despite the open boxes of newly packed seafood pressed against the 30-foot-high walls. The warehouse is chilly from the frozen air escaping the two large freezer rooms in the back, whenever a worker enters them. Men are driving electric

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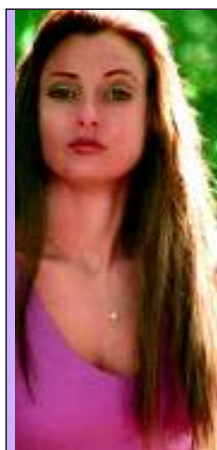
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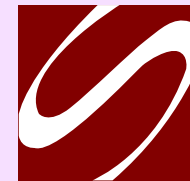
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All orders to and from Chesapeake are placed through phone operators in a glassed-in office overlooking the warehouse. "Let's say a guy from the Chart House restaurant calls," explains Ptak. "He asks, 'What do you got?' I say we have sea bass or red snapper or whatever we have that day. He says, 'Okay, give me a hundred pounds of sea bass.' An invoice is made, the orders are packed in boxes, and the deliveries are made in trucks. The restaurants call the day before to place their order, and we try to have the trucks off by eight or nine the next morning. There's not much to it, really. One thing you should understand about the fish: no mat-

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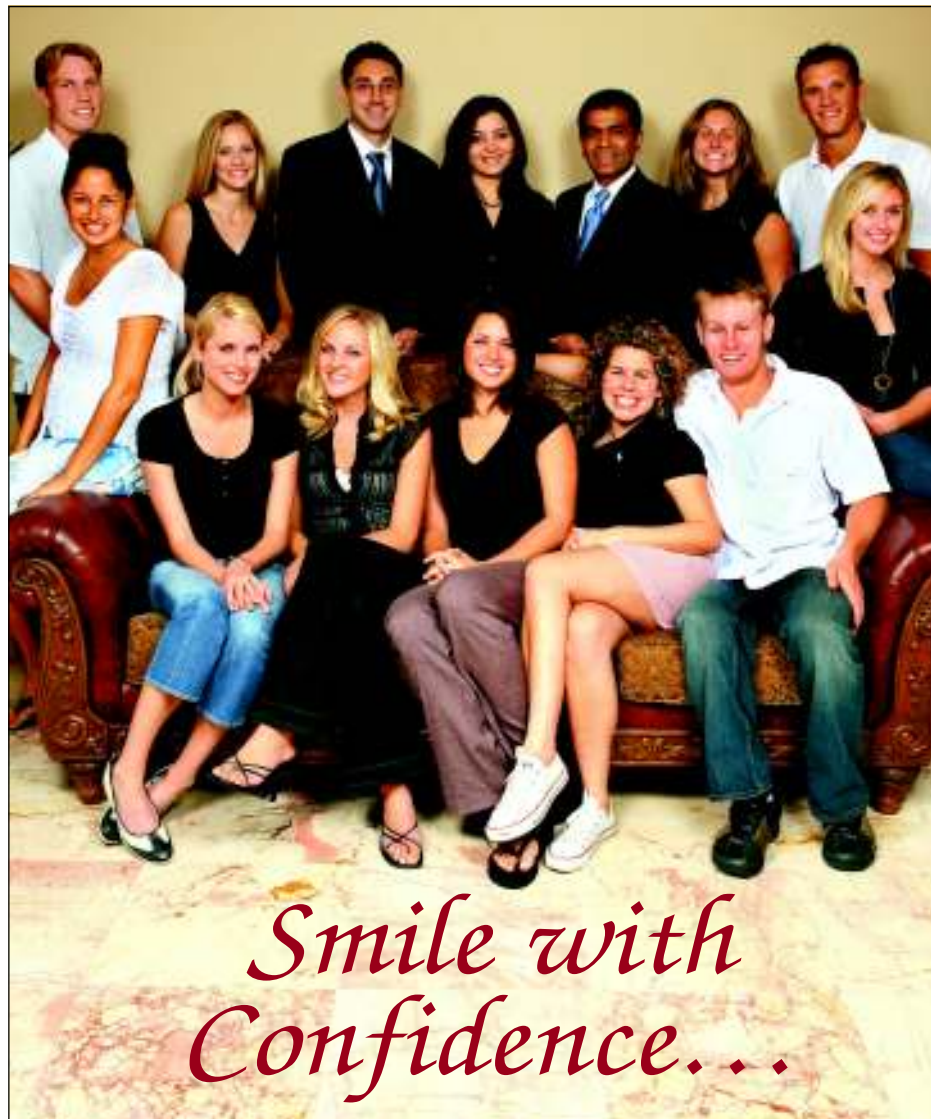
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ing it Chesapeake Fish Company. Camillo soon left the tuna cannery and began the J.J. Camillo fish brokerage firm next door to Chesapeake on the waterfront at the foot of Broadway. Camillo became the local representative for producers in the Pacific Northwest; now the firm represents producers and buyers nationwide and in Canada. Today, although the locations have shifted a few blocks to the south, Camillo and Chesapeake remain side by side.

In the 1920s, Papa Vitalich solidified many of his contacts in Mexico. "The agreements Papa established with the Mexicans were something more than an understanding, but not as formalized as a con-

tract," says Papa's grandson, Nick Vitalich, Jr., who is now 36 and who will own the company after his father and his uncle John. "The relationship began in about 1922 and has continued through about two or three generations. For example, there is a man named Vicente Castro, who home-stayed in San Ysidro below Santo Tomas before World War II and who fished for my grandfather. Now his son, Vicente Castro, Jr., is working for us here in the warehouse." By the 1950s, Papa's two sons, Nicholas and John, were running the company, although the patriarch was very much in evidence. "My grandfather used to think he was the king of the waterfront," Nick, Jr.

recalls, "and he let everybody know it." A local fisherman, Pete Buompensero, whose father fished for Chesapeake as Pete does today, remembers seeing Papa lording over the docks 25 years ago. "I remember Nick's grandfather," Buompensero says, "standing out here on the pier, always with a big cigar in his mouth. And man, when he yelled, everybody jumped."

Papa died in 1959, just as Chesapeake began to expand simultaneously with the city of San Diego. "They always said that Papa died on a weekend so we wouldn't have to close," says Nick. The days when Papa was alive are still remembered with fondness by longtime Chesapeake

employees like Vito DeMaria, 56, who joined the firm around 1950. "In the old days," says DeMaria, "back in the '50s, before we got all this modern stuff, we used to cook and process lobsters live from Mexico. We'd get a ton, a ton and a half a week. We'd cook them up until eleven or twelve at night, go home, sleep a couple of hours, then go back and cook some more. My blood is on the walls here. I always say that. I say, 'My blood is on the walls here.'"

Family tradition is almost sacred on the San Diego waterfront. Allegiances are made by grandfathers and honored by sons and grandsons. Through the years, five major families have emerged as lead-

ers in the San Diego fishing industry (excluding the tuna industry, which is generally considered apart from the rest because of its vastness). Besides the Vitalich and Camillo clans, there are the Saccio family, which runs the Fish Factory restaurant and San Diego Fish Company, a wholesale outlet; the Ohio family, which owns the Anthony's Seafood Restaurant chain; and the Busalacchi family, one branch of which owns People's Fish market and restaurant, and another branch of which owns Union Fish Company, the only other large wholesaler in San Diego besides Chesapeake.

The interrelationships of the five families through the years have often been turbu-

lent, but always interesting. "It's really, in a sense, a microcosm," says Nick Vitalich, Jr., "because you can see how the total spectrum of emotions is expressed on the waterfront. You can really see how war is made and how peace is made. And there have been battles. For example, Tod Ghio [a founder of the Anthony's restaurant chain] and my uncle didn't talk to each other for over a year. They can't remember why, but now they're going to spend a month together in Hawaii. That feud happened more than 13 years ago. And I remember Cosimo Busalacchi and Charlie Saccio, who have been right next door to each other for years, still don't speak to each other. It's been

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20 years. One night I went out drinking with Cosimo, and I said, 'Why don't you talk with Charlie?' And he said, 'You know, I can't remember.' The sons, they talk to each other and do business together, though."

According to Vitalich, a lot of the Old World tradition has faded from family life — except on the waterfront. "As soon as you cross the line on the waterfront," he says, "it's actively there, the old ways. You will not believe the difference. It's like in a sense going to another country. It's very emotional out there. You work a great deal with your emotions when you're in an Old World business. Everything is very verbal. We're all yellers."

If the local industry can be called Old World, then its counterpart in Mexico — from which Chesapeake obtains as much as 50 percent of its fish — is absolutely primitive. There are hundreds of small fishing camps lining the uneven Baja coastline, about 25 of which do business with Chesapeake regularly. The camps vary in size, with as many as 50 skiffs in one camp. The skiffs are generally outboard, fiberglass boats with 55 horsepower, manual-start engines. Two fishermen take a 20-foot skiff 30 or more miles out to sea in search of sea bass, halibut, yellowtail, rock cod, and shark. Using no compass, navigating only by the sun and stars, they fish in water sometimes 600 feet deep. A line with 20 hooks is set in place, and is rolled up at the end of the day with the aid of a roller drum. A good day's catch is about 300 pounds of fish.

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long," says Ptak, "but we can tell. In the fishing industry you smell your mistakes. If a guy comes up here to unload, and I don't like what I see, I'll close the door and send him back to Mexico. I'll give the guy his expense money, but I won't buy his fish."

If the fish are accepted, as they almost always are, a check is written for the agreed-upon price. With the money he has been paid, the *jefe* goes shopping for his men, who have made a list of the items they want. He purchases all the goods in the United States, then travels back to the Baja camp, where he deducts the price of the grocery items from the fishermen's salaries and pays them. The *jefe* brings everything into the camp — food, clothing, beer. Most of the camps are very rudimentary. Some of them may have a tiny shack in which a hired woman will cook basic, unadorned meals, but in most camps, the fishermen cook their own meals over open fires, and sleep at night beneath their upturned skiffs.

Not nearly so austere, but almost as important to Chesa-

peake, are the fisheries of the Pacific Northwest (an area which covers, for Chesapeake's purposes, the coast from central California up to Alaska). There are about nine major types of seafood produced in this area, including salmon (in the spring and summer), king crab (almost always frozen, because it does not hold up well on ice), Pacific red snapper, sole (Dover, English, and Petrale), ocean perch, rex sole, rock cod, ling cod, and butterfish.

The processors of the Northwest work in a manner similar to Chesapeake, except many sell only to four or five major wholesalers. The fish is shipped by truck or air freight to San Diego. It's possible for fish caught off the Washington coast on Monday morning to be served at a San Diego restaurant for Tuesday's lunch.

Fish that comes from northern California, Oregon, and Washington is considerably cheaper to wholesalers than the same fish caught off the San Diego coast, according to Ptak. In the Northwest, the fishermen use trawlers with a huge net that looks like

a butterfly net and is capable of catching entire schools of fish at once. San Diego fishermen use gill nets, which are often 250 fathoms long and six fathoms deep, and stretch across the ocean like a tennis net. In the gill-net method, a fish swims into the net and is trapped by its gills as it attempts to withdraw. The net is hauled aboard the boat, and each fish is plucked from the net and tossed into the hold. Many more man-hours are involved with gill nets than with the Northwest's trawlers. Trawlers are impractical in San Diego because they require a flat, sandy bottom, and can't function over the rocky peaks and valleys of San Diego's ocean floor.

Chesapeake has about 40 fishermen locally who fish for the firm on a regular basis. There are no contracts involved. "About the only regulations I put on them," says Ptak, "are that they tell me beforehand when they'll be back and what sort of fish they're going after." Local fishermen primarily catch rock cod, snapper, shark, yellowtail, sea bass, and halibut, plus lobster and abalone.

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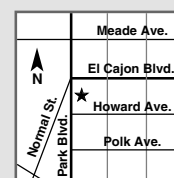
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to a stallion’s reproductive organ.) “The Japanese started harvesting geoducks off Canada a long time ago,” Ptak continues. “A geoduck is a clam; it weighs around five pounds. The edible portion is the suction muscle. It tastes great; it just looks sort of strange. We are also educating people to eat shark and squid. I teach a few seafood cooking classes, and it takes a certain amount of patience; people are slow to try new things.”

This education process is not entirely selfless on the part of the Chesapeake management. Vitalich estimates that their sales volume has increased “an easy 60 percent” over the past two years because of the public’s increased awareness of seafood and its greater willingness to experiment. “Two or three years ago,” says Vitalich, “you couldn’t give squid away; now it’s a delicacy. But the things we’re getting into now have been delicacies in Europe and Asia for years and years. Shark has been gourmet; squid has been

gourmet. The Japanese eat sea urchins.”

Probably a greater dilemma to the average San Diego consumer than the choice between geoduck and trout is the choice between fresh and frozen. What’s the difference? All fish is first iced, but not necessarily frozen. Ice is the backbone of the fishing industry; fresh fish is packed on flaked ice. Chesapeake has an ice machine in its warehouse that makes up to 10,000 pounds of ice a day, “and we can use every bit of it,” says Ptak. Without a doubt, fresh fish is to be preferred over frozen (the taste being superior when fresh), but if frozen correctly, it can be nearly as palatable as fresh. “If it’s not frozen correctly,” Ptak says, “it is wasted. Freezing robs moisture. The muscle structure — the texture of the fish — is also changed in the freezing. In some fish — Icelandic cod, for example, the kind they usually use in fish and chips — freezing is accepted, because it causes a

firmness the fish wouldn’t otherwise have. The firmness has become traditional in the minds and stomachs of the consumers.”

One of the ironies of the San Diego fish eater is that he is not generally considered as much a seafood epicure as his counterpart in, say, San Francisco, even though Chesapeake sends hundreds of thousands of pounds of sea bass, halibut, and yellowtail to restaurants in San Francisco every year. “San Diego really started to blossom as a real seafood town in the last decade,” says Vitalich, “but really only in the last two years has it become at all sophisticated. San Francisco still has the edge in terms of quantity of gourmet restaurants. We’re getting a number of giant restaurants here all of a sudden that are good and fun and exciting. But in San Francisco, there are probably 50 or 60 excellent seafood restaurants, where here we have Anthony’s Star of the Sea Room and L’Escargot; after that, what else can you think of?” The

lack of gourmet seafood restaurants, says Vitalich, can be attributed to several causes, not least of all being that San Diego is a comparatively younger city than San Francisco, and the population center is not as concentrated here as there. “But as these condominium projects begin going up in downtown San Diego,” Vitalich says, “and as more young people move back into the city, I’m sure you’ll see a lot more of these exquisite, graceful restaurants springing up.”

As the consumer expands his seafood appreciation, and as the fishermen explore new areas and methods, so the business of the wholesalers changes. Whereas before, many of the people involved in seafood wholesaling were the undereducated manual laborers, the industry is now attracting bright, college-educated types. Chesapeake manager Ptak, for instance, has three bachelor degrees from San Diego State University (in geography, anthropology, and

philosophy) and Vitalich has a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Notre Dame and a master’s degree in community development from Columbia.

But even while talking about sophisticated gourmet restaurants and the need to educate the public, Vitalich is literally elbow deep, one realizes, as he sorts fish on a rainy day on the pier behind the warehouse. “I think people are beginning to realize,” he says, pulling his rain hood over his head and scanning the gray skies, “that we really have to develop and help the sea achieve all that it’s capable of. If we just keep taking without putting anything back, we are in a very short time going to find ourselves in a very poor position.” He drives the yellow Toyota forklift up to another galvanized container of pink and orange rockfish, prepares to cart it away, and calls to the skipper of the fishing boat, “Let’s get this fish inside. It’s going to start raining.” ■

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For Iraqis who have been suffering inside Iraq and those who have been violently uprooted, the word 'today' begins in 1963 with the fascist military coup that brought the Baath Party, in which Saddam Hussein was a young ambitious officer, to power in Iraq," writes Arab novelist and scholar Saadi Simawe in his introduction to *Poetry International's* feature section, "Iraqi Poetry Today." *Poetry International's* founding editor, Fred Moramarco, asked Simawe (who translated many of the poems) to edit the Iraqi poetry section.

LOCAL EVENTS

On Friday, April 14, D.G. Wills Books in La Jolla will host a reading of selections from *Poetry International 10*, an annual poetry journal published at San Diego State University. According to Simawe, the major themes represented in this cross section of Iraqi poems are "love, war, fascism, sanction, torture, prison, exile, communism, Sufism, nationalism, feminism, homeland, exile, colonialism, and self-hood." Many of the Iraqi poets are living in exile.

Moramarco was particularly struck by the poem "Intermittant" [*sic*], written by Yousif al-Sa'igh and translated by Simawe and Chuck Miller. "Tonight / the nightmare was very condensed: / A dining table / A bottle of wine / Three glasses / And three headless men." Moramarco says, "They're dealing with these horrors they have to deal with every day. A condensed nightmare is what it is."

Al-Sa'igh was born in the northern city

of Mousil, Iraq, in 1932 and currently lives in Baghdad. Simawe writes of al-Sa'igh, "Since the early 1950s, like most of Iraqi writers and artists, [he] was inspired by the Iraqi left and joined the left to fight against Western colonialism and Western intervention in the Middle East."

Some poems make bold political statements. In "The Piano of Condoleezza Rice" by Sa'adi Yusuf, the author calls to the late Bob Marley to "Stop this train!" and contrasts the secretary of state with jazz singer and pianist Nina Simone: "You don't know the woman who relaxes at the piano / True, she is black / Yet, my dear, she is not the friend of your dream lover / Nina Simone." Yusuf was imprisoned for his association with Iraqi leftism in the 1950s. He currently lives in London.

In "Transparent," originally written in Hebrew and translated by Vivian Eden, poet Ronny Someck, who was born in Baghdad and grew up in Israel, writes, "Tayyib studies literature at Tel Aviv University / He has a knapsack with a grammar book and a composition / about Mahmoud Darwish / The knapsack is transparent because this summer / with any other bag / in the X-ray eyes of all policemen he is marked / as hiding a bomb."

The poem "A Soldier May Cross" by Fawzi Karim begins, "Hundreds of masked soldiers pass into our eulogies / like cold water seeping into a cave." Also by Karim is "The Last Gypsies": "Oh you who avoid coming close to us / shake your fear / Although you see our cities in ruins and skeletons / we are not victims of past epidemic / nor were we fodder for past wars / No, we are your mirrors."

Day-to-day life in the midst of war is



Sadra City, Iraq

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portrayed in "An Iraqi Evening," written by al-Sa'igh in 1986. "The entire house becomes ears / ten Iraqi eyes glued to the screen in frightened silence / smells mingle: / the smell of war / and the smell of just-baked bread."

In the introduction to the journal, Moramarco writes, "Iraq has been suffering the ravages of war and oppression for many years before the American invasion — although that has certainly created a lot more suffering than it has alleviated...No wonder some Iraqis ask as the student speaker does in Abdul-Razzaq al-Rubai's poem, 'Wrinkles on the Face of the Country,' whether the brash, youthful arrogance of Americans reflects the fact that it is 'Born yesterday,' and 'Indulging in child's play / With my venerable country.'"

A few poems highlight more pleasant aspects of life. In "A Moment of Love," Awad Nasir writes, "There you are, my love, in front of me...An apple blossom in your hair, / silver shimmering on your neck, / your waist a dash of olive green in the field of

my yearning...At that moment we had nothing but ourselves / and love exploded like African drums." Nasir emigrated from Iraq to live in London in the late 1970s.

The Iraqi Poetry section showcases 53 poems by 21 native Iraqis. Neither Simawe nor any of the poets will be present at the reading. Poems will be read by members of the Poetry International staff, and the reading is to be emceed by managing editor Bruce Boston.

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Tijuana No plans rock concert, Friday, April 14, 8 p.m., at Multi-kulti (at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street). Admission: \$8 U.S. and one can of food. 011-52-664-680-2631. (TIJUANA)

2006 Powerade Championship Cup mountain biking competition, Sunday, April 16, at Rancho Beltrán. 011-52-664-685-2448. (ENSENADA)

"El Cuaderno de las Resignaciones," Miguel Angel Ortiz reads from his poetry, Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los

Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"La Frontera Interpretada," Raúl Balbuena and Humberto Félix Berúmen plan lecture, Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge will show off their best iridescent green foliage later this month. The Old Mission Dam parking area on Father Junípero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Road (west of Santee), is a good place to begin a stroll on trails near the riverbed. Be careful — rattlesnakes may be out and about this time of year.

The Black Oak, San Diego County's most handsome native deciduous tree, is sending out new leaves this month, painting the mountain slopes with shades of red, brown, and bright green. The newly emergent leaves are reddish brown in color, creating a pseudo-autumn color in the forest. After a week or two the unfolding leaves acquire a light green tint; after a month they're dark green. Black oaks are common throughout the upper elevations of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains. Enjoy the show by exploring either the Fry Creek or Observatory trails on Palomar Mountain. Both begin at the national-forest

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The Rising of the Full Moon tonight (Thursday, April 13) coincides with the time of early evening twilight. Try a post-sunset walk along the sidewalk on Harbor Island. From that vantage, the springtime full moon comes up right over San Diego's downtown skyline, just as the lights of the city are switching on. Some folk names for the April full moon are "growing moon," "planting moon," "pink moon," "budding trees moon," and "green grass moon."

Look for Phainopepla and many other migrants when Audubon So-

ciety birders venture to Agua Caliente Park, Saturday, April 15, 8 a.m.–noon. Bring lunch and water. \$5 vehicle day-use fee. Moderately strenuous hiking. 619-280-7710. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Explore "Fossil Resources in Anza-Borrego" during field trip into Fish Creek Badlands led by Paul Remeika for Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"Tax Day Escape," easy, docent-led nature walk focusing on blooming native plants and birds, Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m., at Ba-

tiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

With Special Permission, the Canyoneers will explore SDSU's field station at Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, Saturday, April 15. Hikes begin at 9 a.m., with short walk concluding at 11:30 a.m., longer hike ending at 2 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (FALLBROOK)

Birding Expert Claude Edwards plans guided bird walk, Saturday, April 15. Join group at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring

binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Trail Repair Work at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park takes place on Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. 858-278-3280. For those 16 and older (with parent). (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Look for Migrating Shorebirds during bird walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, April 15. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Sky Hunters, live birds of prey showcased during program, Saturday, April 15, 4 p.m., at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Get close to hawks, owls, falcons. Day-use fee: \$2. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

San Diego Rockhoppers Volkswalk club hosts a 5k or 11k walk to Carlsbad Flower Fields, Saturday, April 15. Participants walk along city streets, seawall, strawberry and flower fields. Start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon; finish by 3 p.m. Walk is free; \$3 fee for Volkspoint credit. 760-746-0897. (CARLSBAD)

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A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on April 15, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Sat-

urday, April 15, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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Focus on Native Oak Trees, characteristics of riparian habitat, during docent-led hike in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. Find preserve at 19324 Santee Lane. Free. 619-956-4707. (VALLEY CENTER)

Grunion Run Fun led by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, April 15, 9:45-11:45 p.m. Lecture, film on grunion, moonlight beach explorations. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$9 for children 6-14. Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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Edible and Medicinal Plants and their historic usage examined when naturalist Irene O'Neill leads easy two-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Wednesday, April 19. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Ranting Banshee makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradance, Friday, April 14, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, April 15, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30-10 p.m. Lesson: 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet Arnold calls to live music on April 16. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

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Often dry or merely trickling, Ortega Falls can come to life for days or for weeks following any significant winter storm. During the unusually wet years of 1997 and 2005, when the region received double or more the normal precipitation, these falls managed to put on an impressive show until summer. During the current, generally dry winter and spring season, the falls will likely dribble rather than roar.

The unmarked trailhead for the falls lies on Ortega Highway, Highway 74, the scenic state highway that crosses the Santa Ana Mountains between San Juan Capistrano and Lake Elsinore. The trailhead is actually a roadside turnout on the west side of the highway, 21 miles east of Interstate 5 at San Juan Capistrano and about 8 miles west of Lake Elsinore. Yet another clue is that this turnout lies 2.1 mile south of the El Cariso visitor center, and 1.5 mile north of the "Candy Store" (a local landmark). For even more precise navigation, note that the trailhead turnout is at mile 4.4 according to the roadside highway markers stenciled "Riv" for Riverside County. Because the trailhead and falls are within the Cleveland National Forest, you'll need to display a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.



Ortega Falls

The hike to the falls is almost trivially short, but not quite a piece of cake, particularly for small kids. Follow the unmarked use trail descending through brush and boulders and down a steep draw to the boulder-choked streambed of Long Canyon, which is an upper tributary of San Juan canyon and creek. You turn upstream and make your way, preferably

on the right bank, over sand, matted-down vegetation, and rocks. When the water is high, it may be easier to wade in a couple of spots rather than to boulder hop. Beyond a series of smaller cascades, you'll arrive at the foot of the main waterfall, which drops about 35 feet over a blocky granitic outcrop. Rock climbers sometimes practice on the sheer rock faces here, and it's unfortunate that spray-paint vandals also visit from time to time.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and

should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry

ORTEGA FALLS

Hidden from passersby on the nearby Ortega Highway, Ortega Falls serves up a springtime mini-spectacle.

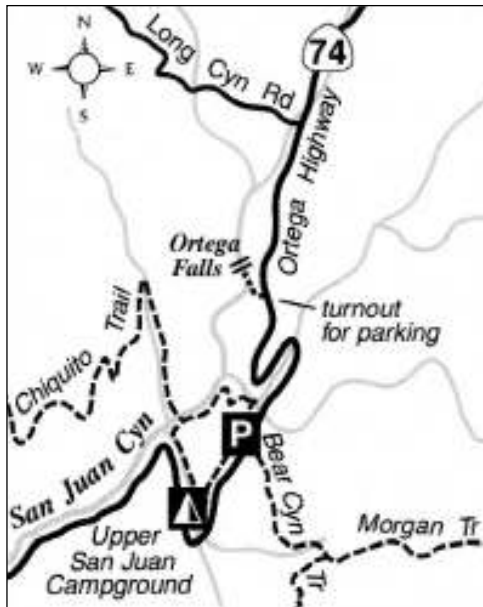
Distance from downtown San Diego: 90 miles

Hiking length: 0.5 miles round trip

Hiking difficulty: Moderate

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

Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FILM

"Faustbook," starring Jacob Faust, screens Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Director Eric Leiser, composer Jeffrey Leiser on hand to introduce film, screen the six-

minute short *Young Faustus*, and participate in following discussion. Free. 619-236-5813. (DOWNTOWN)

"World on a String: The Tiny Mighty Bead" — episode two of Diana Friedberg's movie is screened when Bead Society of San Diego gathers on Saturday, April 15. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. at Mingei Museum. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"Paradise Now" follows last days of two Palestinian friends recruited for a suicide strike on Tel Aviv. Film screens — in Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles — for Film Forum on Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Something Wicked This Way Comes" (1983) screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series,

Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Greece: Secrets of the Past, Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France*, and *Dolphins* (through April). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Members of UCLA'S "Dirty Thirty" Blacklisted Professors including John K. Wilson, Moustafa Bayoumi, Carole Kennedy, others will take part in National Conference on Academic Freedom, Thursday, April 13, 9 a.m.-11 p.m., at UCSD. Free. Location details: 619-952-4820. (LA JOLLA)

"Lunar Dreams," Mars Society and physics department at Grossmont College host event, Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m., in Griffin Gate on campus (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Former aerospace engineer and Science of Laws Institute founder David Schunk will introduce the Planet Moon Project; Gerry Williams will discuss Artemis Moonbase Sim-1 lunar simulation of last March in Utah desert. Free. 619-723-3456. (EL CAJON)

"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)

Master Cinematographer Thomas Kranzle presents his time-lapse imagery, discusses the creation of these visuals, provides basic knowledge for time-lapse work on digital SLR cameras for Sierra Club photography group. Meeting begins 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (to left of main zoo entrance). Free. 415-977-5500. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

"Mars Recon! JPL/NASA Spies on the Red Planet" presented by JPL solar system ambassador Jay Lavine, Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m., at Reuben H.

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“World War II in San Diego” is subject when Pacific Beach Historical Society gathers on Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Street Life to Sky Life: Object vs. Experience in Modern Architecture” — Frank Wolden speaks Saturday, April 15, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Let It Rot, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, April 15, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of back-yard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; use park and ride lot. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

Illuminating Medicare Part D Drug Plan is goal during workshop with pharmacists, billers, and others on Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., in dining rooms 1 and 2 at UCSD Medical Center. Free. Suggested reservations: 858-657-8612. (LA JOLLA)

Photo Preservation Workshop led by Lou Ann Walling, Saturday, April 15, 6 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Bring two or three photos of special person or event to create a “photo-safe short story card.” Free. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“Exploring Steve Morse’s Website, Part 2” is subject for Joan Lowrey when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets, Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.–noon, in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

“Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands” — Brad Lancaster presents slide-illustrated lecture and book-signing, Monday, April 17, 7 p.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). Lancaster explains tools, techniques for sustainable water systems. RSVP: 619-255-6111. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Kumeyaay: From Mission Rule to United States Laws” presented by GERALYN HOFFMAN for 12 O’Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, April 17. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Share Your Thoughts on Transportation and land-use issues during workshops with residents, community leaders, officials continuing through April 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)

“Extinction: How Life on Earth Nearly Ended 250 Million Years Ago” illuminated by Douglas H. Erwin, Monday, April 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Hear evidence for and against host of hypotheses concerning this cataclysmic event. \$8. Booksigning follows. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Last Millennium of Chinese History: Transitions from Culture to Nation” is subject for series of lectures at UCSD by Frederic Wakeman Jr. (a UC Berkeley Asian studies profes-

sor). “China’s Longue Durée and the Mongol Occupation” presented Monday, April 17, 4 p.m., in Weaver Center at Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road).

“Ming Nativism and the Local Turn” is subject Wednesday, April 19, 4 p.m., in Powell-Focht Bioengineering Hall, Fung Auditorium, at UCSD. Series concludes with “Qing Culturalism and Mancho Identity” on Friday, April 21,

3 p.m., in Weaver Center. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

“Building Roads While Saving Species: Caltrans Mitigation Program” presented by Bruce April, chief of environmental stewardship branch, when California Native Plant Society meets Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Earthquakes and You, Pat Abbott, Dean and Dran Reese present program Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Science behind temblors, earthquake-proofing your home. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Lives of Mexican Immigrants in Silicon Valley” explored by Christian Zolniski on Tuesday, April 18, 3 p.m., in Cross Cultural Center at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0236. (LA JOLLA)

Renowned Philosopher Paul Churchland discusses Daniel Dennett’s book *Breaking the Spell: Religion as Natural Phenomenon*, Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

“You Throw Like a Girl,” Don McPherson, an advocate for “prevention of men’s violence against women,” speaks Tuesday, April 18,

6 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Free. 858-822-0074. (LA JOLLA)

“Why Do We Have Fears?” Walter Holtschi examines “root causes of fears” and how to replace them, Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-729-2434. (CARLSBAD)

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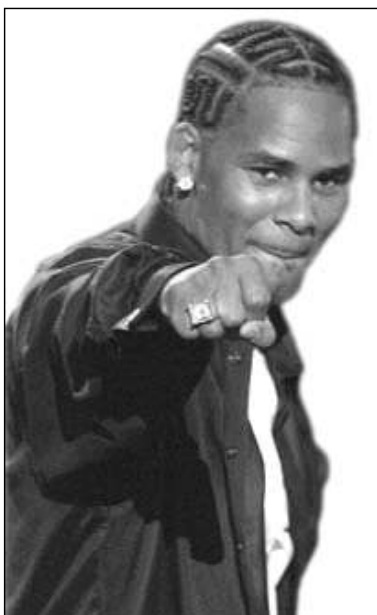
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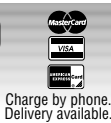
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“rewards and frustrations of his biographical research on Juan Negrin” when San Diego Independent Scholars meet on Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor’s Complex at UCSD. 619-224-5664. Free. (LA JOLLA)

“The Necessary Evil: Bookkeeping and Accounting” is subject when Chris Roberts speaks for Professional Artist Lecture Series, Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). \$8. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

“Assembly of the Wondrous Head,” exhibit of “unique ceramic forms” evoking human head by Gail Schneider continues through Tuesday, April 25, in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104, 7250 Mesa College Drive). Gallery talk by Schneider, Wednesday, April 19, noon. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

“Mozart and Classical Form” presented by UCSD literature professor Steven Cassedy, Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Required registration: 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Multi-Sport Training discussed by endurance athlete Monique Sawiki, Wednesday, April 19, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Thursday, April 20, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

“The Nature of Abstraction” explored by renowned artist Robert Irwin, Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego

Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-235-4100 x107. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore “Rattlesnake Biology” during class, Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Preserved specimens, video, skeletons, demonstrations. \$20. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Art, Architecture, and Ecology: Reviving Our Social Environment” is theme for ongoing “Dialogues in Art and Architecture” series. Allan Sekula presents “Facing the Music: Disney Hall and the Elusive Center of Los Angeles,” Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Sekula is photographer, serves on faculty of CalArts in Los Angeles. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Planting With Your Pooch,” learn about pet-friendly landscaping from a master gardener during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). Also dispensed: remedies for diggers and chewers, plants to discourage intruders. \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

El Cajon Historical Society hosts author Jack Innis (*San Diego Legends: The Events, People, and Places That Made History*), Thursday, April 20, noon, Ronald Reagan Community Center (195 East Douglas Avenue). \$15 fee includes lunch. Reservations: 619-444-3800. (EL CAJON)

“In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite” discussed by curator Steven Kern for Insight Gallery Talk, Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m., at San

OUT & ABOUT

INDIAN SAROD VIRTUOSO
K. Sridhar, Thursday, April 13, Neurosciences Institute.

(SEE IN PERSON)



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

“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)

What Do We Want from a City? Explore the changing na-

ture, shaping of our communities in series offered Thursdays through May 18, 7:30 p.m., in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106 at UCSD. Professor Yingjin Zhang examines “Cinematic Configurations of Beijing and Shanghai: Western Conquistadors, Chinese Bricoleurs, Transcultural Brokers” on April 13. “Creating a Border Community” chronicled by Teddy Cruz of UCSD’s visual arts department, April 20. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

“Breaking Into Fiction,” four-week writing workshop hosted by Metropolitan Writing Works starts Thursday, April 20, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library (2081 Newcastle Avenue). \$145. Registration: 760-208-1913. (CARDIFF)

IN PERSON

Irina-Kalina Goudeva’s “Lavarayaha” 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)

Acoustic Underground Bonita Golf Concert Series features Pete Huttlinger, A.J. Croce, Gregory Page, Friday, April 14. Concert at 7 p.m. at Bonita Golf Club (5540 Sweetwater Road). \$20. Reservations: 619-267-1103 x18. (BONITA)

Former Taco Shop Poet Tomas Riley reads from and celebrates release of *Mahcic: Selected Poems*, Friday, April 14, 7 p.m., at Chicano Perk Morgan Square (616 National City Boulevard). Free. 619-474-7375. (NATIONAL CITY)

Agua Dulce all-age concert, Friday, April 14, 9 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Group “has changed the way people think about Latin music.” \$10. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

“Machine à Sons (Sound Machine)” is presented by Compagnie Drift, Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, 8 p.m., in studio theater #3 of Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building at UCSD. Multimedia performance “removes boundaries between concert, theater, and dance.” Tickets: \$20 general. 619-235-8466. (LA JOLLA)

Sammy Davis Jr. Tribute planned by Michael Lamendola, backed by six-piece band, Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Following Davis “classics,” enjoy “The New American Songbook,” with music by bands including Eagles, Simon and Garfunkel, Guns n’ Roses. Donation: \$10. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

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Singer, Songwriter, Story-teller, Actor — multit talented Ronny Cox in concert hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

North County Funnies boast comic Chris Clobber, Saturday, April 15, along with Pearl Street Players. Monthly "PG-rated" comedy show combining sketch comedy and stand-up comedy commences at 8 p.m. at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$18 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Chapman Stick Concert by Tom Greisgraber, Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$7. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"The Night Before," all-age "Easter Eve" concert by Copeland, Saturday, April 15, 4 p.m., at Ryan Athletic Center (2100 Greenfield Drive). Bill includes Waking Ashland, Family Force 5, This Holiday Life. Free. 619-590-1721. (EL CAJON)

"Poet of the People" series hosted by Manual 4 Existence is poetry competition in which artists compete in two rounds with "conscious lyrical prowess in prose, rap, spoken word, or whatever," Saturday, April 15, 8-10 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). \$2. All ages. 619-239-7121. (EAST VILLAGE)

"A View from the Top," folk/jazz singer-songwriter Randy

OUT & ABOUT

RACING WITHOUT BRAKES!

Tuesday-night bicycle racing, April 18, San Diego Velodrome.

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Phillips performs Saturday, April 15, 7 p.m., at Park Manor Suites (525 Spruce Street). Phillips joined by Peter Sprague, Bob Magnusson, Daniel Crawford. \$15. 619-291-0999 x167. (HILLCREST)

Meet "The Doyenne of American Avant-Garde Theater" and Living Theater co-founder Judith Malina on Sunday, April 16, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Malina and Living Theater director Hanon Reznikov will read from their books *Love and Politics* and *Living/Reznikov*. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"The Left Hand of God: Taking Back to Our Country from the Religious Right" — author Rabbi Michael Lerner discusses and signs his new book, Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m., in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene College (3900 Lo-

maland Drive). Donation. 619-232-7819. (POINT LOMA)

Cardiologist Mimi Guarneri examines latest cardiology research in *The Heart Speaks*, which she'll sign, discuss on Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Health Secrets of the Stone Age" discussed, signed by Philip Goscienske, M.D., Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona; 760-479-0242). Free. (LA COSTA)

Using Modern Technology and strategic capital to avoid local and regional conflicts illuminated by Istvan Tuba, who'll discuss his recently published book, *The Third Resource: A Universal Ideology of Economics*, Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Li-

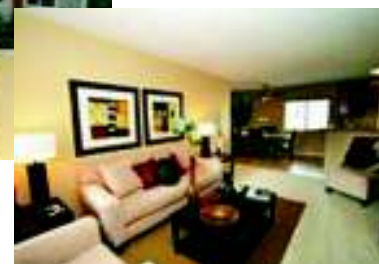
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Former U.N. Weapons Inspector
Scott Ritter plans lecture, booksigning of *Iraq Confidential: The Untold Story of the Intelligence Conspiracy to Undermine the U.N. and Overthrow Saddam Hussein*, Thursday, April 20. Event begins at 7 p.m. in Village Hall at Village Elementary School (655 H Avenue). Free. 619-459-3247. (CORONADO)

"The Torture Debate in America"
discussed, signed by Stanford law professor and author David Luban, Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD Professor and Author
Marc Meyers discusses, signs *Mayan Mars*, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"Elevated" poetry reading showcases Besskepp, Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

"How to Get a Rich Man: The Princess Formula" divulged by author Donna Spangler, Thursday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
Author Alexander McCall Smith discusses, signs *Blue Shoes and Happiness*, Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (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)

Comic Dave Attell and guest Eric O'Shea perform Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$20. 619-260-4600 x8732. (LINDA VISTA)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to the Ballpark, San Diego Padres are in Florida for a game against Marlins, Thursday, April 13, 10:05 a.m. Road trip continues with games in Atlanta against the Braves, April 14-16, at 4:35 p.m. on Friday, 4:05 p.m. on Saturday, 10:05 a.m. on Sunday. Pads meet up with Rockies in Colorado, April 17-19, at 5:35 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday.

Team returns to Petco Park to host New York Mets, April 20-23, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Marcos Blast (counter-clockwise), join Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 68-mile ride, Sunday, April 16, starting 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Free. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Two Lakes Tour, bicycle to Lake Murray and Santee Lakes, Grossmont College, Big Rock Park, more with Knickerbikers riders, Sunday, April 16. Thirty-mile ride starts at 9 a.m. in Vons parking lot (at Lake Murray and Baltimore). Bring

money for lunch at Lake Murray Café. 619-466-0359. (SAN CARLOS)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday-night bicycle racing season continues April 18, 6:30-9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

Del Mar National Horse Show, 61st annual show of competitions, instruction, and displays gets underway with Western Week

events, April 21-23. "Night of the Horse" is Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Dressage week is April 27-30, with "Evening of Musical Freestyles," Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m. Events conclude with hunter/jumper week, May 2-7. The "\$100,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del Mar" is Saturday, May 6, 7 p.m.

All events are held in Del Mar Arena at Del Mar Fairgrounds (2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard).

Free weekday admission, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$10, \$15 for weekend day events; additional fees for evening programs. Reservations: 858-792-4288. (DEL MAR)

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European and Japanese Glass Bead Sale, April 14-16, at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Hours: noon-7 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: free. 619-291-1300. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Fine Art Photography at Sunset," outdoor gallery showcasing more than 30 pieces by Dan McGeorge, Friday, April 14, 7-9:30 p.m., Santee Trolley Square (9884 Mission Gorge Road at Cuyamaca). Artist's forum with McGeorge at 8 p.m. Free. 619-390-0896. (SANTEE)

Watch an "Activist" (artist + activist) video about social issues, write a poem, and then read poem to gathering hosted by Langston Hughes Poetry Circle. See *The Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.* on Saturday, April 15, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-285-9737. (ENCANTO)


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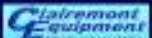


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work, play games about public transportation and urban design, view educational exhibits on Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at EcoCenter (in back of Pearson Ford Plus building, 4001 El Cajon Boulevard). Donation: \$5 adults, \$3 children. 619-243-0410. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Artists' Open Studio with work in a variety of media by over 60 local artists, Saturday, April 15, 2–7 p.m., at LGBT Center (3909 Centre Street). Admission: \$3 general, \$2 students, free for kids 12 and younger. 619-929-9829. (HILLCREST)

Bamboozled! Spring bamboo sale — featuring more than 100 varieties — Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m., Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Experts to consult, vendors, sale of bamboo plants and craft items. 951-359-1706. (ENCINITAS)

35th Annual Powwow along Campanile Walkway at San Diego State University, April 15 and 16. Grand entry at noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday; gourd dancing at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. on Sunday. Dancing, drumming, Native American arts and crafts, traditional foods. Admission: free. 619-594-6991. (SDSU)

Learn About Sochi Teas from tea specialist Michael Figgins during tea tasting exploring characteristics and elements of teas, Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.,

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Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Hester Prynn! Discuss Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* with Great

Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E

Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

House of India presents songs and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

The Lynx tall ship has returned to Oceanside Harbor. Docksides tours offered 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)

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. (HILLCREST, LA JOLLA, TORREY HIGHLAND)

Yoga by the Bay, free hatha yoga classes every Sunday, 3–4 p.m., on lawn south of Mission Bay Hilton (1775 East Mission Bay Drive). Wear loose comfortable clothing, bring yoga mat, jacket. 858-274-9162. (MISSION BAY)

Hacklab@ Voz Alta, learn to produce Internet radio shows, how to create "underground zines," Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Share, teach, learn from hackers and artists. Free. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Breakfast with K-9s, officers from San Diego Police Department demonstrate their training techniques and show off their dog partners, Thursday, April 20, 8–9 a.m., at Qualcomm Stadium training field. Required reservations: 858-453-5060. (MISSION VALLEY)

Exercise Your Humor and creativity with "variety of active and interactive exercises" led by Jacquie Lowell, Thursday, April 20, Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). Time, details: 858-581-0050. \$20. (MISSION HILLS)

"Aqui 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 through Sunday, April 23, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Reception: Friday, April 21, 5 p.m. Donation: \$10. 858-452-0264. (EAST VILLAGE)

Fragrant and Popular — over 300 fragrant Easter lilies are on exhibit in Botanical Building through Wednesday, April 26. Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays–Wednesdays. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

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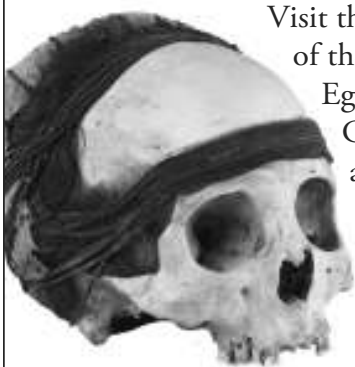
Admission: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 for children 3–10. Exit I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

"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)

"Lynn Schuette: A Decade of Paintings and Drawings" — exhibit continues through Sunday, August 6, at Otay Mesa-Nestor Library (3003 Coronado Avenue). 619-424-0474. Free. (OTAY MESA)

"Wings of the Silver Screen" is theme for 12th annual "Wings Over Gillespie Air Show," Friday–Sunday, April 21–23, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Gillespie Field (1960 Joe Crosson Drive). Featured: aircraft that starred in "beloved" aviation films, with film producers, directors, actors, stunt pilots on hand; panel discussion of

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Autonomous Robotics Vehicle Competition sponsored by Intelligent Systems Society takes place May 12-14 at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Competition is open to anyone up to 17 years old. Finals are on Sunday. Details: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Rich and Delicious! Annual family chocolate festival, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Chocolate tasting, food, live entertainment, "unique vendors," children's activities. Included in admission (\$8 general, \$3 children); fees for chocolate tastings. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

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"Spring EGGstravaganza," family fun with marine animals and their eggs through Saturday, April 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)

"Island Dances," Young Audiences Family Arts Connection program, Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Program includes performance by Samahan Philippine-American Performing Arts Company, hula dancing taught to audience. Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

Easter Bonnet Parade and Hat Contest, Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Padres Park in the Park (at Ninth Avenue and J Street, Petco Park). Hatmaking workshops led by milliner Diana Cavagnaro for adults and children; followed by parade, Easter egg hunt (for those 2-12). Fee: \$6 children, \$12 adults. Registration and details: 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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City of Encinitas 2006 Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Ecke Sports Park (278 Saxony Road). Egg hunts, entertainment, face painting, more. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

Easter Fair and egg hunt, Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at Doyle Elementary School (3950 Berino Court). Ethnic foods, game booths, more. Free. 858-342-8362. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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Youth Speaks San Diego, spoken-word and poetry-slamming workshops for teens in grades 9-12, first and third Monday of every month, including April 17, 6 p.m., at Boys and Girls Club (3800 Mykonos Lane). Free. Registration: 858-720-2180 x314. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Family Night with the San Diego Symphony is Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). Expect classical music by "some of

the finest composers." Free. 619-533-3902. (ROLANDO)

Kids' Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including April 18. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6-12, free for kids 5 and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Big Joe Productions presents *King Midas: The Golden Touch* through Sunday, April 16, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble and *Ritzzy Rosie and Betsy Blossom Turn Over a New Leaf*, April 19-23.

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.)

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the "Juried Fine Art Exhibit 2006" continues through Saturday, June 3. "This, Our Beloved Valley" exhibit focuses on Sweetwater. The museum highlights the

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The Brief History of the Dead: A Novel



By Kevin Brockmeier
Pantheon, 2006; \$22.95; 252 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

"Remember me when I'm gone" just took on a whole new meaning.

The City is inhabited by the recently departed, who reside there only as long as they remain in the memories of the living. Among the current residents of this afterlife are Luka Sims, who prints the only newspaper in the City, with news from the other side; Coleman Kinzler, a vagrant who speaks the cautionary words of God; and Marion and Phillip

Byrd, who find themselves falling in love again after decades of marriage.

On Earth, Laura Byrd is trapped by extreme weather in an Antarctic research station. She's alone and unable to contact the outside world: her radio is down and the power is failing. She's running out of supplies as quickly as she's running out of time.

Kevin Brockmeier interweaves these two stories in a spellbinding

tale of human connections across boundaries of all kinds. *The Brief History of the Dead* is the work of a remarkably gifted writer.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: A deadly virus has spread rapidly across Earth, effectively cutting off wildlife specialist Laura Byrd at her crippled Antarctica research station from the rest of the world. Meanwhile, the planet's dead populate "the city," located on a surreal Earth-like alternate plane, but their afterlives depend on the memories of the living, such as Laura, back on home turf. Forced to cross the frozen tundra, Laura free-associates to keep herself alert; her random memories work to sustain a plethora of people in the city, including her best friend from childhood, a blind man she'd met in the street, her former journalism professor and her parents. Brockmeier (*The Truth About*

Celia) follows all of them with sympathy, from their initial, bewildered arrival in the city to their attempts to construct new lives. He meditates throughout on memory's power and resilience, and gives vivid shape to the city, a place where a giraffe's spots might detach and hover about a street conversation among denizens. He simultaneously keeps the stakes of Laura's struggle high: as she fights for survival, her parents find a second chance for love—but only if Laura can keep them afloat. Other subplots are equally convincing and reflect on relationships in a beautiful, delicate manner; the book seems to say that, in a way, the virus has already arrived.

USA Today: Brockmeier's roots in the tradition of science fiction and fantasy are evident, although in this relatively brief book, he reaches wider than merely charting the apocalypse. There are many levels, each interesting.

One is the fragile nature of human civilization. Another is the stunning number of people each mind holds in its memory bank.

Still one more is the "what next" question that humans have asked as long as they have had the capacity to wonder.

Comparison with Alice Sebold's 2002 best seller, *The Lovely Bones*, is inevitable, offering as it did another view of life after death. Brockmeier's earlier novel, *The Truth About Celia*, touched some of the same elements of loss and imagination and renewal.

Ever since the first chapter of *The Brief History of the Dead* appeared in September 2003 as a magazine short story in *The New Yorker*, admirers have anticipated its publication. They won't be disappointed.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kevin Brockmeier is the author

of *The Truth about Celia*, *Things That Fall from the Sky*, and two children's novels, *City of Names* and *Grooves: A Kind of Mystery*. His stories have appeared in many publications, including *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's*, *The Georgia Review*, *The Best American Short Stories*, *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror*, and multiple editions of the O. Henry Prize Stories anthology. He is the recipient of a Nelson Algren Award, an Italo Calvino Short Fiction Award, a James Michener-Paul Engle Fellowship, three O. Henry Awards—one of which was a first prize—and a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship. He has taught at the Iowa Writers' Workshop and lives in Little Rock, Arkansas.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Kevin Brockmeier was relaxing in his apartment in Little Rock on a

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history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia—such as surfboards and clothing—of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North

Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel

locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on

Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on

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Reading

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Friday afternoon when I phoned. He was about to embark on the fourth leg of his reading tour to promote two novels that have appeared within a month of one another: *The Brief History of the Dead*, a novel for adults, and *Grooves: A Kind of Mystery*, geared at 9-12 year olds.

"So, tell me about your tour, first of all, if you will. Where are you going next week?"

"Next week, Bellingham and Seattle, Washington, followed by Los Angeles, followed by Charlottesville, Virginia."

Mr. Brockmeier describes himself as a "creature of routine," who finds travel challenging. In fact, this will be his first trip west of Little Rock. "The traveling itself is kind of hard for me. I just don't do very well when I'm away from home and my bed and everything I'm accustomed to. But the actual readings have been very nice."

"What do you pack to take with you?"

"Well, I pack very lightly no matter where I happen to be trav-

eling, so, for my own purposes I just pack a few changes of clothing, some toiletries and a book to read, basically. But for the reading, I've got a little brief case that I bought for the purpose which has copies of each of the books I've published so far, along with a folder containing some new material, and some handouts in case anybody happens to be interested. I keep these constantly updated lists of my 50 favorite books, movies and albums. And I made a lot of copies of the books list, in particular, for the reading tour."

"What will you read your readers from your book?"

"What I've been reading from is the first chapter of *The Brief History of the Dead*. Usually, either the first quarter or half of that first chapter. And then sometimes, if my voice holds out and there seems to be the interest, I read a little bit from the new children's novel too."

"What's the response been so far?"

"Oh, it's been very nice.

There have been enough people at every reading for it to feel comfortable for me to stand in front of them and present myself. And

the questions have been pretty engaged too so it's been a good time."

"What kind of questions do people ask that surprise you?"

"Well, everywhere I've been, somebody or another has asked me about Coca-Cola. Whether I've been contacted by them, and whether I've had to sort through any legal difficulties. So that's one.

"I've also read at a few elementary schools and libraries for kids that have been on the tour, just from the children's book, and you never know what sorts of questions you're going to get from an audience like that. I had one boy ask me if I would put his name in my next book. And his name is Jesse Wren. Wren like the bird."

"Oh, what a great name."

"It's a great name so I told him I would. And wrote it down and he was very excited, but it was a mistake because 50 hands shoot up in the air and everybody [wanted] to tell me their name so that I can write it down and put it in the next book."

"Can you talk to me a little bit about how you devised the notion in *The Brief History of the Dead* of this, our world, and the

'other world' into which the dead pass? You quote, at the beginning of the book, from Lewin's account of several African societies having that belief. Is that where this idea came to you?"

"That's exactly where it came from. Lewin's discussion of it lasts no longer than the epigraph I've used in the book which is only a short paragraph. He talks about this African idea of the three terrains of existence; the living, the sascha and the zimani. The sascha are those who have died and not yet fallen out of living memory. The zimani are those who have died and have fallen out of living memory. Although there might still be some cultural lingering memory of them, there's nobody left in the world who actually encountered them.

"He uses the notion as a way of introducing the idea that high school history classes should take advantage of the testimony of people who were alive to live through some of the events they're talking about. But, to me, it just seemed like a really intriguing concept. I probably read his book six or seven years ago. But the notion lingered with me, and eventually, I decided

"And I discovered that...it revealed all sorts of more subversive currents that weren't apparent to me when I was little."

that it would make a nice kernel for a larger piece of fiction."

"I was interested that there are figures from the past whom everyone knows, Shakespeare, Henry Ford, or Mahalia Jackson, for example, that don't make an appearance in 'The City.'"

"I guess I would say two things about that; one of them is that these past figures, no matter what their cultural currency might be, no longer remain in the memories of those who are still alive. In other words, there's nobody around who actually encountered those people. Even if we can speak about them with some authority, at least in the case of Mahalia Jackson and some of the more recent

people. The other thing is that in constructing this world of 'the dead but not yet forgotten,' I made a deliberate decision not to incorporate celebrities into the population of the place. You know, those people wouldn't necessarily be there if you actually try to work through the ramifications of the idea through which *The City* is constructed. But, I just have the feeling that using those sorts of characters would make *The City* an uglier place than I would like it to be.

"It just seemed to — I don't know — kind of tarnish the purity of the notion. Or at least the notion as I wanted to play with it. And, so I just ignored them."

"I noticed that in 'The City,'

Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

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

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

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at

10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTÉE)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900-1950" features dozens of vintage photographs

along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

"Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus mirabilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas. Through April.

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

eryday lives?

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

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

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

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in

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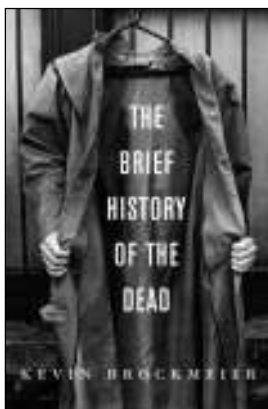
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as you call it, some people seem to redeem themselves and their relationships and other people continue to behave as deplorably as they did in the real world. I don't sense any sense of Christian moralizing or judgment about that."

"Well, I guess I would say that even the people who continue to behave deplorably in this world, chief among them I'm sure you're thinking about Lyndon Trimble, even if they're problem children in a way, still, I would never be willing to withhold my own affection from them. The first thing I'm try-

ing to do is understand them and...I hope there's not a character in the book who fails to present something pretty close to the center of their own humanity. Which is what I try to do in all the fiction that I write."

"Did you grow up trotting off to church as a child?"

"I did. I was born and baptized Catholic and then raised and re-baptized Methodist. I went to a Church of Christ School for about nine years — first through ninth grade. It's very much part of my own background. I would consider myself an agnostic today. But, I'm still very interested in religion and I still read a lot of theology and a lot of fiction about religious matters. So, it's...a part of my sense of what people seem to hold dear."

"There seem to be two camps of readers: 'the happily ever after,' and the folks who are fine with ambiguity. What is it, do you think, that causes some readers to need that sense of closure?"

"I think that with readers of any type of novel, or viewers of any type of film, encounterers of any type of story, you will find people who feel the need to have

every question answered and every spool tied off. And you will find people who are willing to allow the story's shadowy places to speak to them just as much as those places that are well-lit. I'm one of the latter. The stories I've always liked best are the ones that seem to continue growing and asking new questions after I've finished reading them."

"I wanted The City to be, in some ways, a completely unique environment, but in some ways an extension of our own world; insofar as the people who live there are still left to wonder what comes next. What will the third terrain of existence be?"

"I didn't want to answer any of those sorts of questions definitively because I wanted The City to offer the possibility that that third realm of existence could be anything at all — anything that we've ever been capable of imagining or anything that we've ever failed to imagine."

"One of the things I tried to do with *The Brief History of the Dead* was give the last couple chapters a real sensation of closure, and yet allow the mystery of that third terrain of exis-

tence, to survive."

"The first chapter of *The Brief History of the Dead* appeared in *The New Yorker* as a short story. At that time, were you already considering this as a full-length novel?"

"I was. I had written half the novel by the time *The New Yorker* published that first chapter. In all the longer pieces of fiction I've done, I've tried to construct the opening section or the first chapter as though it were a self-contained short story. First, as a way of easing myself into the book, but also as a way of ensuring that if the novel falls to pieces on me, at least, I'll have gotten a short story out of it. So, with *The New Yorker* piece, I had written that first chapter, and then, I had written all of the even-numbered chapters, the Laura chapters. And then *The New Yorker* published the first chapter, after which I went back and filled in the rest of the odd-numbered chapters."

"Amazing. What are you working on next that you can talk about?"

"I try to follow each book for adults with a book for chil-

"Well, I'm dying now. It was a pleasure knowing you."

dren." [Grooves: *A Kind of Mystery* was published by Katherine Tegen Books on March 1.]

"You've been compared to children's author Daniel Pinkwater. Where did you first encounter him?"

"Well, my favorite book when I was ten years old was *Alan Mendelsohn, The Boy From Mars*, by Daniel Pinkwater. I must have checked it out of the library half a dozen times. Then I forgot about the book, and years later I happened to re-encounter it. And I discovered that I still enjoyed it just as much today as I did when I was a child, only it revealed all sorts of more subversive currents that weren't apparent to me when I was little."

"I wouldn't have guessed that he was an influence on my adult fiction, but he's had a very direct influence on my children's

fiction. Simply because I enjoy what he does so very much and have enjoyed it for so long."

"I love his sense of humor; I love the way that he incorporates these strange, fantastic events into the real everyday lives of his characters. And so, I'm trying to do a similar sort of thing with my children's books, definitely."

"I taught at the University of Iowa last semester as a visiting professor, and one of the classes I taught was a children's fiction workshop, and had them read a few books. By far, the most popular was *Lizard Music* by Daniel Pinkwater."

"There is a lot of talk these days about the failure of public education and that children are not able to read, do you observe that when students are talking with you about your writing?"

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and

natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in

the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January 2007, tracing history of modern surfing from its

Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

The museum features perma-

nent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing indus-

try, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The

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Reading

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"Not at all. In fact, I'm always surprised by how astute children seem to be about the publishing process. Not only are they interested in books, but a lot of them seem to be interested in things like why it is that a hard cover will be published and you can't get the paperback until a year later. Or, how it is that an agent works."

"Weren't you also a student at the University of Iowa?"

"I was a student there from '95 to '97."

"What was it like coming back as the visiting writer-in-residence, rather than as a student?"

"Well, it was intimidating at first, frankly. First of all, because I'm still pretty young. [Mr. Brockmeier is 33 years old this year.] Younger than the rest of the faculty, definitely, and as young as many of the students. Iowa is a program that tends to skew kind of old. So a lot of the students are in their early 30s, or older. Some of them are fresh out of undergraduate school but that's the exception rather the rule there."

"Then, I just had so much admiration for some of the teachers who had taught me when I was there and it was hard for me to envision myself sitting in the same chair."

"Did you work with Frank Conroy when you were there?"

"I did. I worked with Frank Conroy and Marilynne Robinson. Those were the two whose guidance meant the most to me. Also, with James Alan McPherson and Judith Grossman."

"Were you there when Conroy passed away last year?"

"I was invited to teach as a direct result of the fact that he passed away. He would have been teaching the course I taught, you know, if he had still been around."

"What shoes to fill."

"Exactly. It's not as though anybody was really expecting me to fill those shoes. I was trepidatious about it, but after a week or two, I kind of settled into it and became much more comfortable with the whole idea and I feel as though I ended up really having something to offer to the students. I taught the two classes; the graduate fiction workshop that everybody teaches and then, 'a semi-

nar of your own devising,' which in my case was a children's fiction workshop."

"With the children's fiction workshop, I felt a great deal more latitude from the very beginning, simply because nobody had ever taught a class like that there before. So, I knew that I could make it into whatever I wanted it to be. I also knew that my students in that particular class were really in the program to concentrate on their adult fiction. So that the children's fiction was kind of a separate stream for them. And it just made it easier for me to approach the material."

"What did you carry from your student days to your faculty days, in terms of approach or communication with young writers?"

"Well, there have always been some teachers at Iowa, Frank Conroy chief among them, who have not shied away from being abrasive when they don't like something. And I could never bring myself to do that, and still can't bring myself to do that. So, what I tried to do is just speak as honestly as I could about any given story and yet be as generous as I could with

each of them as well. You know, try to understand what the writer is trying to do, and see if I can help them do it better than they would otherwise be able to."

"The few years before I had been teaching, I was just writing and doing nothing else. And I think one thing that teaching offered me was that I learned how to talk again. You know, when you spend an entire day sitting in front of the computer trying to get, say a page written, with every sentence exactly right, and then at the end of that day you try to converse with somebody, it can seem very strange because they are such different ways of dealing with language."

"But if you're in front of a roomful of students, and you know you have to communicate with them, you learn again how to improvise language in a way that's easy to forget when you're actually writing."

I asked Mr. Brockmeier to tell me about his family.

"I've got my mother and my father, both of whom have divorced and remarried, and one younger brother, who has himself married and sired one boy. And I had three

living grandparents for most of my life. I no longer have any. Two of them passed away within the past few weeks, actually."

"I found myself grieving over their loss in a way that was really unexpected for me because they were both very old, and we knew they were going to die soon."

"My grandfather, before he became completely incoherent, one of the last things he said was, he put his hand out to shake, and said to my mom, 'Well, I'm dying now. It was a pleasure knowing you.' So, I think of those as his last words."

"When, as a child, did you first encounter death?"

"I was five or six years old. I had a great uncle, Uncle Pete, who came to visit us in Little Rock, I think just because he was dying, and knew he was dying and he wanted to meet and be remembered by, the new generation."

"I had never known him before this particular visit, and never got to see him again. He died just a few short months later. It was very upsetting for me at the time. No subsequent death has been as upsetting to me as that one was."

"Does that experience resonate in your book at all?"

"Well, I think it does, but it only occurred to me just now as we were talking about it."

"Who do you think, or who do you hope, will be the last person on earth that remembers you?"

"Well, I would hope that it'll be somebody I meet decades and decades from now. Otherwise, if I were to pass away tomorrow, and if everybody I have known continues to live until they're 80 years old, let's say, then it would be my nephew who's two years old now. He would be the likeliest candidate. If I were never to see my nephew again, I will have completely slipped from his conscious memory, but as the book is constructed, anybody that you're capable of remembering is somebody who would continue to reside in this land of the dead but not yet forgotten, until you pass away. And I think at the very least, he would be capable of remembering me, if the right chain of thoughts happened to pass through his mind."

— Jerry Miller

H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class

diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306

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

San Diego Museum of Man, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life,

narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molas*, colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarv-

ing of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Sunday, September 24.

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

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

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

15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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you catch your breath. A winged maiden, identified as a *Flying Figure*, sails through the ether bearing a tray of fruits and flowers in her lap. Her coiled locks, hair band, and half-profile smile make her as specific as any of Degas's bathers or ballerinas. My favorite fresco of the feminine shows Flora, goddess of fruit and flowers, dressed in a loosely draped, diaphanous garment that droops to her elbow, revealing an alluring shoulder. One arm holds a woven basket frothing with blooms and grasses, the other reaches out to pick more flowers. Even in its deteriorated condition, we can see the artful touch that created the illusion of wind fluttering the skirts of her yellow gown.

The exhibition includes several stucco reliefs, some of them obviously unfinished, probably an artist's day's work interrupted by Vesuvius. The boxing figures found in a *calidarium* — a kind of sauna — are fairly realistic. At least their equipment is. Thick leather straps stretch from a tight forearm bracelet to a ball clenched in each fighter's hand. Roman boxers didn't jab so much as pummel and bash and sideswipe their opponents' faces. (Imagine being raked by



Crater

those thongs the way later boxers used glove laces.) Mashed cheeks and noses display the damage. Another panel shows Psyche, the soul that Plato described as a butterfly, in flight, pure spirit sharing her wall with Eros, the little aerial dynamo that trembles through us and the rest of physical reality.

The most important chamber for pleasure and business was the *triclinium*, the brightly frescoed dining room where guests, attended by slaves,

lounged on couches in view of the sea and consumed local wine and food. One *triclinium*, from the Villa Carmiano, has been reconstructed for the exhibition. The decorations, dramatizing episodes from the myths of Dionysus, Bacchus, and Neptune, bespeak the appetites and amorous passion. The red and yellow panels that enclose the room glow with the kind of crepuscular diffuseness that guests would have seen in the twilight outside the villa's walls. The



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playful architectural motifs were meant to stir admiring conversation: fool-the-eye wainscoting, windows, and seats run along the walls, and at a corner where two walls meet, an illusionist arch folds around the seam. The Roman elite's feeling for the sensuous life is palpable in the smallish figure in a ruffled gown who floats in the center of a bright rouge wall, framed by vines and painted candelabra: a Maenad, maidservant and follower of Dionysus. She holds a

thyrsos, the ivy-crowned fennel stalk that identified the wine god's women and flies across that red field as if swept helplessly, but happily, by the gusts of fleshy delights. ■

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GALLERIES

"Anamnesis" — Gabriela Gutierrez's master of fine arts thesis exhibition opens with reception, Saturday, April 15, 6 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University. 619-594-6511. Through Thursday, April 20. (SDSU)

"Facets" — this master of fine arts thesis exhibition by Michelle Ritter runs April 17–20 in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State Univer-

sity. Reception for artist: Saturday, April 15, 6 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

New Sculpture by Stan Bitters and new paintings by James Shay are on exhibit through Sunday, May 7, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Reception for artists is Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

Fine Art Photography by Lew Abulafia and Becca Siminou exhibition opens with reception on Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m., at Or-dover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue). Closes Sunday, May 14. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA 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

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

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

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Through a Lens Sharply: Photo Imaginings" by Amy Jorgensen, Barbara Sexton, and Marcela Vilaseñor are on view through Sun-

day, May 28. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

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A Complex Tale of Political Intrigue! George Frideric Handel's baroque masterpiece *Julius Caesar in Egypt* is next production for San Diego Opera. Cast includes Polish contralto Ewa Podles, mezzo-soprano Vivica Genaux, American sopranos Lisa Saffer and Suzanna Guzmán, American countertenor Brian Asawa, others. Sung in Italian with English translations projected above stage. Conducted by Keith Montgomery, directed by John Copley.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, Tuesday, April 18; 8 p.m. on Friday, April 21; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. Tickets: \$20-\$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebration of Organists, commemorate 20th anniversary of "San Diego's only baroque pipe organ" with music from various eras performed by Kimberly Bedell, Kenneth Herman, Kenneth McMillan, and Geoff Graham. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 17, All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394 x13. Donation: \$5. (POINT LOMA)

The Hyperion String Quartet performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 17, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Li-

brary (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Family Night With the San Diego Symphony is Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). Expect classical music by "some of the finest composers." Free. 619-533-3902. (ROLANDO)

"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)

Chamber Music Ensembles of Point Loma Nazarene University

perform Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"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)

The Palomar Brass Ensemble performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, April 20, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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Young Man Takes a Stand "Twenty-two people played on our new CD," says Burnt singer/guitarist Danny Franco. His North

March 24.

"We started drinking early. I fell asleep and passed out. My drummer shook me to wake me up to tell me that a friend of ours had been hit by a car. I go out and see another of our roommates in the back seat of the cop car. I was still drunk and in an emotional state. I opened the

like we have a whole tribe of these guys around here.' The 'tribe' [mention] is what set



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FRANCO: NO TRIBESMAN

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the inside track

Park-based punky-reggae collective rehearses and records in a former tattoo parlor on 30th Street.

"The space was a bona fide shithole. We took it over and replaced the rotten drywall and knocked out the walls that had termites.... There are at least three and as many as six musicians who live here at any given time. We have a tent in the back.... We made the front part into an art gallery to showcase local art." The first art show at the venue was held on

door to talk to him and he told me he was the first one on the scene, and the cops thought he maybe did it. It was a hit-and-run....

"Next thing I know, I was slammed on top of [a] truck. They pulled my hands back, cuffed me, ripped my shirt, then they pushed my head into the asphalt. They were yelling at me, 'You idiot. What do you think you're doing in the back of a cop car?' My roommate in the car had dreads, too, so one of [the officers] said, 'It looks

me off. It showed lack of respect for someone who cared about someone else in an accident. I lost control. I probably used a few expletives."

Franco went to jail at 4 a.m. that Saturday.

"I never talked to an attorney. The maximum they can hold you for is 72 hours, but because it was a weekend, they kept me five days. They released me Wednesday with no formal charges. As soon as I got out I played Brick by Brick. I went from wearing county blues to singing

onstage about how to purge the system of wickedness....

"Everyone in jail was coming off meth. I saw guys my age [26] with their hair falling out. They don't help these guys detox. [People using drugs] don't have access to counselors. The toilet paper is at a premium. It's only given to certain individuals.... The whole place smelled like piss. They aren't fed nutritional food. They gave out half pints of juice that say on the side that this product contains no juice. These guys aren't arch-criminals. How do they expect these young guys to do better if they mistreat them like that?"

Burnt (www.stemsandseeds.org) appears April 18 at downtown's Honey Bee Hive and April 20 at Winstons for a CD-release party.

— Ken Leighton

Electronica

Comeback? "After 9/11, people said, 'Hey, things are serious now.' It seemed like electronic music went into a decline after that," says Jon Bishop, one of San Diego's best-known techno DJ/recording artists. He moved here 25 years ago but was drawn to techno in 1988.

"That's when the big raves started in L.A., when the whole house and techno scene took over nightclubs, warehouses, and airport hangars." Bishop says the local scene started "when two guys from England moved here and threw a party at an abandoned meat locker on Third and K."

Dance events such as Playskool and Romper Room and clubs such as Geraldine's and 555 at Café Sevilla defined San Diego's electronic scene. Studio 64, at the now-defunct Club Montage (near the airport), could draw 1500 people on Friday nights in the late '90s. Bishop says he cohosted the most successful weekly club night.

"Club Hedonism happened every Thursday night at Rich's [in Hillcrest] for ten and a half years.... Usually club nights last two or three years.... For five

years, I was on the road constantly." In the mid-'90s, Bishop was a headlining DJ at dance clubs in England, L.A.,



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"Any type of music has its heyday. I would say we will never see the same explosion [in electronic dance music] that we saw in the late '80s and early '90s." Bishop, who has released over ten albums as a producer/recording artist for Britain's Tidy Trax and other labels, says digital downloading has hurt dance music as well.

According to Bishop, dance clubs now draw crowds about a third as large as crowds were ten years ago, but he says electronica is

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poised for a comeback. He returned to Rich's on April 6 to launch Dirty, a new Thursday-night event. Downtown clubs such as On Broadway, 4th & B, and the Onyx Room regularly host electronica nights.

—Ken Leighton

Of Commies and Comestibles... The “Ché” in the Ché Café’s name refers to Argentine-born revolutionary Ché Guevara but also serves as an acronym for “cheap, healthy eats.” But the vegan fare at UCSD’s campus venue has been unavailable for months. The

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HEALTHY EATS

Ché website indicated that the kitchen would be closed throughout the fall quarter and would reopen this winter, but that goal wasn’t achieved. The kitchen, which had been operational since the Ché opened in 1980, cannot pass inspection in its current state.

“We currently are lacking in funds and need certain industrial-friendly appliances

to be NSF [the Public Health and Safety Company] approved,” says Ché volunteer Norman Kuo. “We also need some overall general fixing up of the Ché, like painting and filling cracks, replacing tiles, that sort of thing. It was actually our choice to close down the kitchen, to give ourselves time to fix these problems, and since we are a volunteer-run organization only, it’s hard because there’s never any steady flow of money or help to get stuff done.”

Ché volunteers still cook meals for touring bands that play the venue, but the money for the food tends to come out of the volunteers’ pockets. Kuo says the food is typically cooked at their homes and the Ché facilities are used to reheat it.

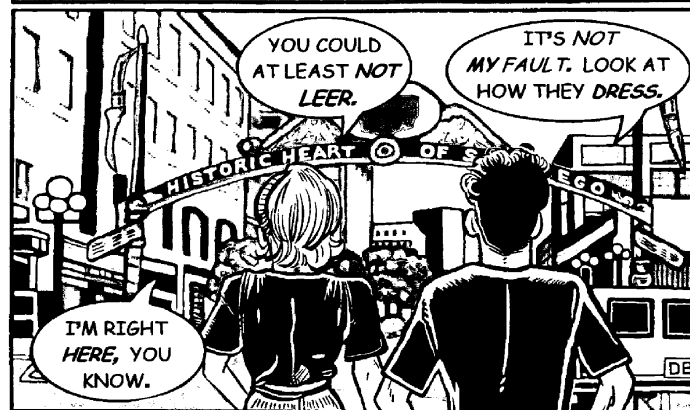
—Jeremiah Griffey

Scandal in the Rag!

Daredevil Jane guitarist Matt Anderson put his former girlfriend back in the tabloids with a call to Howard Stern’s radio program on March 28. His ex, original *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* actress Kristy Swanson, made the scandal rags in February after it was announced that she had begun dating her *Skating with Celebrities* partner, Lloyd Eisler. Eisler’s then-pregnant wife went public with allegations of the professional ice-skater walking out on her for 37-year-old Swanson.

On the Stern show, Anderson plugged his hard-rock band after he described how he caught Eisler sneaking out of Swanson’s hotel room subsequent to a taping of the Fox reality show. Anderson had gone to the Los Angeles hotel to meet Swanson, his girlfriend at the time.

Anderson’s phone call to the Stern show was nominated as one of the top “caller of the week” phone-

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ins because of his frank discussion of his and Swanson’s sex life. Show



ANDERSON PLUGS AWAY

producer Gary “Baba Boeey” Dell’Abate claimed that Swanson called to say that other members of Daredevil Jane weren’t happy about Anderson’s on-air confessions and that the band wanted their link removed from the Stern website, despite the attention they were receiving.

—Larry Harmon

Zero Plus 37 Equals

45 Hector Penalosa’s MySpace page says he’s 37, which would have made the onetime Zeros bassist around 8 when the punk pioneers

released their debut single in 1977 (“Wimp”/“Don’t Push Me Around”). “Yeah, I lie,” Penalosa admits, “everybody does on [MySpace], I’m really 45.... It’s easier to get respect if people think you’re younger.”

Penalosa — currently the drummer for Squiddo — has declined to take part in most Zeros reunions. He accuses guitarist Javier Escovedo of “stepping over people...just because he can get money out of it, because some people will pay good money for the Zeros.” Penalosa says he took part in some 1999 Zeros recordings but that only Escovedo got paid.



WHEN THE ZEROS WERE SOMETHING

“[Other band members] didn’t get diddly-squat,” he says.

In response to Penalosa’s accusation, Escovedo says, “It’s a set of circumstances that I can’t talk about.... A

certain amount of money that was expected was not earned, didn’t come into the band.”

Former Zeros guitarist Robert Lopez is now known as El Vez, the Mexican Elvis. Squiddo appears on April 14 at the Egyptian Tea Room.

—Jay Allen Sanford

How Much for the Pac Man Doll? To finance Rookie Card’s upcoming release, the band took advantage of their April 3 Casbah gig and turned it into a fundraiser. Guitarist/vocalist Adam Gimble assembled musicians and dancers to entertain the audience. Near the stage, operators manned a phone bank and pretended to receive callers who pledged donations.

“We had a huge rummage sale that filled up the entire back room at the Casbah,” Gimble says. “It was 20 or 30 years of [stuff I collected]. So,

people were walking around with *Baywatch* binoculars, stuffed Pac Man dolls,



ROOKIE CARD’S PHONY PHONE BANK

baseball cards, magazines, T-shirts. We ended up making over \$1000 from the door and selling stuff. We had friends who cooked cupcakes and brownies for us. We had a lemonade stand out front as a joke.”

Gimble will bring the rummage sale back to the Casbah on April 30 for an “Ain’t No Cure” cancer benefit, which will feature bands doing Cure covers.

—Larry Harmon

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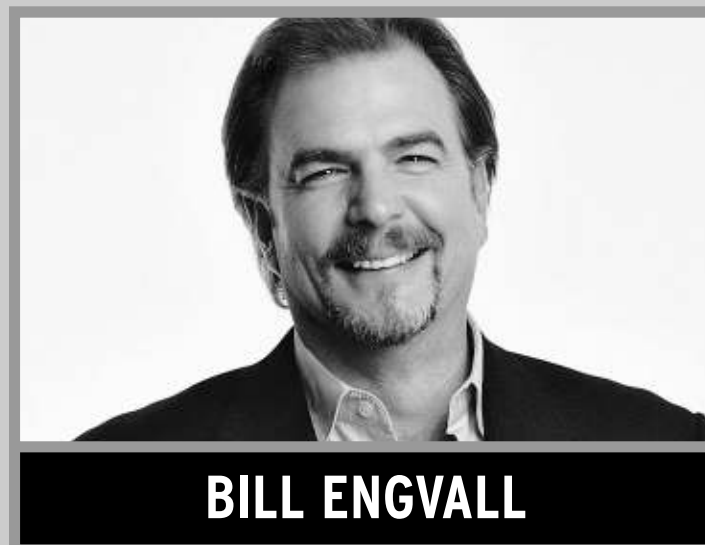
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The 1976 SDSU graduate (with a degree in sociology) used to sing songs to runaway adolescents while she was counseling at a residential treatment program called "the Bridge." She found a similarly receptive audience while serving as director of psychosocial services at San Diego Hospice, where she used her form of music therapy to comfort not only terminally ill patients but also family members and fellow staffers.

Patch Adams: The Musical? Yeah, she's socially conscious. But keep in mind that it takes one cheeky monkey to add your own lyrics and vocals to a Pat Metheny instrumental, and that's exactly what Phillips does on her 2005 CD *True Stories I Made Up*. Not one, but three Metheny tunes are interpreted on this CD, which also features guest appearances by local guitarist Peter Sprague and bassist Bob Magnusson. Check it out for yourself at violetstarrecords.com or see her at Rebecca's Coffeehouse in South Park on Friday, April 14.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Death Cab for Cutie, *Transatlanticism* ("The song 'Title and Registration' free-associates about renaming the glove compartment in a car because no one keeps gloves in there. It just slays me.")
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3. Patti Scialfa, *23rd Street Lullaby* ("Not as well known as her husband Bruce Springsteen, but her writing is so soulful and honest.")
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Randy Phillips

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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.

B.B. King: Rincon Casino, Saturday, May 20, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399 or 619-220-8497.

Ministry [572]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt & the North Mississippi Allstars: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, May 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 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.

Robert Earl Keen: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, May 31, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

Ashlee Simpson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 8, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 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

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

"The Earthquake of '73" by the **Fruit Bats** starts off with a cute couplet: "You hurt your foot roller skating down by the bay / And you lost your voice singing along to 'Raspberry Beret.' " But just when you think you're hearing a novelty number, Fruit Bats leader **Eric Johnson** turns it into a genuinely touching love song, ending the refrain with this sweet line: "I know for sure you're the spark on the sun."

The music's appeal works in a similar way: Just when you're ready to file it away as folk-rock, Americana, indie pop, or some other convenient label, Johnson throws in a twist that makes his songs stand out. Maybe a horn part

will pop up where you don't expect it, or an eerie electric guitar will be set against an acoustic arrangement. And always there is a melodic hook that will get stuck in your head.

Johnson (not the same Eric Johnson who played in Archers of Loaf, nor the Texas guitar hero of the same name) used to play guitar and banjo in Califone, a Chicago band that knows a thing or two about resisting easy labels. He's also played with Ugly Casanova and Sally Timms. The Fruit Bats started out as a solo side project but eventually turned into a band that has released two albums and toured with the likes of Modest Mouse and the Shins. For months, whenever one Fruit Bats song popped up on my iPod in shuffle mode, I thought I was hearing the Apples in Stereo.



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Kenny Chesney [784]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Restless Heart, Little Texas, and Blackheart: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Billy Ocean: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, June 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Sunday, July 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Carrie Underwood: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Nickel Creek: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

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"Vans Warped Tour" with **NOFX [109], Saves the Day, Anti-Flag**, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, July 6, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Hootie & the Blowfish [624]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island

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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.

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Julio Iglesias [627]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, July 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Boz Scaggs [613]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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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.

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris /830/:
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THURS. MAY 18

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SAT. MAY 20

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The Alternatives: Surf N’ Saddle
Alto Vos: Tio Leo’s Lounge
Amandine: The Casbah
Anterland: Blind Melons
The Antiques: Dreamstreet
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Ashbury: The Kensington Club
The Atlas of Id: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Audio Antics: Brick By Brick
The Aurora Complex: Soma
Autumn Leaves: Longshot Saloon
The Baja Bugs [250]: Egyptian Tea Room
Before Forever: Soma
Better Than Ezra [118]: House of Blues
The Big Provider: Tiki House
Black Mafia: Brick By Brick
The Books: The Casbah
Buckfast Superbee [119]: Tio Leo’s Lounge
Burn Proper: Epicentre
By All Means Necessary: Brick By Brick
Call Down Fire: The Kensington Club
The Call Down Fire: The Jumping Turtle
Circa Now: Blind Melons
The Clock Work Army: Dreamstreet
The Clogs: The Casbah
Crematorium: The Jumping Turtle
The Creepy Creeps: The Casbah
The Daffodils: The Casbah
Damned Nation: Brick By Brick
Decompression: ’Canes
Deicide: The Jumping Turtle
Difficult Henry: ’Canes
Discord: ’Canes
The Dissimilars: The Kensington Club
Dixie Witch: The Casbah
The Dresden Dolls: Epicentre
Electric Mistress: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Elephants in Mud: Blind Melons, Winstons
End of Eden: Soma
Erotomania: The Casbah
Fate of a Friend: Soma
Fenix TX: Soma
Fobia: House of Blues

Getty City: Soma
Gutrot: The Jumping Turtle
Headtrip Superstar: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Individual Destruction: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Ingio: Etta’s Place
Ione Angeles: Brick By Brick
Ivebeenshot: The Jumping Turtle
Job for a Cowboy: Soma
Kings Only: The Kensington Club
Knifemill: The Jumping Turtle
The Lashes: Soma
Lanterns: Epicentre
The LeperKhanz: Longshot Saloon
Little World [285]: The Jumping Turtle
Lucas Oblique: Epicentre
Lunette: The Kensington Club
Mae: Soma
The Midnight Creeps: The Jumping Turtle
Mother Grundy: Dreamstreet
My American Heart: Soma
New London: Epicentre
Of Hearts & Shadows: Soma
One Day Elliott: The Jumping Turtle
Over It: Soma
Patient Zero: Blind Melons
Payton March: Epicentre, Soma
Pinback [398]: The Casbah
The Postals: The Kensington Club
Raising the Fawn: The Casbah
The Receiving End of Sirens: Soma
Stan Ridgway: Belly Up Tavern
Severed: The Jumping Turtle
The Sex Girls: The Jumping Turtle
Six-Foot Deathtrap: ’Canes
Slewfoot: ’Canes
The Sleazies: The Jumping Turtle
Social Suicide: ’Canes
Sound Library: Brick By Brick
Spoken Gun [131]: Blind Melons, Winstons
Stealing Venus: Brick By Brick
The Stills: The Casbah
Swandive [302]: The Kensington Club
Sweetness: The Kensington Club
Tainted Society: ’Canes
The Tall Ships: The Kensington Club
This Flood Covers the Earth: Epicentre
A Thorn for Every Heart: Soma
Throw Rag: The Casbah
The Trigger Assembly: The Jumping Turtle
The Trophy Life: Longshot Saloon
Anna Troy [275]: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)
Vietnam-HC: The Jumping Turtle
Vital Remains: The Jumping Turtle
Warsaw: ’Canes
Weatherbox: Epicentre
Wild Eyes Full of Terror: Soma
Yaga: Blind Melons
Yellowcard: Soma
Yesterday’s Rising: Soma
Young Getty: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Aerodrive: Fannie’s Nightclub
All Marbles: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Animal Style: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
The Atomic Punks: Belly Up Tavern
The Atoms [484]: The Kensington Club
David Beldock: Coyote Bar and Grill

Below Me: Dreamstreet
Big Backyard: Coaster Saloon
The Bleeding Irish: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Bluespring [560]: Brick By Brick
Cactus Twang: The Calypso Cafe
Cattywompus: Dreamstreet
The C.H.I. Club: Winstons
Aubrey Collins: Belly Up Tavern
The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub & Restaurant
Nicky D. & the Whiskey Dicks: The Zombie Lounge
Dannicus: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill
Detour: House of Blues
The Disintegrators: The Jumping Turtle
The 86’d: Dick’s Last Resort
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Exit 21: The Zombie Lounge
Fistful: The Casbah
Foil: Belly Up Tavern
4 Play: ’Canes
Frogsbreath: Blind Melons
The Kyle Frost Band: Hennessey’s Tavern (Carlsbad)
Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
The Ghost of Sada: Dick’s Last Resort
Grandpadrew: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
The Greenhomes: The Casbah
The Taylor Harvey Band: Surf N’ Saddle
Colin Hay [573]: Belly Up Tavern
The Heathen Kings of Olde: The Casbah
The High-Rolling Loners: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
Sam Jayne: The Casbah
Leo Rising: Island Sports & Spirits
Lil’ Efert: Don’s Cocktail Lounge
Material Witness: Ocean House
Money for Nothing: Fannie’s Nightclub
Nemesis: Dirk’s Niteclub
Nitehawk: Carvers
Norfolk: The Casbah
Northstar: MCP’s Irish Pub and Grill, Coyote Bar and Grill
Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
Phenomenon: Belly Up Tavern
Pickford’s Party: Hennessey’s Tavern (PB), Thrusters
The Pine Mountain Logs: Belly Up Tavern
Private Domain [489]: Dick’s Last Resort
The Professors: DeOro Mine Co.
RDG: The Jumping Turtle
Relentless: Longshot Saloon
The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill
Rev: Belly Up Tavern
Rhythm & the Method: O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
The Richter: Blind Melons
Riot House: Tiki House
Ripple Groove: Winstons, Tiki House, Dreamstreet
The Rockoholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Ron’s Garage: Dick’s Last Resort
Roots to Rockets: Coaster Saloon
The Ruined: Winstons
The Salt Lickers: The Kraken
Sayaka: The Jumping Turtle
Scientific Lifestyle: Brick By Brick
Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)
Sister Hazel [475]: House of Blues
Tom Smerk: Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile
The Southwest Modernaires: DeOro Mine Co.
Sprung Monkey [513]: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill, The Jumping Turtle
Squiddo: Egyptian Tea Room

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Trans4mers: Blind Melons
Triple X: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad, PB)
Two Tens: The Jumping Turtle
Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Western: The Casbah
The Cory Wilkins Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Willowz: The Casbah
The Wrecking Crew: The Casbah
Ted Wulfers: Winstons
X Factor: Bub's Whiskey Dive

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
The 80z Allstars: 'Canes
Heartland: La Playa Cantina & Grill
Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
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The Reaganomics: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect
The Bi-National Mambo Orchestra: Dizzy's
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's
The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
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
Deep Soul Jazz: Portugal
James East: Pasquale on Prospect
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
Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect
The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge
Ayanna Hobson: Portugal
The Charlie Hunter Trio: House of Blues
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
The Chris Klich Jazz Quartet: Coyote Bar and Grill
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Wednesday, April 19
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Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble: World Beat Center

The Turiya Mareya World Jazz Ensemble: Portugalgia

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Christian McBride Band: House of Blues

Chuck McPherson: Dizzy's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar

P. Trac Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect

Palos: The Calypso Cafe

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The Dan Papaila Jazz Trio: Cafe Cerise

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bobby Previte: House of Blues

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect

John Scott & the Magnificents: The Calypso Cafe

Jose Molina Serrano: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Stepping Feet: 'Canes

The Sweet Tea Trio: Portugalgia

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

The Wise Monkey Orchestra [101]: Dreamstreet

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Deep Rooted: Belly Up Tavern

Dubshack: Blind Melons

Stranger: Blind Melons

Thicker Than Thieves: Blind Melons

Tulasi: Winstons

Vegetation [753]: Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Les Allen & City Limits: Whiskey Girl

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Mindi Abair: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

On its surface, mambo music is all frills and hoots and Ricky Ricardo gullibility. But I swear there's something dark beneath the horn flash, something primal and sweaty and sensual. With its roots in Haitian voodoo and pre-Cold War Cuban big band, no wonder. But the Haitians themselves did little more than lend the name. Mambo was almost pure Cubano in origin, a skintight fit with the sweaty dance-floor moves that the union of American swing and Cuban music inspired. Perez Prado is said to have created the actual dance; he introduced it on a humid night at La Tropicana Nightclub in 1943. The big names of the day — Tito Puente, Xavier Cugat, Pupi Campo — were quick to catch on. By the late '40s, Americans were dancing the mambo too. The dance itself is said to be

extremely difficult to learn and involves what has been described as violent acrobatics. Maybe that's why, in pictures I've seen of the **Orquesta Bi-Nacional de Mambo**, the audience is usually seated.

Based on a simple time signature with heavy beats, it's the wicked syncopation that drives the music. "Different musicians are doing different things," says **Bill Caballero**, founder of the Orquesta. "The saxes might be hitting [down-beats] one and three, the trombones might be hitting the end of four, and the trumpets might be hitting three and four. If you start listening to the other players, you're screwed."

I ask what makes the orchestra binational. "The original idea," he says, "was to get ten guys from Tijuana and ten guys from San Diego. It didn't work out, because the guys from Tijuana had to cross the border to rehearse." In the '90s, Caballero headed the ten-piece salsa band SOS. "I thought it would



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be a good idea to expose musicians from up here to musicians down there. I've got this idealistic frame of mind. Eventually some of the guys from Tijuana migrated up here," he says, "and some have kept right on going to L.A."

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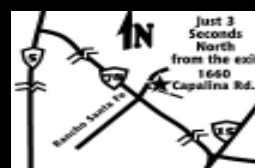
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Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin glam, Britpop, and indie. Go-go girls, manicures, and body art. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Beauty Bar, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-516-4746.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, funk, classic hip-hop, and '80s dance hosted by Mr. Riddles and guests. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Thursday, Spring Break Jam. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.; high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop and downtempo with DJ Ricky Wrecks and guests. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the *Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Colin Hay* and *Stan Ridgway*. Friday, the *Pine Mountain Logs* and *Aubrey Collins*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., the *Atomic Punks* and *Phenomenon*, rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Rev, Foil, and Testing Tomorrow*, rock. Wednesday, *Immortal Technique, Poison Pen*, and *Deep Rooted*, hip-hop/reggae.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull*, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Molly Jensen*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Patty Hall*, folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic rock.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *X Factor*, rock. Saturday, *Synergy*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*, blues. Friday, *Palos*, Latin jazz/salsa. Saturday, *Billy Thompson* and *Darryl Johnson*, blues. Sunday, *Tony Vick*. Monday, *John Scott & the Magnificents*, jazz. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nitehawk*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the *Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *David Beldock*, folk/rock; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the *Zydeco Blues Patrol*, Louisiana blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the *Chris Klich Jazz Quartet*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*, classic rock.

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, *Triple X*, rock. Saturday, the *Kyle Frost Band*, rock.

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, the *Midnight Creeps*, the *Sleazies*, *Two Tens*, *Vietnam-HC*, *Sayaka*, and the *Sex Girls*. Friday, *Knifemill*, the *Disintegrators*, the *Trigger Assembly*, *Ivebeenshot*, and *Gutrot*. Saturday, *Sprung Monkey*, *Arm the Angels*, *Call Down Fire*, and *One Day Elliott*. Sunday, *Deicide*, *Vital Remains*, *Crematorium*, and *Severed*. Monday, blues. Tuesday, *Billy Candler*, *Ronny Corbin*, *Christopher Cash*, *RDG*, and *Little World*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, 9 p.m., the *Salt Lickers*, country-rockin' blues. Saturday, live rock. Sunday, the *Blues Brokers*. Monday, the *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Heartland*, acoustic pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Javid*, acoustic rock.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Torque*. Saturday, the *Trophy Life*, *Autumn Leaves*, and *Relentless*, rock. Sunday, the *LeperKhanz*, alternative.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland band. Friday and Saturday, live rock/acoustic/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Vic Moraga*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Material Witness*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, 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 Bizzococho 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, the *Taylor Harvey Band*, rock. Saturday, the *Alternatives*.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & 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.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

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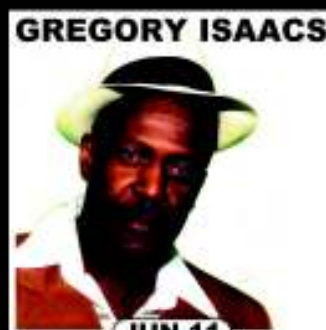
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Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Patient Zero* and *Anterland*, rock. Friday, *Thicker Than Thieves*, reggae, and *Elephants in Mud*. Saturday, *Stranger*, reggae. Sunday, *Dubshack*. Monday, *Barbara Nesbitt*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Young Getty*, *Trans4mers*, and *Yaga*, alternative rock. Wednesday, *Circa Now*, the *Richter*, and *Frogsbreath*, rock.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown blues/funk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Decompression*, *Six-Foot Deathtrap*, *Discord*, and *Slewfoot*. Friday, *Stepping Feet*, *Warsaw*, and *40 Watt Hype*, jazz/hip-hop. Saturday, *the 80z Allstars*, '80s rock. Wednesday, *Social Suicide*, *4 Play*, *Difficult Henry*, and *Tainted Society*.

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., *Roots to Rockets*, reggae/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Big Backyard*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Cattywompus*, the *Antiques*, the *Clock Work Army*, and *Mother Grundy*, rock/alternative. Friday, 7 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 7 p.m., *the Wise Monkey Orchestra*, *Ripple Groove*, *Torpedo Betty*, *Hugh's Blues Choo-Choo*, and *Below Me*, jazz/rock/blues. Monday, *Hugh Gaskins*, *Dane Scott*, *Nate Donniss*, *Tad*

Ryan, *Ventura Natividad*, *Alissa Jacey*, *Emily Tessmer*, and *Alex Drosdoff*, acoustic/folk. Tuesday, *Professor CC*, old skool/hip-hop. Wednesday, call club for information.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz/standards.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, 9 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, rock. Saturday, *Triple X*, classic rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: 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.

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. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *P. Trac Armenta*, *Gil Barron*, *James East*, and *Israel Maldonado*, Latin/smooth jazz/soul/pop. 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. Thursday, *the Turiya Mareya World Jazz Ensemble*, world jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Ayanna Hobson*, *Turiya Mareya*, and *Deep Soul Jazz*,



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funk/soul/jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Sweet Tea Trio*, traditional 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, *Riot House*, rock. Saturday, *the Big Provider*, 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. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Chi Club*. Friday,

cising. They're mostly novelty piano and vocals with irritating effects that, when cobbled together, don't do much for the listener except display how the band is very indie and intellectual and rebellious against mainstream music.

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

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., *Patty Hall*, folk. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Mindi Abair*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Dido Brown*, *Vrsatyl*, DJ *Fortee*, *Jay O Felony*, and *Pepe the Comedian*. Friday, *Klub Therapy*.



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Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Friday, 8 p.m., *Femme Fusion*, classical, contemporary, jazz, 9 p.m., *Squidido*, 11 p.m., *the Baja Bugs*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Squidido*, rock and roll.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Burn Proper*, *Lucas Oblique*, *Payton March*, and *New London*. Friday, *Weatherbox*, *Lanterns*, *For the High Seas*, and *This Flood Covers the Earth*. Tuesday, *the Dresden Dolls*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Ingio*, indie rock. Friday and Saturday, live music.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Jose Molina Serrano*, jazz. Saturday, lounge music.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Tuesday, *Sean Perry*, electric soul/mash-up.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Flock of 80's*. Friday, *DJ's Tony Aguilera* and *Nick Shakes*, dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, jazz/blues.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

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She "takes people as they are," without illusions or labels. She knows when someone, including herself, is in or out of love. Both happen. That's life. Her no-frills, rational point of view remains consistent. But the foibled humanity around her — husband John one of many ruled by the emotions of the moment — makes Constance seem like a tourist from a distant galaxy.

W. Somerset Maugham's 1926 comedy turns the tables on the Victorian "double standard," in which two-faced males philander with impunity, while their wives must remain models of subservient rectitude. Constance's rigid, anti-feminist mother, Mrs. Culver, says it's a man's nature to chase around and that women "were meant to be virtuous and forgiving and to suffer verbosely." To think otherwise used to be indecent. But decency, she bemoans, "died with dear Queen Victoria."

Constance is not her mother's daughter. If a

woman is financially dependent on her husband, she claims, then he's "bought her fidelity" and she "must deliver the goods," because "the man who pays the piper calls the tune." But what if — and the idea dawns on Constance like an electric

light in a gaslit world — what if the woman attained the one "really important" freedom and became economically independent? Then she could also claim "sexual in-

dependence" and turn the tables on rigid notions of gender, not to mention the reigning male double standard.

The Old Globe has tweaked Maugham's "drama of conversation" (Constance's reference to "sexual" independence gets tamed to "social," for example). But the lengthy sag in the long first act, which combines Acts One and Two of the original three acts, suggests the talky script could use a trim as well. The payoffs are worth the trek, however, especially watching John squirm when hoisted by his own, um, petard.

The production's contained, impeccable look tells the story without words. Ralph Funicello's all-white living room (often too brightly lit) is a model of rational order. It *dares* you to find a speck of dust. From the perfect pitch-tuned piano to the fastidious placement of furniture, from the double doors to the high ceiling: people don't relax in a space like this; they pose for portraits — and utter discouraging words in a whisper. Lewis Brown's precise mid-'20s London fashions en-

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Kandis Chappell, Henny Russell in *The Constant Wife*

The Constant Wife, by W. Somerset Maugham

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Seret Scott; cast: Kandis Chappell, Chris O'Bryon, Heidi Fecht, Amanda Naughton, Henny Russell, Lara Phillips, Wynn Harmon, J. Paul Boehmer, John Rosen; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Lewis Brown; lighting, Chris Parry; sound, Paul Peterson

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liven the picture, when combined, with the colors of a spring bouquet.

Not all the performances reach beyond the decor. And the cast as a whole isn't unified stylistically: some do comedy of manners (or mannerisms: flappered Lara Phillips can't decide, from moment to moment, how much of a French accent Marie-Louise should have); others, like Kandis Chappell as the baroquely adorned Mrs. Culver, suggest dimensions beyond the script.

As does Henny Russell's Constance who, it turns out, is more the playwright's spokesperson than a complex character. Russell keeps her center cool — no mean feat since it pares away swaths of actorial choices.

J. Paul Boehmer rightly plays Bernard, erstwhile and future apple of Constance's eye, as a living ad for Arrow shirts (he's so fawning-yummy you can see why she gives their potential affair a termination point). Mustachioed Wynn Harmon — who when his hair is ruffled's a dead ringer for Edgar Allen Poe — does a fine comic turn as John. Harmon waxes most eloquent when the good doctor is speechless.

Some part of me would like to see Constance raise a tri-



Forbidden Broadway

umphant fist at the end. Show us some feeling other than cold calculation. But that would make her inconstant, I guess.

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Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit offers some of the sharpest, funniest theater criticism around!

The framing device — the show's a victim's unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. No matter. Gerard Alessandrini's latest attempt to turn "the Great White Way gray" is a winner, thanks to amazing performances by Jeanne Montano, who skewers Yoko Ono — not only for breaking up the Beatles but for destroying American musical theater — and Valerie Fagan (co-author of the Rep's monster hit *Six Women with Brain Death*), who slanders Sarah Brightman. Both women have Broadway-sized

voices and talent, especially when Fagan rattles the walls as Ethel Merman and Montano falsettos Frankie Valli in a lamppoon of La Jolla Playhouse's *Jersey Boys*.

The male performers, Jared Bradshaw and Kevin B. McGlynn, certainly hold their own: Bradshaw demolishes Harry Connick Jr., and McGlynn's forgetful Robert Goulet, who grafts *Camelot* lyrics onto *South Pacific*, is a scream.

The revue reprises old favorites. No *Forbidden Broadway* would be complete without some *Les Miz* and *Lion King* trashing ("Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?" one sings wearing a neckbrace, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear). And Alessandrini's spoof of *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers") is as funny as it

is accurate. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes, which often get changed in split seconds.

Amid precise imitations and crazy lyrics, the revue makes serious complaints about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater and its general dumbing down of late. All true. And never put so memorably. ■

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The Constant Wife

Reviewed this issue.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MAY 7; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Reviewed this issue.

Critic's pick.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JUNE 4; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Gibson Girl

Moxie Theatre presents Kirsten Greenidge's comedy that questions the idea of "perfect woman." Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, THROUGH APRIL 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-634-3965.

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.

I.T.

M&M Productions presents Mike McClurg's original musical about a teenage boy who befriends an alien chameleon. McClurg directed. STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH APRIL 15; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-259-0102.

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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

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Worth a try.

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Late-Nite Catechism 2

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the sequel to Maripat Donovan's popular audience-participation show, which claims, "Sometimes we feel guilty because we ARE guilty."

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My Fair Lady

Cygnat 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 Doolittle'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, Cygnat 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 Cygnat, *My Fair Lady's* come a long way, baby! (Due to popular demand, Cygnat has extended the run of *My Fair Lady*.)

Worth a try.

CYGNAT 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 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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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.

The Odd Couple

The Coronado Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy about a neatnik and a slob and when the twain were forced to meet. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, FRIDAY, APRIL 21, THROUGH MAY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Rehearsal for Murder

Lamb's Players stages D.D. Brooke's mystery about a suicide that, if you believe her play-

wright-fiance, might not have been one. Robert Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, APRIL 14, THROUGH MAY 21; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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, 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.

Side Man

SDSU's School of Theatre, Television, and Film stages Warren Leight's 1999 Tony Award-winner about a jazz trumpet player and the discord in his life. C.J. Keith directed.

EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH APRIL 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

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The Tempest

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

In her Cessna, even in raw weather, Maxine could probably find a missing needle in a stack of them. On the ground, however, she's un-

sure, haunted by a past she fights to block. In Ellen McLaughlin's quasi-lyrical drama, Maxine searches for two missing children: Charlotte, a 12-year-old Girl Scout in the wild Adirondacks; and the youth Maxine lost when her mother died. The play would much rather wax poetic than go about its business. Most speeches are long monologues, image-heaps, actually, which pile up and defuse energy from an undeniable dramatic pattern: the play's five women make up a tapestry of loss, from giving up, or in, to letting go. Though unable to overcome *Tongue's* static, talky nature, Stone Soup Theatre Company and director Esther Emery enhance its positives. Scenic designer Nick Fouch's discrete playing areas become emotional zones: reality downstage, mysticism above. The empty spaces in between, lit by Valerie Breyne, take on a haunted solemnity. The cast leans toward recital rather than self-expression in the monologues (people just don't talk that image-y) but also do capable work: Julie Anderson Sachs as the driven Maxine, Abbey Howe as an Ariel-like Charlotte, Wendy Waddell as her angry mother, June Gottlieb as Maxine's grandmother (is she daffy or sagacious?), and balletic Robin Christ as the undy-

ing memory of Maxine's mother, Evie. In the end, Evie does a metamorphosis far more eloquent than all the playwright's images combined.

Worth a try.

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.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters.

One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Trying

The Old Globe Theatre stages Joanna McClelland Glass's comedy-drama about an 81-year-old judge, close to his life's end, and a new young secretary. Richard Seer directed.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THURSDAY, APRIL 20, THROUGH MAY 21; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

What the Butler Saw

The genius, and difficulty, of Joe Orton's 1969 masterpiece: it's both farce and literature, a tale of mayhem in a British psychiatric clinic told with elegant speech. Orton sculpts epigrams the equal of Oscar Wilde. 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, gets lost. This is Joe Orton *dumbed down*. Only Brian Salmon's Dr. Rance (an Adult Child of a Hitler Youth who attaches labels to reality even as he swirls it into chaos) understands the balance between speech and movement in Orton. Thanks to director Peter Cirino, the show has some knockabout physicality, though the cast pushes too hard and plays too loud for the intimate space. Cut-to-the-chase pacing only serves part of Orton's "controlled frenzy," however. It's a rare thing to say, but the show would improve if the actors relaxed, trusted the lines and their audience's intelligence, and *added* ten minutes to the running time. 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.

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Oh, Crudo! My Fish Is Raw!

“Crudo” seems a risky name for a restaurant, just begging for nasty puns. But in Italian, it merely means “raw” and refers specifically to the Italian version of sashimi enjoyed in Venice for snacks and antipasti. Items such as raw swordfish marinated in lemon juice and *carpaccio di salmone* are menu staples locally at upscale eateries like Coronado’s Primavera and Del Mar’s Osteria Pescatore. But this traditional genre exploded into the ultimate in Manhattan chic in 2004, when chef David Pasternack started featuring top-quality seafood in delicate raw creations at Esca, a seafood restaurant owned by famed chef/entrepreneur Mario Batali. The idea seemed to unleash the creative juices in chefs all over New York, who’ve been devising increasingly bold and imaginative spin-offs — dishes like raw tuna topped with sea urchin foam, or live scallops bedded on truffled green papaya salad. By now it’s become a raging fad in San Francisco, too, such that renowned Bay Area chef Joyce Goldstein is featuring it in her next cookbook.

Has *crudo* moved to San Diego? Well, a touch of it. I was hoping that our Crudo would be a shameless Esca copycat, which would at least be something new and different here. When Crudo opened, co-owner Joe Busalacchi (of Busalacchi’s, Po Pazzo, etc.) told *San Diego Magazine*, “We’re going to...serve Italian sushi with a Chinese flair, like P.F. Chang-type food. In Sicily, where I’m from, there’s a lot of fish, even raw fish, and there’s a place in Milano that serves Italian sushi, with oils and garlic. That’s what I want to re-create here.” But his partner in the venture is nightclub maven Mike Viscuso (founder of E Street Alley, On Broadway, Red Circle, and Deco’s in the Gaslamp). When it comes to the disco crowd, Mike is all about Fats Waller’s lyric: “Find out what they want, and how they want it, and give it to ’em just that way.” Viscuso brought in executive chef Jon Gamora, a veteran of Japengo and Sushi on the Rock. Now three months old, Crudo is not turning out exactly as advertised.

It certainly looks slick. Outside there’s a well-heated roofed dining patio flanked by a serene Buddhist-style fountain. Enter, and your eye lights on a striking kimono hung on the wall above the hostess station. The reddish wall along that side, edged with booths, sports a large hammered-copper Thai Buddha profile — similar to the one at



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the downtown Lotus Thai, but facing the other way. To the left is a large, bright sushi bar, with a fluorescent “Crudo” sign behind it. The partly screened-off adjoining bar/lounge/disco has multiple TV screens — several running videos of tropical fish — and multicolored moving lights that shine onto the dance floor.

This is, as far as I know, the first nightclub in rapidly condo-fying Little Italy. It seems designed as a more civilized alternative to the Gaslamp’s frenetic underground clubs and “meet markets.” At 8:00 o’clock on a Wednesday evening, the dining room and sushi bar began to fill rapidly with couples ranging from their mid-twenties to late fifties. The hostesses greeted many of them familiarly, so evidently the disco is developing a core of regulars, with an older and more neighborly demographic than the Gaslamp’s weekend bridge-and-tunnel cuties. Having a few bites before the disco opens ensures a good table in the lounge with no cover charge.

The menu turns out to be neither Italian *crudo* nor “Italian-Chinese.” It’s divided into a double page of appetizers (mainly seafood), a page of sushi

and sashimi, and a final page of entrées and desserts. The fusion style of both hot and cold dishes is along the familiar, Japengo-esque line of Japanese basics with fruit and sugar added. Italian ingredients, so far, make tiny cameo appearances.

The drink list includes cocktails, beers, a handful of wines from California and Italy, and a good selection of sakes sold mainly by the bottle. The shortage of sake choices by the glass and the extreme markups are surprising: For instance, Momokawa Pearl dry *nigori* (unfiltered fizzy sake, which the Japanese call “crazy milk”) is available only as a full 725 ml bottle at \$19 (versus about \$8 retail if you can find it). A 325 ml half-bottle of the popular, sweeter Sho Chiku Bai *nigori* made in exotic Berkeley, California — \$3.69 at Jaroco Market in Golden Hill and \$6 at most sushi bars — is shockingly priced at \$23 and change, though it’s no Pearl at any price.

My partner and I started with a few sushi rolls — our usual opening order of *uni* (sea urchin). The urchin proved a grade-A specimen — bright orange, firm-tender, and clean flavored. Sushi is all about rice, and I quite liked this ver-

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Crudo Restaurant ★½ (Good to Very Good)

1953 India Street (at Grape Street), Little Italy, 619-398-2974, www.crudorestaurant.com. (Note: menu doesn’t load yet.)

HOURS: Seven days, dinner 5:00–10:00 p.m. (Bar-disco until 2:00 a.m. Wednesday–Saturday)

PRICES: Sushi, \$4–\$16; sashimi, \$13–\$15 for a single species, trio \$29, plateau (combo of everything), \$49. Soups, salads, appetizers, \$3–\$17. Donburi (seafood bowls with noodles or rice), \$7–\$14. Entrées, \$25–\$35. Desserts, \$7.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Authentic sushi, avant-garde sashimi, “fusion-y” appetizers, and a few entrées (mainly fish and noodle combos). Handful of international wines by the bottle or glass at above-average prices. Numerous sakes at high to exorbitant markups; full bar, with bottle service for lounge.

PICK HITS: Crudo Plateau (sashimi platter); lobster red miso soup; Crudo roll; Green Hornet roll; butterfly in apricot miso sauce.

NEED TO KNOW: Reservations accepted Monday–Wednesday only (when not needed). Well-heated roofed patio outside; disco lounge/nightclub behind restaurant, active Wednesday–Saturday after 9:30, no cover (usually \$10–\$20) if you have a drink and a few sushi first. Best strategy: Graze (skip entrées for now).

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sion: The rice, barely sweet, held together perfectly, leaving no grains clinging to our fingers. A week or so later, we ordered the *uni* again, but this time it was a day older and a trifle mushy, with a minimal edge — still acceptable, but not glorious.

A spicy scallop handroll was less amusing. Despite having the goodies (cuke, scallops, sauce) running all the way from top to bottom, it was rolled too loosely, and we needed to grasp it firmly to keep it from falling apart at the seams. The scal-

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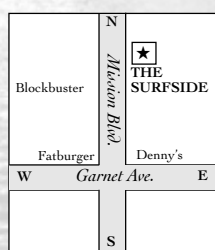
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lops were flaccid, and the roll needed more mayo for textural contrast to the not-too-spicy hot sauce.

The Green Hornet is one of the few *futo maki* rolls here that's free of both cream cheese and eel sauce. It features lobster, asparagus, avocado, wasabi green peas, scallions, and wasabi cream. We enjoyed the zesty, harmonious combination. It emboldened us to try the signature Crudo Special roll, with eel sauce, spicy mayo, spicy scallops, tempura shrimp, asparagus, avocado, puffed seasoned rice, and a soy-paper coating. To our delight, it proved an exuberant admixture of textures and flavors: Even the eel sauce succeeded, because its sweetness near the top of the roll was balanced by the pool of hot sauce infusing the bottom. "This reminds me of the party rolls at Sushi on the Rock," my partner observed. (We didn't know yet that Crudo's chef is from Sushi on the Rock.)

Where Crudo lives up to both its name and my hopes for it is in the sashimi — most notably in the full-tilt boogie of the Crudo Plateau, a raw version of the cold seafood "plateaus" of French bistros. It's not exactly cheap (at \$49 it's about \$10 less than you'd pay locally for the Gallic version), but it's a light meal for two and a great shared appetizer for four. You know the joke about the Zen sage ordering a hot dog: "Make me one with everything." That's the Plateau. It consists of Crudo's six sashimi dishes, plus substantial tastes of all the evening's best raw seafood from the sushi menu. Each

species has its own special treatment, and the treatments are fusion flavors: *Maguro* (dark red, silky tuna), for instance, is touched with whole-grain mustard ponzu, while scallops (still as slack as in the hand-roll) have a daub of balsamic ponzu. *Hirame* (halibut) wears a few drops of blood-orange misu, appropriately dainty. Just as good were the many little surprises from the fish case: Spanish mackerel (*aji*) slices were pickled in-house and tasted like deli herring. Giant clam (*mirugai*) needed no adornment to its crisp texture and natural sweetness. Thin octopus slices were tender-chewy, with a vibrant sweet-sour flavor, as though poached in sugared lime juice. Squid, firm and near crunchy, were rolled around nori and carrot centers. I didn't really care for the *nama sake* (salmon) with a cheeseless garlic pesto aioli (a combination of garlic- and basil-flavored olive oils). The salmon, a risky fish (prone to parasites), was suspiciously squishy, and it made us nervous when served raw by an American-trained sushi chef. Nor did we care for the *hamachi's* (yellowtail) harsh garnish of yuzu (a sour Japanese citrus) and jalapeño, which tasted a little — *crudo*.

Since a solo honeymoon oyster shooter seemed spendy at \$12, we chose oysters on the half shell (five to a plate for \$13), dressed in Chinese chili oil, golden tobiko, and minced cilantro — a spicy, bracing mixture.

Moving on to warm dishes, we had to try the lobster red miso soup. The liquid, which we loved, is intensely fish flavored from *dashi* (Japanese dried-bonito broth). Afloat in the clear red soup are thick shiitake slices, tofu cubes, nori seaweed rectangles, minced scallions and — (*ta-dah!*)

wonton-skin dumplings filled with puréed edamame and ricotta. Just don't look for lobster pieces in there — my partner's portion held one small, spongy claw-tip, and that's all she wrote. Given its fierce fishiness, the soup's not for the faint of heart, but real seafood fans will lap it up.

A couple of warm appetizers were a good cop/bad cop act. The good: Butterfish with an apricot miso glaze was a fine fillet cooked translucent, finished off with a fluff of basil chiffonade and a hint of hot chili oil. But the chef seems to use the sugar shaker the way other cooks use a saltshaker — we found this and most other cooked dishes swinging heavily to the sweet side.

Bonito-crust scallops were another story. The trio of large Asian scallops (like those in the sashimi) offer a fainter flavor and softer texture than their pricier cousins from New England. The chef crusts them with rehydrated Japanese dried-bonito shreds, cooks them until translucent-firm, and drenches them in heavily sweetened yuzu juice. The coating has the texture of a coarse wet dishcloth — an edible fish-flavored schmatte. The scallops are plated over soggy, sour Granny Smith apple slices pickled in, I'd guess, unsweetened yuzu, and garnished with crisped nuggets of pancetta and wisps of microgreens. I can envision this dish remade with panko on the scallops, Fuji apples (not Grannies) for natural sweetness, and yuzu straight up for tartness — but I can't imagine how to solve the scallop problem. Fall back 15 yards and punt?

Entrées seem the weakest point of the menu, if those we tried are any indication. When I ordered the butterfish appetizer near the end of our first

meal, the waitress evidently misunderstood me and substituted an entrée of filo-crust white fish. It's a long fillet of mild-flavored fish coated with *kataifi* (fine-shredded filo). The fish tasted clean and neutral, and the crackly crust was tasty. But it sat atop a nest of overcooked Pad Thai noodles dressed in a sweet, sludgy, red-brown "ginger-soy-tomato sauce." The sauce waged war on the gentle fish and slaughtered it.

Katsu bleu turned out to be chicken cordon bleu crusted with panko instead of conventional bread crumbs. Tasting somewhat like a frozen entrée from the supermarket, it consists of deep-fried medallions of chicken breast stuffed with mozzarella, prosciutto, and spinach, served over buckwheat soba with a tasty cream sauce flavored with sun-dried tomatoes and miso. The chicken was tender, except for a tiny knob of gristle. (You'd think a sushi kitchen could fillet chicken flawlessly. I won't be ordering any blowfish here.) The filling was scant and dry — short of melted cheese, above all — so the chicken was only palatable when dipped in the precious few drops of sauce. The noodles were gray, thin, round, and sodden, with an unfortunate visual resemblance to a heap of worms.

The remaining entrées are equally baroque. For instance, the Kobe center-cut sirloin sounded as if it might be a winner, but mashed potatoes with satsuma tangerine juice and plum wine basil sauce struck us as a combination that we didn't want to pay \$35 to sample. There are plans afoot for a few entrées with more purely Italian flavors (see interview below), which might provide some relief from the strenuous palate calisthenics of the current

menu. Until then, I'd rather graze on the light dishes and bypass the main course.

We also skipped desserts, a short list of classics (crème brûlée, chocolate mousse, white chocolate cheesecake, ice cream sandwich), each with some creative twist. We'd already had our full complement of sugar — and creativity — in the appetizers and entrées. At a restaurant named Crudo, you mostly want your food raw and simple.

ABOUT CRUDO

"I wanted to bring *crudo*, Italian sashimi, to Little Italy. I knew there was an Italian sushi bar in New York but never thought about it — I didn't know [Mario] Batali owned it when we came up with the idea for Crudo," says owner Joe Busalacchi. "Basically, we were going to start out doing some of the infusion of the Italian *crudo* with the raw seafood, and then we went the opposite way a little bit. But we're working on it now again. We just wanted to open up — we were delayed about a year for permits and construction and so forth, so we had to do something really quick [because we have to pay the lease whether we're open or not]. We're working on a lunch menu now, and then we're going to be coming back with the 'Italian sushi.' We're probably going to start doing that at the end of next month. We've been pretty busy — hectic — so we just haven't had the time so far. Italians eat a lot of raw fish, so we're going to do some sea urchin pasta, some balsamic reductions on the fish, calamari stuffed with crab and avocado. We should've done that from the beginning. But I'm also busy taking over Voyage, down the block — I must be crazy!"

Crudo's executive chef, Jon

Gamora, is a San Diego native. After attending culinary school at a local business college downtown, he worked under Jim Paulberry and Amiko (Parallel 33) Gubbins when she was making her name as head chef at Japengo. He speaks at the same fast pace that a Benihana chef chops vegetables. "I was executive chef at Sushi on the Rock, and before that I was sushi chef at Japengo. I learned sushi in school. One of my trainers was the former owner of Taka. I started out in French cuisine in the early '90s, until I was offered a position to do sushi. I was at Japengo for about eight years. Then I ventured off, I opened the sushi bar at Peohe's, opened the sushi bar at Aubergine, and then I was at Sushi on the Rock for about four years and then worked at Ra Sushi. The cuisine that we do is on the sweeter side — that's from Kyoto, the sweeter side of Japan. My baseline is a little of *kaiseki* — a lot of intricate flavors, not too heavy, not too strong. I like to meet people halfway in their flavors. I can't please everybody 100 percent but I try." He met Mike Viscuso while working for him at On Broadway's Zen Cafe. "A lot of my mentors had worked for his corporation at one time or another.

"Right now we're pretty much doing neo-style Japanese, but the menu will be changing to where it's a little more Mediterranean and more seasonal. We're already using Mediterranean ingredients — infused oils, cheeses. We have so many different ideas, it's just a matter of where we're gonna take it. It's a nightclub, but it's also a fine dining experience. I want to create memories in the people that come in here, so they'll say, 'Do you remember that dish we ate at Crudo?' " ■

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Herminia sighs. "Okay. Once more." Her teeth glow white in the night shadows. "Ee, ibi, ooni, comay, mm-mm..." "Mm-mm?"

"Five. Cinco. Five dollars you gonna pay for this bangle." Herminia looks across the table of silver Taxco bangles and earrings, and straw bags from Oaxaca. I told her I'd buy something if she taught me to count to five in Mixteco. Ee, ibi, ooni, comay, mm-mm.... Love that mm-mm. In the taxi plaza here by La Línea, she's into her last hour at the family stall.

It's Friday night, about 8:30. An aroma of carne asada wafts out from the hole-in-the-wall taqueria next door. Beef strips are smokin' and grillin' away — along with pork and chicken — at all three taco stands this side of the Caliente betting place. My border problem ain't getting through Customs: It's getting past these guys.

"¡Pásale! ¡Pásale! [sounds like PAH-sah-lay] ¡Tacos, amigo! ¡Pásale!"

Ramiro, the guy yelling, is standing behind the counter of the last taco stall, right beside the row of Mixteco trinket tables. The very last, I guess, before Norte América. So maybe I should fortify myself for the trip north. Hey, this is Friday. Night of the Long Lines. As they say, an army marches on its stomach.

Plus, guy next to the one spare counter stool

has just hired a musician to sing him a song. "Rayando el Sol." "Shredding the Sun"? Whatever, it's haunting, and he fingers that 12-string guitar like an old pro.

I sit down and order a carne asada taco (90 cents) and a Coke (also 90 cents) and listen. Meanwhile, Ramiro whips my taco up in about 20 seconds flat, cones it in a paper wrap, whips out a paper plate, and lands it in front of me, while he looks up and shouts, "¡Pásale! ¡Pásale! ¡Tacos, amigo!" His sidekick brings the Coke in a traditional bulbous glass bottle, and, oh yes. They hand me some grilled green onions and beautifully sloppy jalapeños to nibble alongside the carne asada, which tastes great, 'specially after I douse it with the red salsa.

"We make the red salsa out of red peppers and green tomatoes," says this pregnant girl. Think her name's Erica. She's helping take tacos to customers.

"And the green salsa?" I ask.

"From jalapeños and red tomatoes," she says. Huh. Green makes red, red makes green.

I order two more tacos, one al pastor (pork), the other chicken. But now I'm behind a whole bunch of gringo guys lining their guts before they head on down to the Adelita Bar and other parts in the Naughty Zone, as regulars call the Zona Norte. So while I wait I check out a poster tacked to the cream-and-red-painted brick walls inside. "Proclamation,"

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By the time I get back to my stool, the tacos are there, and Flavio Castro, the mariachi, is singing a beautiful number, "Nocturno a Rosario." It's haunting too. I can just about translate some of the words.

"I must tell you that I love you
That I adore you with all my heart
That I suffer a lot
That I cry a lot..."

Everybody's getting sentimental. "My grandfather started this place with nothing," says this guy, Gabriel. He's talking fifty years ago. "It was a little shack. It had no roof. But he worked so hard, he fed my parents. He gave life to us."

Gabriel is collecting the money, after people tell him what they ate. Kind of honor system, really. Nice. He says he's from Michigan. His family's half Spanish and half Purécha. "We are from the only native peoples who never surrendered to the Spanish," he says. "I am proud of being Purécha, even though we have never been encouraged to be proud of it. But we have something. We never start

a fight, but we never back down either."

A couple of years ago, someone pulled a gun on his brother right here, Gabriel says. The brother got a knife out and stabbed the guy. That shut this place down till the police cleared his brother. Self-defense. So Gabriel came back to help out. He had been at college. I think he says it was at the Universidad de Valladolid, down in the Yucatán. "It was the first university in all the Americas, 1540," he says.

But he's happy being up here helping get this place back on its feet. "I tell my friends down there we have the first taqueria in Mexico. And the best: our tacos are 90 cents. The guys next door are \$1.00."

I ask him why the name "Tacos Mino?"

"That's my brother's name. And it was our grandfather's. The name has been in our family for 105 years."

"That's it. No more songs," says Sr. Flavio. "My voice has run out."

I've still got just enough to get that silver bangle for Carla. But now an American girl comes up and says she needs two bucks to get back across the line. Can I help? Is it a scam? How da heck can you know? I slip her the two bucks and go tell Herminia I'll have to get the bangle next time.

"Next time it'll be ushu," she says.

"Ushu?"

"Ten. Ten dollars." ■

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If you sign up for San Diego State University's College of Extended Studies' Business of Wine program, it is very likely that one of your first teachers will be Deborah Lazear. A certified wine specialist, she designed two of the fledging program's courses and teaches them both. "The first class is 'Exploring Wine,'" she explains. "It's a broad overview: What is wine? What does 'well made' really mean? Just because you like it doesn't necessarily mean it's well made. What does terroir mean? What do earth and sunshine have to do with it? Why is this grape better in this country than in that country? How do you taste wine? How do you shop? How do you read a label?"

For homework on that last question, students might be asked to "go to a wine store, pick wines from four countries, examine the labels, and write down everything you see that's different. Then we'll have a class on labeling and laws. I assign you a country, and you go and create your own label. Then you present it to the class and explain it, making sure that it's true to the rules for that country."

Homework also involves a fair amount of reading — the class uses Karen MacNeil's *Wine Bible* for a text — but in general, Lazear is big on learning by experience. "As we go through, we identify the tasting profile for each grape — what

you should be looking for on the nose and the palate. Then I teach them how to create a wine-tasting book. They're assigned different wines to taste during the week, and they have to write their impressions in their book and share them with the class. They really learn to think and taste. I take students on a tour of the world, and we sample wines from all around. Our intent is to expand their comfort zone. When they leave, they've got a more educated palate, and they're ready to go on to the next level."

The program was designed, "first and foremost, for people who are in the restaurant business — young people who need an education. And by 'young,' I don't mean an age; I mean an experience level. They need to be able to recommend the best wine for the meal. If they can suggest something other than red or white, that's very good, because wine can produce good profit in the restaurant business. But it turned out that the audience was broader than that — it included consumers, people who like to buy wine and drink it with their meals."

For both groups, "the next level" means digging into Lazear's pet topic: pairing food and wine. "This year, Stuart Cellars in Temecula is hosting. It's going to be fabulous. I've got a working kitchen, and the chef has very generously volunteered to help out. I prepare all the food and transport it, but then it needs to be either

cooked or finished, then plated, prepped, and delivered to the students."

"Exploring Wine" meets four times; the food and wine class is a one-day affair — essentially, an eight-course lunch wherein what is consumed is also what is discussed. "Before class, you are instructed to write down some of your favorite food and wine pairings and to bring a couple of questions. You arrive in the barrel cellar — it's cold, so you had better bring a warm jacket. You're greeted by the general manager of Stuart Cellars, and he talks a little bit about the place. I have a welcome wine for you — probably a Prosecco."

Once the Italian bubbles have got you in the proper gustatory state of mind, "I start to talk about the different wines. As we talk, you taste. I give you some food to go with the wine, and then you taste the wine again. We move all the way through eight courses, from lighter white to deeper white, then lighter red, and so on, ending up with their Zinfandel Port. You spend quite a bit of time tasting and eating and talking — we do recommend that you spit. It's important that you don't get blotto by the middle, because there's a test at the end."

Along the way, Lazear answers questions, talks a little about cellaring and glassware, and even starts poking about in the chemical realm. "Why do meat and red wine go together? We talk about proteins binding with tannins — to give people an understanding that it's not just 'because somebody said so.'"

After the eight-course discussion, "You are put into small groups, and you have to create a dream menu. I'm looking for five or six courses and the wines you would recommend. You present back to the class, and you have to justify where your pairings are coming from. It's a very practical class."

And it, together with the rest of the program,



has produced practical results. "This is our second year, so we've had a class graduate, and it has had value for them. I walked into BevMo one day, and at the back, they had a trade tasting. There was a young man there representing an importer, and I did a double take — he was one of my students!" After the tasting, "I asked him, 'Are you enjoying it?' He said yes. I asked, 'Did you find what you learned useful?' He said, 'That's how I got the job!' And I have people from wineries. A general manager from Temecula drove down for all four classes to see for himself. He said, 'I want to send all of my staff.' Because Temecula is getting sophisticated, and they need waitstaff who can talk knowledgeably."

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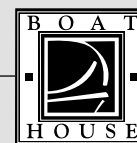
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has donated glassware to the program, and Lazear has found them a helpful resource on the educational end. “They send me a list of all the wineries and all the varietals and who is making what. I give that to the student and say, ‘Go to Temecula, pick one varietal, and taste your way through on that one only.’ They have a focus. More and more students have been doing that and have been coming back with some good reports.”

And apparently, they’ve been spreading good reports about Lazear. “I started getting phone calls to speak about wine for different groups. I’ve done some fundraisers — it’s the hot thing right now: wine auctions, wine-and-food pairing dinners.” She has spoken at local meetings of the American Institute of Wine and Food, at cooking classes, and at the San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival. Some gigs are even a little luxe. “The Southern California Institute is a group of professionals, and several times a year, they want a topic other than their basic topics. I started leading some classes for them. They provide a wonderful venue — they give me a nice budget to bring in some good wines to sample. But nothing beats the students. Most of them are young, but I’ve had couples who are in retirement who come together. I do it because of the look on people’s faces when they learn something — all of a sudden, this little win-

dow opens wide, and they say, ‘I can taste blueberries in this now! I never thought I could before.’ Or, ‘I can now read a wine label in a shop and make a decision.’ It makes me very happy.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

*Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

NORTH COASTAL

Barone’s Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it’s purely

Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won’t put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Bubby’s Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The “gourmet sandwiches” really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Fidel’s Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It’s not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel’s menu — but who gives a flyin’ fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it’s gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you’re going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you’re set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *S.M. (12/03)*

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The



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Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H

streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Ar-riverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes,

wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *may popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list; half-price on Tuesday nights. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (5/05)

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Chef Hannes Cavin turns out a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), the brick-roasted

free-range chicken, and whatever "fruit creation" is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (6/05)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M.* (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo,

858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The spe-

cialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.* (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta

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Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W. (10/04)*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all

cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular

here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

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Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but univer-

sally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

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kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — *A.M.* (6/04)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — *S.M.* (7/04)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy out-

post of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Cucina Italiana Clairemont Square, 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-274-9732. Chef Jose Flores, who owned the much-missed Trattoria Nostana in La Mesa, went back to his alma mater, Via Italia — and bought it. Under the new name, the menu is much the same as at Via Italia: multi-regional au-

thentic Italian cuisine, including wonderful thin-crust pizzas, available only by the ten-inch pie, not by the slice. The restaurant is in a mall but doesn't serve mall-grub. The fresh pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, so raviolis have more filling than skin and the rich lasagna won't send you out waddling. The numerous daily specials are the most rewarding dishes and keep dinners interesting for the many neighborhood regulars. Desserts and espresso are good; save room for *millefoglie* and *torta della nonna* when they're available. Plenty of wines by the glass. Reserve, especially for weekends and large parties. Heated patio dining in fair weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (pastas and pizzas) to expensive (meat and seafood entrées). — *N.W.* (1/06)

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (9/98)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of

American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/02)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are ex-

uberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner and entertainment (piano or harp) nightly, closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/02)

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-569-7519. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail and "Spicy

Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (4/99)

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Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you’ll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding

moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There’s plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself “Food Girl,” has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed “lazy cook,” she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street),

Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida’s famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB’s piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that’s just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Humphrey’s by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it’s a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when

there’s no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It’s young and crowded here — is that because you don’t have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen’s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Kono’s 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It’s cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono’s is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled

eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for take-out. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you’ll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including New York steak or potato-crustured Pacific red snapper. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but “charming”? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel

like a Mediterranean outpost. There’s plenty of surfer food (surf’s a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there’s the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turkish mini-burgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun*, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It’s small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city’s oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*



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CENTRAL
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El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. Other location: 534 Broadway (at H Street), Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza?

That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B. (5/05)*

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable.

Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueren" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day—you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages,

and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Tazablanca 3946 Illinois (north of University, two blocks east of 30th Street), North Park, 619-294-8292. This warm-colored, lively café offers the homey, tropical food of Cuba and some pan-Latin appetizers cooked with Cuban styling. The fried calamari is light, the *papa rellena* (stuffed potato) is lively, the *lechón* (marinated roast pork) is moist and flavorful, and the vibrant chicken fricassee with capers is irresistible. All entrées come with a salad, and the tequila-lime dressing is especially fresh tasting. Reservations for groups of six or more. Park behind the restaurant (via Grimm and the alley) or in Lumberjacks's lot. Live band plays Thursday through Sunday evenings and is quieter than the ambient music when there's no band. Patio seating in fair weather. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; phone about lunch. Full bar including *mojitos*, Mexican beers, mainstream wines, and Latin soft drinks. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

EAST COUNTY &
COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your

juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include

prik pow beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college-pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chugsuds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crustured rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts

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make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a “Texas-sized baked potato,” vegetables, salad, and squash bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound “Posse Burger” (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner’s mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as “Manolita,” a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you’ll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American cafe is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex’s Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex’s (now in the Mr. A’s building) is rightly famous for its “Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich” (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage

meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It’s, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. Closed Saturday and Sunday. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi’s Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi’s has that settled, warm feel, but it’s more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there’s the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari “steak” bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn’t be missed if it’s on the menu. There’s some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel’s outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain

offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eclectic Middle Eastern cuisine that’s primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, India, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don’t miss the splendid appetizer sampler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rosewater, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and weekend dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking. Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Brunch Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., bar menu until midnight or later. Moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to “extraordinary,” to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne’s incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of

Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf’s faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you’re deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don’t look for pure authenticity — you’ll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po’ boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived

red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town’s nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower

than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Jimmy Carter’s Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park’s lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

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You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic.

Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is “pure and simple” to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced “trust the chef” tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking “boxing arena grilled chicken,” after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with

Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Talus Cafe 127 University Avenue (near First Street), Hillcrest, 619-358-9867. If you're looking for food that tastes rich but registers lean on your bathroom scale, chef-owner Richard Wood creates eclectic, Mediterranean-style healthy cuisine made with seasonal, mainly organic produce, wild-caught seafood, lean meats, and very little butter or cream. (However, some dishes, e.g., meatloaf, can be quite salty.) The menu wanders all over southern Europe and includes side-trips to Southeast Asia (the latter aren't very authentic, but they're tasty). The small, smart wine list is affordable and offers plenty by the glass. Breads are house-baked, but desserts are outsourced. Heated, roofed courtyard dining; dining room is up one steep step. Street parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch and dinner weekends; closed Monday. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features “Pacific coastal cuisine,” an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and “something for everyone.” And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out

of substantial “tapas” sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking on-site, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately,

the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy “Short Board” pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy “paella” (more like jam-balaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W. (7/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims “New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine.” Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with

soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pau hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional “chef specialties” (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a “New York-ish” spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even further. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with

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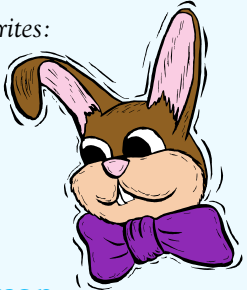
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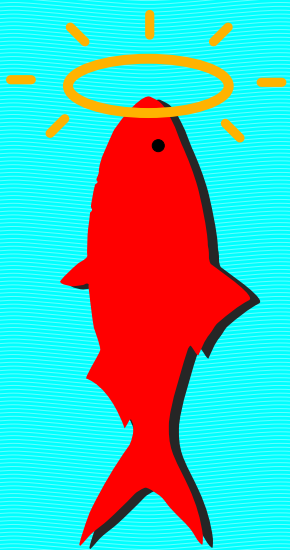
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Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest’s Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of “Northern Indian cuisine made easy,” with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it’s a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki’s Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic’s (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the “grass skirt” decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely “islander” cuisine featuring, in addition, asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with par-

ents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a “wine angel” in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., to midnight on weekends. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This up-market chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it’s spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain’s own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the “Slater Special” which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don’t eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinettas* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/06)*

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Amer-

icanized “Mandarin” cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Salt-and-pepper shrimp, tofu with eggplant, and meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It’s not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W. (1/06)*

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant’s name means “a little crazy,” but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on weekends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth’s Chris), and if they’re a little chewy, they’re also flavorful — especially the “Sicilian steak.” But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park) 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. Pete, the owner, is a skydiving fanatic with over 10,000 jumps to his credit. He jumped into this business to catch some of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. “Served Chicago-Style” — meaning, the dog’s topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinderblocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after

work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you’re at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chianpaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that’s almost “formal” by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren’t allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn’t mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room’s just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower

realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

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El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista’s growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little foot-ball of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine’s fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there’s always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and

a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Guayson’s Hot Dogs 2941 National Avenue, 619-232-0029. Hector and Becky’s hot dog place used to be a cart on 25th Street. Now they have a real shop. Some might mourn the move up, but the essentials haven’t changed. What they sell is Tijuana-style hot dogs — that is, sausages wrapped in bacon. The only difference from what you get on *Avenida Revolución*: these are bigger, and they’re turkey meat, but just as scrumptious. Squishy, rich, flavored with jalepeño, ketchup, mayo, onion, roasted chiles. Also delish: *elotes* (shucked corn, melted butter, mayo, cheese, hot sauce, lemon). Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; until 2 a.m. Friday and Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is “Papa’s Favorite,” an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

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Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant

pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music during summer, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (7/01)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a mator's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both

are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (1/02)

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched window entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (11/04)

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How of-

ten do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Montezuma* ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camaron seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — *E.B.* (2/05)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many ven-

dors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winy sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* (10/05)

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes

a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.* (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il Fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfiatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)



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It almost makes her seem (what would have been thought impossible) quite dull.

Another fistful: *The Notorious Bettie Page*. Unworthy biopic on “the pin-up queen of the universe,” a brief reign in the mid-Fifties, until a congressional hearing on pornography (David Strathairn, as Sen. Ke-fauver, back again in black-and-white as he was as Edward R. Murrow) sent her down the path of repentance, into the sheltering arms of Jesus. Gretchen Mol is game enough in the posing sessions, and has her own kind of vulnerability in the role of the naive and unreflective (so portrayed, anyway) Southern-bred sex object. Yet, besides missing something in the hips, replacing the dangerous curves with the gentlest of slopes, she cannot hope to match the charisma, the mystique, the mystery, of her assigned character. (It’s no problem to match the raven hair and bangs.) She finds herself in much the same predicament as past impersonators of Marilyn Monroe or Elvis Presley — and no, it is no overstatement to place Bettie Page, sometimes Betty Page, in that company. (Icons of the Fifties.) This mischievous, mute phantom of salacious still photos and silent fetish films

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

is a fantasy figure par excellence; and filmmaker Mary Harron’s stiff, flat, plodding rehearsal of some of the known facts of her life — a molesting father, a battering husband, the private camera clubs of New York City, the under-the-counter bondage sideline of the podgy Irving Klaw, the cheerful cheesecake of Bunny Yeager, the revision to That Old-Time Religion — adds nothing to, even subtracts something from, the enigmatic evidence in her portfolio. It almost makes her seem (what would have been thought impossible) quite dull. Filling in the gaps between the extant images appears to be a function better executed in private. Even the black-and-white photography, or rather the gray-and-grayer photography, seems pretty dull. (Backed up by a “dirty” saxophone, it might not immediately seem so in the opening prowl of a Times Square adult bookstore, past magazine titles like *Wink*, *Titter*, and *Escapade*.) As a diligent evocation of an era, it, too, is unworthy. The fitful switches into color — a buoyant, brilliant, brighter-than-life color that pays knowledgeable homage to 1950s postcards and to Technicolor Hollywood —



The Notorious Bettie Page

are anything but dull. One of the things they are, however, is utterly arbitrary. The film is set to open locally a week from Friday.

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runs into an opposite-sex mammoth who, raised among possums, acts and thinks like a possum herself, another sort of identity crisis. All this existential angst gives the film more resonance than some other computer cartoons, an ominous low hum drowned out nonetheless by the *au courant* smart-ass brassiness. The nonverbal squirrel, wrestling with his own existential angst, chasing the unattainable acorn, continues to put in intermittent appearances but ceases to steal the show.

Lucky Number Slevin. "We are dealing with a bona fide case of mistaken identity here." No, we are dealing with a bogus case of fakeout — a crime story with an apparent innocent (Josh Hartnett) caught in the machinations of two rival gangs, African-American and Jewish, or "Darkies" and "Skullcaps" in copspeak, headed respectively by the Boss (Morgan Freeman) and the Rabbi (Sir — his official screen credit — Ben Kingsley), in addition to an out-of-town hit man (Bruce Willis) who plays both sides of the street. It features a staggering body count, a tediously doubling-back narrative, an offputtingly facetious tone, and a dense, heavy, claustrophobic décor. Mykelti Williamson, the shrimp man from *Forrest Gump*, earns a smile as a toothy dimwit named "Sloe," but that's early in the proceedings, before exasperation sets in.

On a Clear Day. Feel-goodery with a stiff upper lip. A "redundant" Glasgow shipbuilder, still haunted by the drowning death of one of his sons thirty years ago, and protectively walled-off from his thirty-something surviving son, undertakes a secret six-month training program to swim the English Channel with nothing at stake but his self-worth. ("He's not going to achieve anything by it," sniffs the uncomprehending son when he finds out about it.) Peter Mullan has one of the great Common Man faces on the contemporary screen, blockish, pinched, intricately creased, and director Gaby Dellal fully appreciates it. The early depression, however, somehow carries more conviction than the later uplift. Brenda Blethyn, as the fretful wife who's in a secret training program of her own as a would-be city bus driver, appears to have had an expensive eye-widening operation, but is otherwise as common as you please.

Lonesome Jim. Steve Buscemi's third feature-length directing effort, a sadsack comedy of a writer manqué who takes over his comatose brother's life in the family factory and as coach of a girls' basketball team, is, if anything, several steps more modest than even his first one, *Trees Lounge*. (His second, *Animal Factory*, never in these parts saw the light of day or of xenon lamp.) One especially noticeable step is that he shot it digitally, so that the oatmeal image seems to be viewed through a dirty window. His affection for the assemblage of Lovable Losers and for the "indie" foot soldiers who play them — Mary Kay Place, Seymour Cassel, Kevin Corrigan, Mark Boone Junior, Liv Tyler, and in the lead role, the affectless Casey Affleck — manages to come through. But the dirty window is a barrier.

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ing in the recent San Diego Latino Film Festival should not be taken to connote an art film.) The wife of a type-A businessman looks to her bohemian brother-in-law for the passion missing from her marriage. Bárbara Mori, a classical glamourpuss, groomed in Mexican *telenovelas* (a/k/a soaps), conducts an even hotter affair with the camera. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Ask the Dust — Depression-period romance, written and directed by Robert Towne, in a largely dark, nocturnal, unsunny Southern California, a star-crossed affair between a gringo and a Chicana, or more disparagingly a “dago” and a “spic,” an impoverished young novelist taken under the wing, at long distance, of H.L. Mencken (whose voice in correspondence is provided by film critic and historian Richard Schickel) and a consumptive diner waitress from south of the border, two marginals with a tenuous sense of belonging. (The source material is a 1939 autobiographical novel by John Fante.) Because it is no sort of thriller, it avoids the plotting snarls and snags of Towne’s screenplays for things like *Chinatown*, *The Two Jakes*, and the two *Mission: Impossible*’s, but it does not avoid the structural weaknesses of slow, shapeless, and exasperating development. And notwithstanding the compatible blackness of their hair, Colin Farrell and Salma Hayek do not have a great deal of chemistry between them, although the combustible Hayek all by herself has enough chemistry for them both. With Idina Menzel, Jeremy Crutchley, Donald Sutherland, Eileen Atkins. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Basic Instinct 2 — Sharon Stone, pushing fifty, takes her *femme fatale* act to London, along with her sandblasted 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. David Thewlis, Charlotte Rampling. 2006. ● (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Before the Fall — German filmmaker Dennis Gansel, adapting his own stage play, re-examines the generation of Hitler’s Youth. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/14)

The Benchwarmers — Sports comedy with Rob Schneider, David Spade, and Jon Heder, directed by Dennis Dugan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12;

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Brick — Teenage *film noir* with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, and Nora Zehetner, written and directed by Rian Johnson. (KEN, FROM 4/14)

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 this one, which translates as *The Child*, would seem to refer not so much to the illegitimate blue-bundled newborn as to his callow young father (Jérémie Renier, the juvenile lead in the Dardennes’ *La Promesse* ten years earlier, 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, 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.” 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 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. 2005.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 subject. 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 heimie. Justin Bartha, Kathy Bates. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 manufacturer, 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. 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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; 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 sickness 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. ★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah; 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; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Inside Man — Unabashedly commercial enterprise from Spike Lee, a lightweight heist-and-hostage caper with a heavyweight

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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 middleweights, 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 ruled hero: hell, literally, on wheels. 2006.

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Lonesome Jim — Reviewed this issue. With Casey Affleck, Liv Tyler, Mary Kay Place, Seymour Cassel, Kevin Corrigan, and Mark Boone Junior; directed by Steve



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★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/14)

Lucky Number Slevin — Reviewed this issue. With Josh Hartnett, Ben Kingsley, Morgan Freeman, Bruce Willis, and Lucy Liu; directed by Paul McGuigan.

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Marilyn Hotchkiss Ballroom Dancing and Charm School — 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. 2006.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 4/13)

La Mujer de Mi Hermano — Reviewed this issue. With Bárbara Mori, Christian Meier, and Manolo Cardona; directed by Ricardo de Montreuil.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 4/14)

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.

★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 4/14)

On a Clear Day — Reviewed this issue. With Peter Mullan, Brenda Blethyn, Billy Boyd, and Ron Cook; directed by Gaby Dellal.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/14)

Paradise Now — Step by step through a suicide-bombing mission in Tel Aviv, gone off the rails when one of the chosen two (“This honor is granted only to a few”) begins to doubt his fate. This puts a face, as they say, on the Islamic terrorist (the good stony face of Kais Nashef); the point of view is diplomatically, circumspectly non-committal; and the suspense, owing to all the diplomacy and circumspection, is severely tempered. A self-conscious recreation of the Last Supper, with the two bombers in the place of Jesus, cannot stand

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up to scrutiny. With Ali Suliman and Lubna Azabal; directed by Hany Abu-Assad. 2005.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4/17, 6:30 P.M.)

Scary Movie 4 — The horror-spoof franchise forges ahead, with Anna Faris and Regina Hall, directed by David Zucker. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/14)

The Shaggy Dog — Tim Allen seems to have his opportunities — wolfman transformations into an itch-scratching, stick-fetching, cat-chasing canine — but the circumstances are strained to a point of discomfort: an abducted Tibetan holy dog, animal experimentation, mixed-species mutations. With Kristin Davis, Robert Downey, Jr., and Danny Glover; directed by Brian Robbins. 2006.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

16 Blocks — The title specifies the distance over which an NYPD detective must transport a garrulous witness from jail to courthouse in Lower Manhattan, weaving through a whole platoon of murderously corrupt cops; and the hour-and-a-half duration approximates the time limit allotted to get him there. Overextended even at that tidy length, essentially lazy, mediocre, and incredible, the film is nevertheless not devoid of humanity. Bruce Willis is in his Serious Actor mode (a mustache, a receding toupee, a bicycle tire around the middle) in the part of the burnt-out detective with a bum leg and a thirst for booze, bone-tired after pulling an all-nighter. And hip-hopper Mos Def, talking nonstop in a nasally drone as the petty-criminal witness, takes a bold backward step toward Stepin Fetchit. Veteran director Richard Donner, little more than a traffic cop himself, swallows his whistle and takes the time to notice, and to make something of it, whenever the bedraggled detective decides to get serious about his job. The first sign of that, when he makes a choice between his bottle of whisky and his gun, is your sign to get serious about the movie. David Morse, Jenna Stern. 2006.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Slither — Oafish sci-fi comedy scrupulously follows the alien-invasion conventions (grade-Z budget) but smarts off all the while. Elizabeth Banks, as the distressed damsel with a mutating hubby, would clearly have been up to the challenge of playing it straight. With Nathan Fillion and Michael Rooker; written and directed by James Gunn. 2006.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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 — 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 *Black-board 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. 2006.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Terminator 2: Judgment Day — Notwithstanding the nuclear holocaust of 1997 and the three billion body count, it is hard to think of anything else when watching this movie than money: money spent, and, more constantly, money craved. And this, from a purely fictional standpoint, is a distraction. The problem with the money spent is not at all that it is money squandered. That would not be a problem; it would not be something you needed to think about. The problem is very much the opposite. The dearly purchased special effects — and in particular those shape-changing liquid sculptures which director James Cameron must have felt had either not been seen by a sufficient number of people in his *Abyss* or else not been run sufficiently far into the ground therein — transport the live-action movie as far into the realm of the cartoon as in any movie since John Carpenter’s *The Thing*. The result is more like a technological trade show than like a full-blown movie: often impressive to look at, or browse through, without ever seeming quite sensible and useful. The money craved, meanwhile, looms as the larger problem. Our first full realization of the width and depth of the movie’s intended appeal comes when Arnold Schwarzenegger (Inc.) covers his birthday suit in the pilfered black leather of a pool-hall biker, and the soundtrack greets this sartorial make-over (the camera starting on the toes of the boots and working upwards) with the strains of George Thorogood’s “B-b-bad to the Bone.” So much for Flaubertian detachment. But it only gets worse as the Terminator gets “better.” (Who, watching the 1984 original, would ever have imagined that the Terminator and his prey would one day play out a tear-jerking farewell in the Shane-don’t-go mold?) Well, Godzilla, we might recall, became a good guy too, but we might also recall he didn’t become a better character in the process. With Linda Hamilton. 1991.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/15 MIDNIGHT)

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*, *Kinder-garten 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

SEEN ON DVD

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FilmOut presents some of the best in gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual films from around the world. One film is *Formula 17*, about an incorrigible romantic who tries to find love in the big city. To put yourself in this light, romantic mood, check out *Trick*, about two men trying to find happiness and ever-elusive love in New York City, or *Latter Days*, about a bet gone out of control that brings together a Mormon missionary and a young man determined to catch him.

Another film, Kyle Schickner’s *Strange Fruit*, deals with racism and homophobia, much like one of my favorite films, *My Beautiful Laundrette*. Set in London and starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Gordon Warnecke, this film examines their relationship amid the racial tensions between working-class Brits and Pakistani immigrants.

TRICK (USA) 1999,
New Line Home Video
List price: \$24.98

LATTER DAYS (USA) 2003,
TLA Releasing
List price: \$24.99

MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE
(England) 1985, MGM
List price: \$19.98

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

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The following DVD recommendations will whet your appetite for some of the FilmOut San Diego features. See *The Journey*, then view *Fire* as a companion piece; both are set in India, are lesbian-themed, and convey powerful and important messages that will hopefully open up political and social dialogue.

If you see the Spanish film *Twenty Centimeters* — which I highly recommend that you do — then enjoy another delicious comedic performance by leading lady Monica Cervera in *El Crimen Perfecto*.

Drenched in emotion is FilmOut’s German feature *Beautiful Women*. Viewers can also enjoy the female-driven French comedy *Eight Women*. Both are character-driven and showcase actresses who superbly convey varied levels of emotion.

FIRE (India) 1996,
New Yorker Video
List price: \$29.95

EL CRIMEN PERFECTO (Spain)
2004, First Look Pictures
List price: \$24.98

EIGHT WOMEN (France) 2002,
Universal
List price: \$29.98

MICHAEL MCQ

Programmer, FilmOut San Diego

With the FilmOut San Diego Gay and Lesbian Film Festival starting tonight, here are my companion viewing suggestions. *Twenty Centimeters* has such a Pedro Almodóvar flair that *Law of Desire* and *All About My Mother* would make nice bookends. Wacky characters, over-the-top dialogue, and excellent direction lead to very satisfying, moving, and entertaining film experiences.

If you want to see Alan Cumming in FilmOut’s screening of *Eighteen*, then why not check out his devastating performance in the vastly underrated film *Urbania*, which also stars *Capote* screenwriter Dan Futterman.

Director Craig Chester stars in our opening-night film *Adam and Steve*, but definitely check out his debut performance in the moody and true story of Leopold and Loeb in *Swoon*, filmed in glorious black-and-white.

LAW OF DESIRE (Spain) 1987,
Bluelight
List price: Currently out of print

ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER
(Spain) 1999, Columbia Tristar
List price: \$29.95

URBANIA (USA) 2000,
Lions Gate
List price: \$24.98

SWOON (USA) 1992,
Strand Home Video
List price: \$29.99

CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 4/14; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 4/14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 4/14; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 4/14; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 4/14; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 4/14)

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 pos-

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sible, 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 segregated 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,



Slither

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; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 adapta-

tion, 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 harness 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.

● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Wild — Computer-animated animal adventure from Disney, with the voices of Kiefer Sutherland, James Belushi, Eddie Izzard, and William Shatner. (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 JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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 4/14)

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 JOLLA

La Jolla 12

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Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

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Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:55, 10:20; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 7:10, 9:40; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 11:30, 1:30, 2:05, 4:00, 4:35) 6:30, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 4:40) 7:40, 10:45; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **Phat Girlz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:15, 9:50; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 12:00, 12:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:00, 4:05, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 12:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:00, 4:05, 4:30) 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:35, 10:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:55, 4:45) 7:50, 10:35; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:55, 5:05) 7:30, 9:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25, 4:55); **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 6:45, 9:10; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 4:15) 7:25, 10:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Hoodwinked (PG); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
ATL (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
16 Blocks (PG-13); **ATL** (PG-13); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R); **Lucky Number Slevin** (R); **Phat Girlz** (PG-13); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **Stay Alive** (PG-13); **Take the Lead** (PG-13); **Tamara** (R); **Thank You for Smoking** (R); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes** (R); **The Shaggy Dog** (PG); **The Wild** (G); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
ATL (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:20, 10:10; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 12:20, 2:05, 2:35, 2:40, 4:25, 5:00, 5:20) 6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 12:20, 2:05, 2:35, 2:40) 4:25, 5:00, 5:20, 6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:35; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:15) 7:35, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:15, 7:35, 10:40; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 8:00, 10:25; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. (2:20, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (2:20) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40; **Phat Girlz** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:35; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:10, 12:35, 2:10, 2:35, 3:00, 4:40, 5:00, 5:30) 7:00, 7:25, 7:50, 9:30, 9:55, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:10, 12:35, 2:10, 2:35, 3:00) 4:40, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:25, 7:50, 9:30, 9:55, 10:15; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 6:50; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:55) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:55, 7:05, 9:35; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (12:50, 4:15) 7:40, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:40, 10:45

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 8:00; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 9:45; **The Shaggy Dog** (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.,-Sun. (1:05) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 3:50) 5:10, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 3:40) 5:00, 6:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 3:40) 5:00, 6:15, 7:20, 8:35, 9:40; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (1:00) 4:55, 7:40, 10:05; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
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; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
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. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00

Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Basic Instinct 2 (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:00; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:15, 1:20, 2:05, 2:45, 3:40, 4:35, 4:55) 6:00, 6:50, 7:15, 9:30, 9:55; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:25, 10:20; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **Phat Girlz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:25, 8:05, 10:25; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 2:35, 3:25, 4:20, 5:10) 5:50, 7:00, 7:35, 8:15, 9:20, 10:00, 10:40; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:15) 6:55, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:30) 7:55, 10:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 12:25, 1:55, 2:40, 4:10, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 10:15; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 4:25) 7:20, 10:45

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)
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:55, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20 Sun. 10:55, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30, 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:45 Sun. 11:30, 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35 Sun. 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45, 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:00, 9:05 Sun. 10:45, 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:30 (11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 5:45, 8:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

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); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **Take the Lead** (PG-13); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G); **V for Vendetta** (R)

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Neil Young: Heart of Gold (PG)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
ATL (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **Lucky Number Slevin** (R); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **She's the Man** (PG-13); **Take the Lead** (PG-13); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G)

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Con la participación de mil 200 participantes se llevó a cabo con gran éxito la 14 Conferencia Anual 'Adelante Mujer' que realiza la Asociación de Latinas del Norte del Condado (NCLA).

La intención del evento es motivar y guiar a las jóvenes hispanas por el camino del éxito otorgando herramientas necesarias para elevar niveles de vida personal a través de estudios universitarios.

La NCLA da becas a las jóvenes estudiantes para contribuir con su educación, así como reconocer los meritos y logros académicos de las adolescentes.

Este año la primera ganadora, Cristina García de 17 años, hará

válida su beca pues fue aceptada a la Universidad Estatal de California San Marcos, donde estudiará la carrera de matemáticas para convertirse en maestra de preparatoria en el futuro.

"Soy la primera que irá a la universidad en familia, este premio me enorgullece pues así inspira a que mis hermanos sigan estudiando para lograr nuestros sueños", señaló la gardonada.

Cada año NCLA otorga becas y premios a estudiantes sobresalientes como un aliciente para motivarlas, las jóvenes realizan un ensayo explicando cómo ayudarán a su comunidad cuando terminen estudios profesionales.

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Por las nubes

Nelly Cervantes E.

La semana que termina registró un aumento de 52 centavos en el precio del galón de gasolina con respecto al primer mes del año en curso.

La tarifa promedio pasó de dos dólares con treinta y un centavos en enero, a dos dólares con ochenta y un centavos.

"No hay razón real para los aumentos en la gasolina, lo único que apunta al aumento es la especulación en el mercado de valores", comentó Carol Thorp, vocera del club de automovilistas de San Diego.

De acuerdo a Thorp, los inversionistas del mercado

de materias primas al especular con los precios del petróleo están causando las alzas en el precio de la gasolina, pues no hay bajas en los suministros.

"Las diversas mezclas y la distribución de ciertas compañías en tales zonas reflejan sus costos en los precios que vemos en diferentes zonas", dijo la vocera.

La moda de las camionetas y la mala costumbre de que cada persona tiene su propio auto en lugar de viajar en grupos también es señalada como razón de la alza constante en los precios de la gasolina que como muchos dicen mientras no suba a tres dólares no hay problema.

jueves



Apoyan migrantes

Sin exclusividad y en el nombre del servicio a la comunidad las principales estaciones de radio en español de ambos lados de la frontera se unieron para promover la mega marcha promigrante que se efectuó en el condado de San Diego.

Radio Latina junto a los grupos radiales Uniradio (Pulsar, La invasora), entre otras, hicieron un llamado al público para que participaran en la megamarcha.

Sin logotipos las per-

sonalidades de radio se mezclaron entre el mar de gente participó en la demostración efectuada del Parque Balboa al Centro de la ciudad de San Diego.

El día de la manifestación estaciones de radio y televisión estuvieron realizando transmisiones en vivo para informar sobre lo que sucedía en la marcha.

Diario San Diego destacó un grupo de reporteros y fotógrafos para cubrir el histórico evento.

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“El Príncipe de la Canción” aseguró que lo único que desea es que su hijo sepa la verdad “porque me duele muchísimo que él (José Joel) afirme que no es cierto, que su mamá le meta en la cabeza a él y a Marisol que no es cierto, que me robaron”.

Con esta intención el cantante se hizo acompañar del empresario

Óscar Fisher, quien cuestionó: “De dónde sacó tu tío Manuel la casa de Contreras, si era más grande que la de tu mami y la de tu padre... de dónde un manager puede sacar tanto dinero, o si quieres le podemos preguntar, también con todo respeto, a Emmanuel cómo le fue con tu tío”.

Asimismo, el otro empresario aclaró que “80 por ciento o más de lo que José ganaba, Anel lo gastaba; yo le entregaba a ella cheque tras cheque”.

Por otra parte, José José dijo que su ex esposa puso en riesgo su vida al administrarle un medicamento para que dejara de beber, sin su consentimiento.



Hunden a América

Dando una gran exhibición de fútbol, los Pumas UNAM vencieron al América por marcador de 3-1 gracias al primer gol del argentino Bruno Marioni del Torneo Clausura 2006 del fútbol mexicano, que cumplió su jornada catorce.

Bruno Marioni hizo su primer gol del torneo, no anotaba en liga desde el 19 de noviembre del año pasado, en el Estadio Universitario de Nuevo León, además, nunca antes le había anotado al América.

Irenio vio la tarjeta roja por quinta vez en el fútbol

mexicano, aunque la última vez que vio una roja había sido el 7 de mayo de 2004, jugando para Tigres y en contra de Santos Laguna.

Israel Castro hizo su segundo gol de la campaña, el anterior fue en la jornada dos contra el Guadalajara en el Estadio Jalisco, fue apenas su cuarto tanto en Primera División y primero de tiro libre.

Consutriunfo ante el América, Pumas de la UNAM tiene buenas oportunidades de colarse a la ligüilla del campeonato mexicano de fútbol.



Escriben historia

El llamado se hizo y la comunidad hispana respondió ensamblando la marcha más grande en la historia de San Diego en la que, según sus organizadores, más de cincuenta mil personas participaron.

Conforme iban pasando los minutos, uno a uno los grupos y familias fueron llegando, sus banderas en mano y con las camisetas blancas.

Mientras transcurrían los minutos, la gente de Los Ángeles, Tijuana y hasta Ensenada arribaron en sus autos y autobuses para abarrotar las calles de San Diego.

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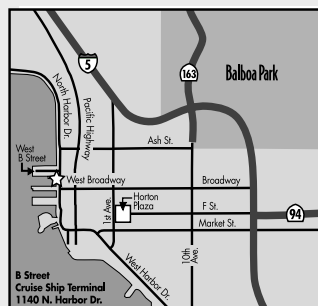
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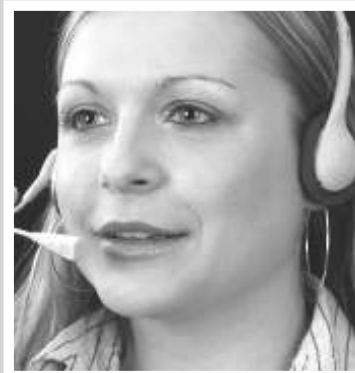
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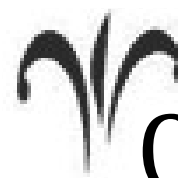


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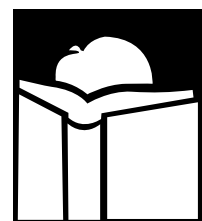
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Across

- Ten-pointers*
- "The Grapes of Wrath" family
- "____ making myself clear?"
- Bluegrass instrument
- MacDowell of "Groundhog Day"
- Ryder rental
- Greeted at the door
- "____ crying over spilt milk"
- Gasteyer formerly of "SNL"
- Give a little
- Three-pointers*
- Electronics brand since 1961
- East Coast hwy.
- Statement that may come after "Eek!"
- Five-pointer*
- It's X-rated
- Barnyard honker
- One-pointers*
- Prevaricators
- Office phone nos.
- Classic board game whose game pieces are referenced by the italicized clues
- Lacking pigment
- "What time ____?"
- Line of Mazda pickup trucks
- Four-pointers*
- Volcano flow
- ____-Bo (exercise system)
- Spooky board
- Cosmetician Lauder
- Make a boo-boo
- Showbiz twin Mary-Kate or Ashley
- Barely maintaining, with "out"
- Get-two-out situations: Abbr.
- 1993 Nobel Peace Prize sharer F.W. de ____
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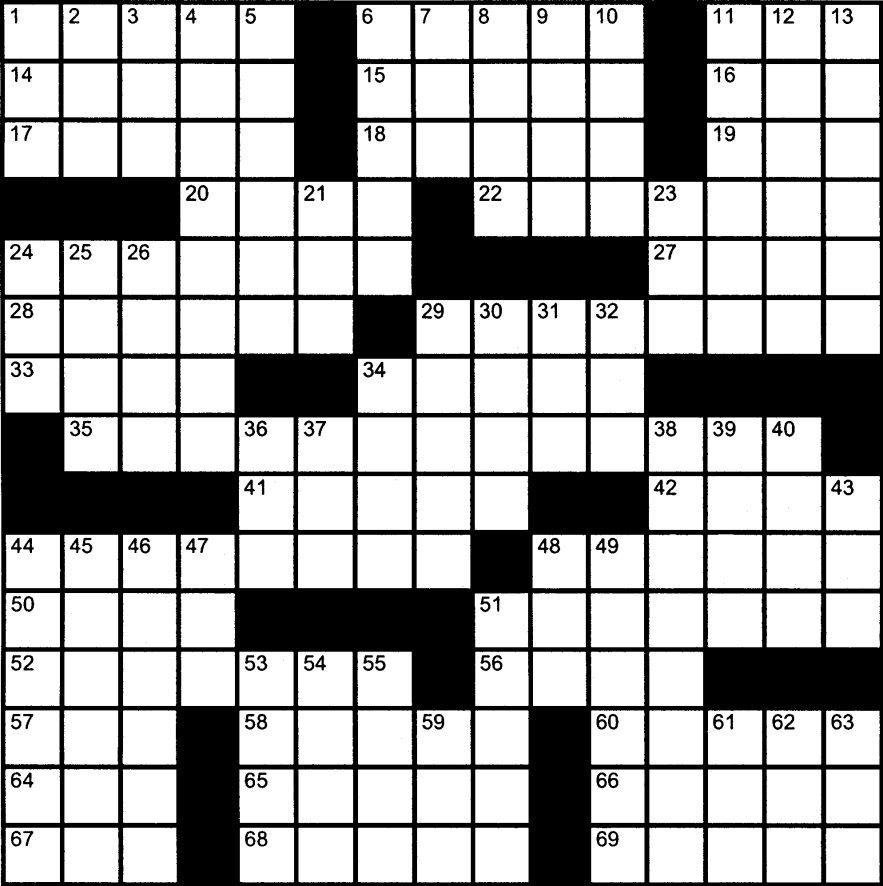
Down

- Montana and Marino: Abbr.
- Duracell size
- U-turn from SSE
- Neighbor of Ethiopia
- Urban planners, for short
- Eight-pointers*
- Singer Yoko
- Rub-____
- The "D" in CD
- Appear
- 1972 Jack Lemmon comedy
- Comic Howie
- According to a nursery rhyme, where to find baked blackbirds
- Social register word
- Carney of "The Honeymooners"
- Kettle and Bell

- Jane Austen novel
- Pouty grimace
- Yankee manager Joe
- "Bonanza" son
- Guinness Book suffix
- Mauna ____
- Gretzky score
- Barrister's deg.
- Pen point
- In 1872, it became the first U.S. state to observe Arbor Day
- CCLVI doubled
- Eclectic bimonthly
- 911 at sea
- Made flour finer
- D flat's equivalent
- Joan who says "Can we talk?"
- "Now ____ theater near you"
- Words before rule or result
- Like some riverbanks
- Zero-pointer*
- Breakfast area
- Lackluster
- Not born yesterday
- Garcia or Seinfeld, informally
- Tenth anniversary symbol
- Finish
- You can beat it

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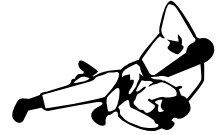
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FRIENDSHIP, GOING OUT To lunch, Padres fans, playing pool, hiking. Me: 30-40s, happy female. Interested in new people, male or female, easygoing, no worries. (4/26) ☎50344

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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

HEY, CELEBRATE EARTHDAY, With me! Besides it's my birthday too, only tall, cool and or good lookin earthlov'in men win my heart! (4/26) ☎50914

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LOOKING FOR Fun loving guy, who likes doing weekend travel, Las Vegas, camping; also art, dancing, more. I'm 45, brown hair, looks nice, 160lbs. (4/19) ☎50896

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

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

LIKE YOUR COFFEE BLACK, With a dash of cream, I believe you will like this caring, sincere, affectionate, senior lady of color, from Central America. (4/26) ☎50918

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, Green eyed 50 lady. Seeks late 40-50s male. Homeowner North County nonsmoker, likes animals, travel, beach, movies, fun. You, attractive nonsmoker, sweetheart. (4/19) ☎50909

YOUNG LOOKING 50+, Single white female, 5'8", brunette, slender. Seeks nice guy, sense of humor a plus. Dining, coffee, walks. (4/19) ☎50910

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING, Blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished upscale stable sincere single gentleman, who appreciates the best. (4/26) ☎50921

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks successful, well educated, slim, honest man, 40-49. (4/26) ☎50929

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE BLUE, Warm personality, creative, retired navy widow, fashion coordinator. Seeks congenial Christian gentleman with British background, enjoys healthy lifestyle, arts, cruises, swimming. (4/26) ☎50932

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. (4/26) ☎50928

IF SHE DIDN'T TREAT You good, and you need TLC, very pretty lady awaits your call. If you are 5'8"+, tall, romantic and fun seeking. (4/26) ☎50927

LEFTIST, 52, 5'9", son (17), natural, blues-opera, hiking, camping, dog beach. Seek progressive, 50ish, easy-going, renaissance man to complicate/complement my simple life. (4/26) ☎50938

38-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeks physically fit gentleman, 36-48 for relationship. Must be presentable. (4/19) ☎50912

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

CUTE, MISCHIEVOUS REDHEAD, Big brown eyes. Seeks gentleman 40-55 with a great sense of humor for dancing, movies, outdoors, fun! No millionaires or gymaholics, please! (4/26) ☎50936

ELDER GENT, East County. Same lady looking for nice, sincere, fun things. No e-mail, young 50s-60s. (4/19) ☎50888

INTELLIGENT, GRACEFUL, Caring, sensitive 57 lady. Seeks companionship of gent 50-62 educated, sense of humor, caring, handsome for creative activities and possible long term relationship! (4/26) ☎50937

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

NO EGOCENTRICS! Casual relationship. Me: Hispanic, 5'8", 140lbs, voluptuous, sincere, smart, self-sufficient, sweet, integrity. You: 50-64 years, honest, happy, hair, handsome, secure, generous, employed, educated. (4/26) ☎50925

HOPELESS ROMANTIC, Seeking fit, attractive lady for meaningful, fun relationship, 35-48, enjoy pampering. You: boating, skiing, workouts, guitar, song and dance. I'm fit, early 50s, 5'11", 225lbs., handsome white man. (4/26) ☎50337

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

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, 53, 5'2", 120lbs, mellow, educated, typist into psych, ecology, union, peace. Likes hike, swim, festivals. Seeks handsome charming, intelligent, nice companion, children okay. (4/26) ☎50919

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

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

CAUCASIAN WIDOW, 67, young at heart, fun loving. Seeks male, 60-67, good sense of humor, well groomed, tall, good morals, kind, fun, loving, romantic. (4/26) ☎50922

ANY GOOD ONES LEFT? Seeking cute, white, professional, 41-55 clean-cut male for long-term-relationship, nonsmoker-drug/drinking free. Me: 43 Latina, pretty, smart, thick-set curvy, witty, employed. (4/26) ☎50924

FUNNY FRENCH, SEXY, Romantic, attractive, 41, 130lbs, 5'6" blonde/blue, golden-hearted, sports, outdoors/indoors, beach, travel. Seeking gentleman 41-55, sexy, handsome, fit, athletic, secure, trustworthy. (4/26) ☎50939

WARM, KIND HEARTED, 52 years old. Want to meet, kind, honest gentleman for long term relationship, movies, dinners, drives to the country, maybe that's you. (4/26) ☎50930

PRETTY CAUCASIAN GIRL, 5'9", mid-30s, brunette hair, in shape. Seeking great-looking, fit, single white guy, 23-28, 5'10"+, no facial hair. I need fun! (4/19) ☎50903

GLOWING BLONDE, German-born, very good-looking, green eyes, professional, sophisticated, 45. Desires educated, upscale, sincere gentleman who enjoys dining, dancing, beach, walks, 40-50. (4/26) ☎50915

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

EUROPEAN LADY, Nice looking, educated 50, 5'5", blonde, educated, with huge travel experience in Europe. Looking for soul-mate, good looking, educated, to travel together North. (4/26) ☎50926

SINCERE WOMAN, Sweet, easy-going. Seeking strong male long-term relationship, friends outdoor activities, warm heart, no games, movies, dinner. I'm worthy. Call soon. (4/26) ☎50933

FEMALE 54, Small frame, short North County, Oceanside. Born-again Christian. Seeking same-faith relationship, possibly marriage. Interests, travel anywhere, ocean fishing, boating, walks, companionship. (4/26) ☎50916

ASIAN, SEXY, UNIQUE, slim, great legs, curvaceous figure, healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Desires 35+, stable Caucasian gentleman, nonsmoker, fun, fit. Let's explore some adventures together. (4/19) ☎50911

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

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WOMEN

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

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

EAST COUNTY, Retired gent, 70, nice guy. Like cruises, car trips, movies. Stable finance. I am healthy, active, trim. Looking for a nice lady. (4/26) ☎50345

BLACK MALE, 37, 165lbs, 5'11" physically fit, light brown skin and eyes, braids, sincere, honest, caring. Seeks outgoing, fun, attractive female. Race and age open. (4/26) ☎50338

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

AMERICAN/ITALIAN, 51, Athletic, biking, tennis, hiking, arts, foreign films, karaoke, wine tasting, real estate investing. Seeking Filipina, 38-55, very attrac-

tive, slim, athletic, North County. (4/26) ☎50328

I'M FUN, I'M FREE, No homeowner, me I sing and play, sometimes for pay. If you're cute, kind, trim, true, over 43 I'm like you. (4/19) ☎50321

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, assertive, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful full figured woman, respect, devotion, pleasing you. (4/19) ☎50299

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual, 6', 180, 40s. Likes affection, kissing, being close. Seeking woman 5'-5'6", dark hair, for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (4/26) ☎50334

65 ATTRACTIVE ROMANTIC, Seeks special lady for dining, hugs, walks, talks. (4/26) ☎50354

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EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMAN, classy, refined, sophisticated, well-bred, well traveled, intelligent, sensitive, spiritual, writer, journalist. Seeking great lady, 40ish-50ish, for romance, and possible relationship. Serious only. (4/19) ☎50314

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME, 6' 175lbs, fit, swimmer 64. Share life with fit, shapely, 50-ish, active woman. Best if enjoy European-style motorcycling, bicycling, intelligence, sense of humor. (4/19) ☎50305

YOUNG BABY FACE MAN, Tall, smart, fun-loving, passionate, great kisser. Looking for care-free, sexy, fun, adventuresome, outgoing, woman to share good times in San Diego. (4/26) ☎50347

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KONNICHIIWA, 49, 5'10", nice eyes, adventurous and charming. Seeking enchanting Japanese lady. Weekend. Murrieta. (4/26) ☎50343

48 YEAR YOUNG, Quasi renaissance man. Seeks trim attractive woman of quality for fun and romance. Age/race open. Are you out there. (4/26) ☎50331

HANDSOME, LOYAL LEO, 44, fit, witty, waterfront homeowner with lots of energy for fun and romance. Seeking slim beauty for lasting relationship. You: 35-42. (4/26) ☎50336

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (4/19) ☎50311

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

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

INSATIABLE SENSUAL MAN Wants smart, attractive, funny, authentic, woman. We enjoy adventure, outings, snuggling, hand-holding, kissing, quiet times, many interests. (4/19) ☎50304

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WIDOWER, 6' 180lbs. Young at heart, financially able to afford best things in life. Seeks attractive female to enjoy the good life, no smokers. (4/19) ☎50323

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

GOOD LOOKING WHITE Male 43, 6'3", 240lbs. Looking for attractive, down to earth lady for relationship, fun times, travel, good good, romance, companionship, long term. (4/19) ☎50322

WIFE WANTED! Stop dreaming over your elusive Mr. Right-I'm close enough: 39, 5'10", 175lbs, attractive, clean, lovable. Your future could be secure with me. (4/19) ☎50298

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

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

WIFE WANTED, architectural designer, house builder. Extroverted world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open communication, loves life. You're 37-47. No cats, please. (4/19) ☎50307

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN, 46, Caucasian, nice to look at, fun, loving, 5'10", 165lbs, employed with car. Brown hair, blue eyes, healthy, wealthy, wise. (4/26) ☎50330

CAUCASIAN CATHOLIC. Seeking articulate, cerebral, witty woman. Into history, art, museums, ethnic foods, travel, movies. Blend traditional values with new, creative ideas. Open to age. (4/19) ☎50310

ROMANTIC, WARM, Affectionate man, not into games. Looking for fun-loving,

kind, warm female, no kids please. I'm passionate, funny and sexy, for lover/friend/partner. (4/26) ☎50341

CHRISTIAN EXECUTIVE SEEKS very attractive, 26-48, nonsmoker, stop here! You be monogamous, spontaneous, sweetheart, dress to impress, cuddly, kind, sexy, let me indulge you. I'm 6'3", 190lbs., 49, good looking, sophisticated, sensual, funny, GQ dresser, successful, wanting committed companion for finer things of life. Paradise awaits. (4/26) ☎50340

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, Older woman sought by tall, attractive, white male, 54, I'm financially/emotionally secure, easy-going, warm, affectionate. Enjoy dining, romance, closeness, love, intimacy. (4/26) ☎50352

PEACEFUL, ADVENTUROUS, Romantic, spontaneous, 57 year young gentleman. Who loves the outdoors and life extremely! Looking for positive in love with herself, playful, happy woman! (4/26) ☎50357

CALM, PASSIONATE-Communication evokes deep connection on all levels. Are you grateful for life circumstances? Young 52, athletic, seeks soulmate. Healthy relationship and travel. (4/19) ☎50294

SINCERE MAN, 57, easygoing. Seeking nonsmoking lady for companionship. I enjoy working out, movies, dining out, quiet times together, affection, reside 619 area. (4/26) ☎50327

ASIAN GIRLFRIEND DESIRED, I am Caucasian, tall, strong, masculine, confident, funny, eccentric (a professional music recording artist with photos and MP3s to share via e-mail). (4/19) ☎50303

MUSICIAN, 6', Folk, bluegrass, classic rock, and blues. Seeking singer or musician age 30s, 40s, fun, easy to get along with. Sense of humor. (4/19) ☎50313

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

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

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I'M LOOKING FOR A girl, or girls that want to hang out and meet me, or me and my friends to have fun. (4/26) ☎50329

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. (4/26) ☎50332

Born Again Christian

Attractive, 6'6", 46, looking for love that's God ordained/fun. Into healthy food/lifestyle. Seeking attractive Christian woman, 27-33, who loves God/Christ more than anything, and would like to get married, have kids with God's choice one day. Race unimportant. (4/26) ☎50339

BOYISH, GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+ friends first. (4/26) ☎50350

GOOD LOOKING, Tall, slender, fit, single, white, 50+ financially stable man with good sense of humor. Seeks an attractive woman for a long term relationship. (4/26) ☎50342

GREAT LOOKING ITALIAN, 50, looks 40, great shape, secure, easygoing and very affectionate. Seeking fit, secure, easygoing lady who will be first in my life. (4/26) ☎50333

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. (4/26) ☎50351

HAPPY I'M HERE. Athletic, handsome, white professional, 32, 6'3". Enjoy jogging, water sports, biking, enjoying music. Seeking fit, attractive woman, whose wisdom I can appreciate. (4/19) ☎50325

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

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

HOPPY EASTER BUNNIES!, White, wild hare, 34; Seeking adventurous, enchanting, insatiable, open-minded, uninhibited

bunny, 21-37. Friendship, candlelight delights, fantasy fun, romance awaits you! Lakeside. (4/19) ☎50319

UP TO DATE GENTLEMAN, Late 70s enjoys bridge, dancing, theatre, music. Seeks sincere, lady 70-80 with similar interests. (4/26) ☎50356

MALE WHO ENJOYS Traveling, dining out, and movies. Looking for lady who enjoys same. (4/26) ☎50353

WANTED, ATTRACTIVE ASIAN Female by a white male, handsome, 5'10" 175lbs, financially secure, generous. Seeking same 40+, no smoking or drugs. (4/26) ☎50346

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHER, With motorhome. Seeking nonsmoking slender, white female over 60, companion to explore California and beyond, must be easy going, love outdoors. (4/19) ☎50316

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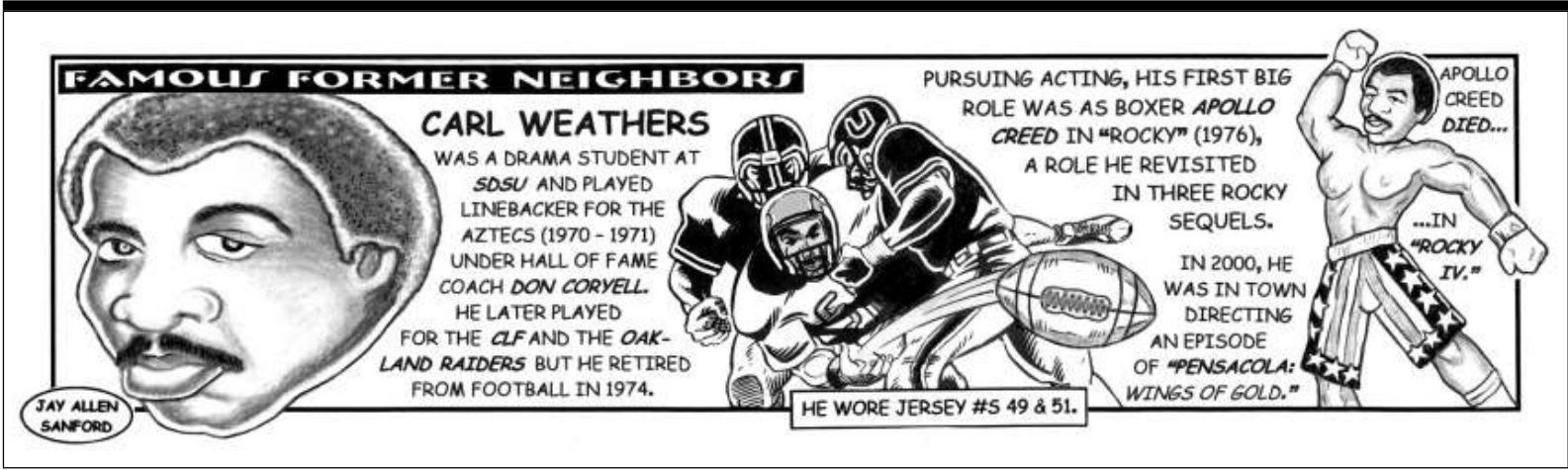
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MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA, Park view, female, share 3 bedroom 2 bath modern condo, French doors, pool/jacuzzi, \$600 plus deposit, utilities included. No smoking/pets. Monica, 619-990-2665.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. Unfurnished bedroom with private bath/parking. Available now. With one non-smoking female in condo. \$575, deposit, utilities. No additional pets. 619-583-1329; 619-823-8488.

MISSION VALLEY WEST. \$550, \$250 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Female to share 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo with same. No smoking, pets, drugs. Plenty of parking. 619-507-8750; 619-235-2415, x27667.

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OCEAN BEACH, Room in 3 bedroom condo, ocean view, 3 blocks beach. New washer/dryer. No smoking/pets/drugs/excessive drinking. Male preferred, \$695. 619-246-8560.

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OCEANSIDE. \$695. Room with bath available now in clean, new condo with all amenities included. No smoking inside, no pets. Assigned parking. References required. 760-434-6794.

OCEANSIDE. \$450, 1/4 utilities, \$250 deposit. Residential house, room is furnished. Kitchen, laundry, driveway parking, quiet, great view. No pets. 760-966-1163.

OLD TOWN. Room for rent. \$550, includes utilities, expanded cable, laundry, yard, barbecue. Furnished or unfurnished. 3 blocks to the trolley. Bea, 619-504-4899; 619-235-2415, x24725.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$640. Female to share 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Available 5/1. First month deposit, plus combine utilities less than \$70. Sean, 619-417-3125; seanyquest@yahoo.com.

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POINT LOMA, Room for rent, \$500/\$400month, \$500/deposit. Female, all utilities paid. Washer/dryer. No smoking, drugs, or pets. Available, 619-952-3298.

RANCHO BERNARDO, Share condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fantastic views, security building, large unfurnished bedroom, walk-in closet, female, club privileges,

maid service. Gas/electric included. Deposit waived for right person, no pets, smoking. \$800/month. 858-675-0568.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO, \$550 and \$525, 2 bedrooms available in 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Shared full bath. No smoking/pets. \$200 deposit. Julie, 619-741-1530.

SAN CARLOS. \$800. Master bedroom with private bath available in 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Cable, water, sewer/garbage paid. 1/3 SDG&E. \$500 deposit. 619-957-9471.

SAN CARLOS, Upgraded quiet home on cul-de-sac with backyard. Jacuzzi, double garage. Have your own bedroom and bathroom, central location, furnished. \$750. Available immediately 619-208-0173.

SAN MARCOS. 2 Rooms available in 3 bedroom house, 1 with own full bath, garage space \$570. Other room \$450. Free cable, pool and gym available. no deposit needed. 760-613-4078.

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SAN MARCOS. \$685. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Near CSUSM. Own bathroom. Washer/dryer, parking. Pool, tennis. Credit check \$25. Deposit \$225. Chris, 858-245-4100.

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I need to have a word with you, Milkman Dan.

Sure. What's up, Papa Moai?

When I went for my milk bath this morning I noticed my tub's contents had been replaced with fetid cottage cheese. Are you the culprit?

No way. I don't have access to that much cottage cheese.

However...if eighty gallons of rancid milk were mixed with enough urine, it would turn into a curd-like white soup.

Hmm. I might be angry if I wasn't partially to blame.

SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO, Housemate needed to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Large yard, all house amenities, \$650/month, 1/2 utilities. Near all free-ways, 619-527-4377, happyorange@sbcglobal.net.

TIERRASANTA. \$500 and \$580, plus \$350/deposit. Shared utilities/cable/Internet. Washer/dryer. Comfortable room, furnished/unfurnished. Near all. No smoking, drugs, pets. Male preferred, 858-292-0145.

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ARIZONA, TUCSON. Brand new 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Air conditioning. Walk-in closet. Near everything. Beautiful mountain views! \$1500. Pets OK. 619-807-0359.

BANKER'S HILL. \$895. 1 bedroom cottage, completely remodeled. Close to all. 1957 Front Street. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

BAY PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Attached garage. 7800 square foot lot. Large backyard. Washer/dryer. All appliances included. Excellent location-Burgener St. \$2400. 619-518-2005.

BAY PARK. \$1980. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fireplace, hardwood floors, granite. Washer/dryer, gardener. 2 car attached garage. Available first week of May. 619-742-3213.

CARDIFF. Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, walk to beach, shared garage, washer/dryer, large fenced yard, gardener, pet considered. 2462 Newport. \$2100. 760-942-7604.

CARLSBAD. \$1975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Cute cottage with ocean views, private patio, storage shed, laundry room. Available now. 619-987-0008; 619-997-8807.

CASA DE ORO. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, single level detached. New carpet. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. Extra parking. Walk to all. No pets. 619-981-4100.

CHULA VISTA. Remodeled home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath near 805. Appliances included. \$1800/month, \$1500 deposit. Section 8 OK. Available now. 619-656-4932 or 619-417-4137.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE Greens. \$1825/month. House, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, air conditioning, fireplace, double garage, pool, tennis, golf. Nice area. 1159 Calle Tesoro. 619-656-3652.

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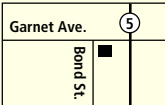
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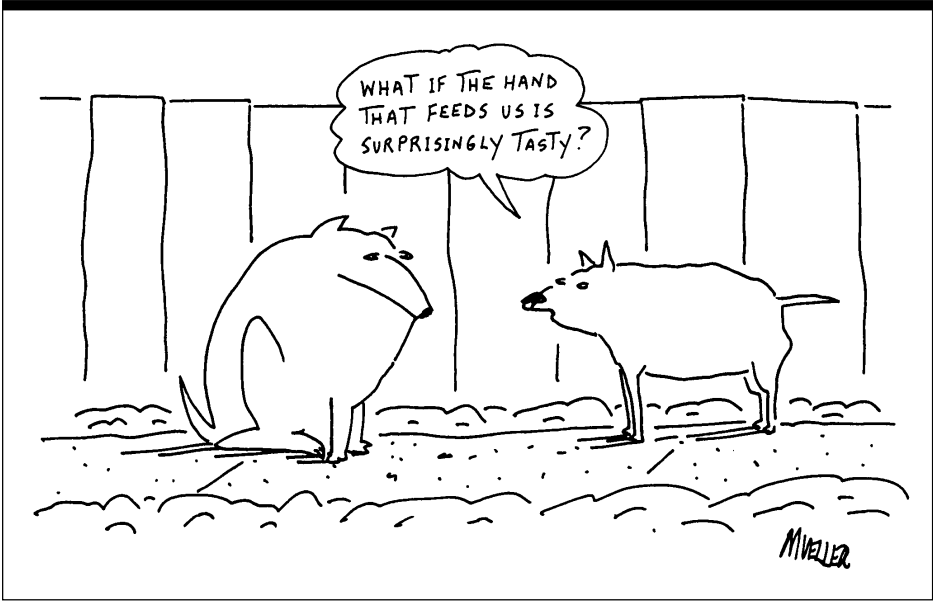


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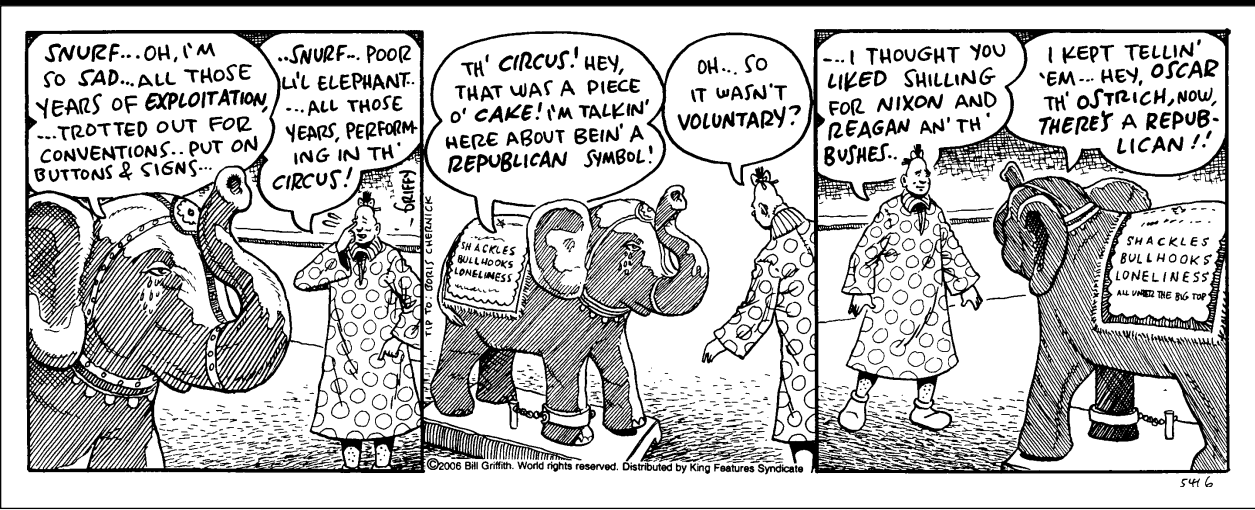
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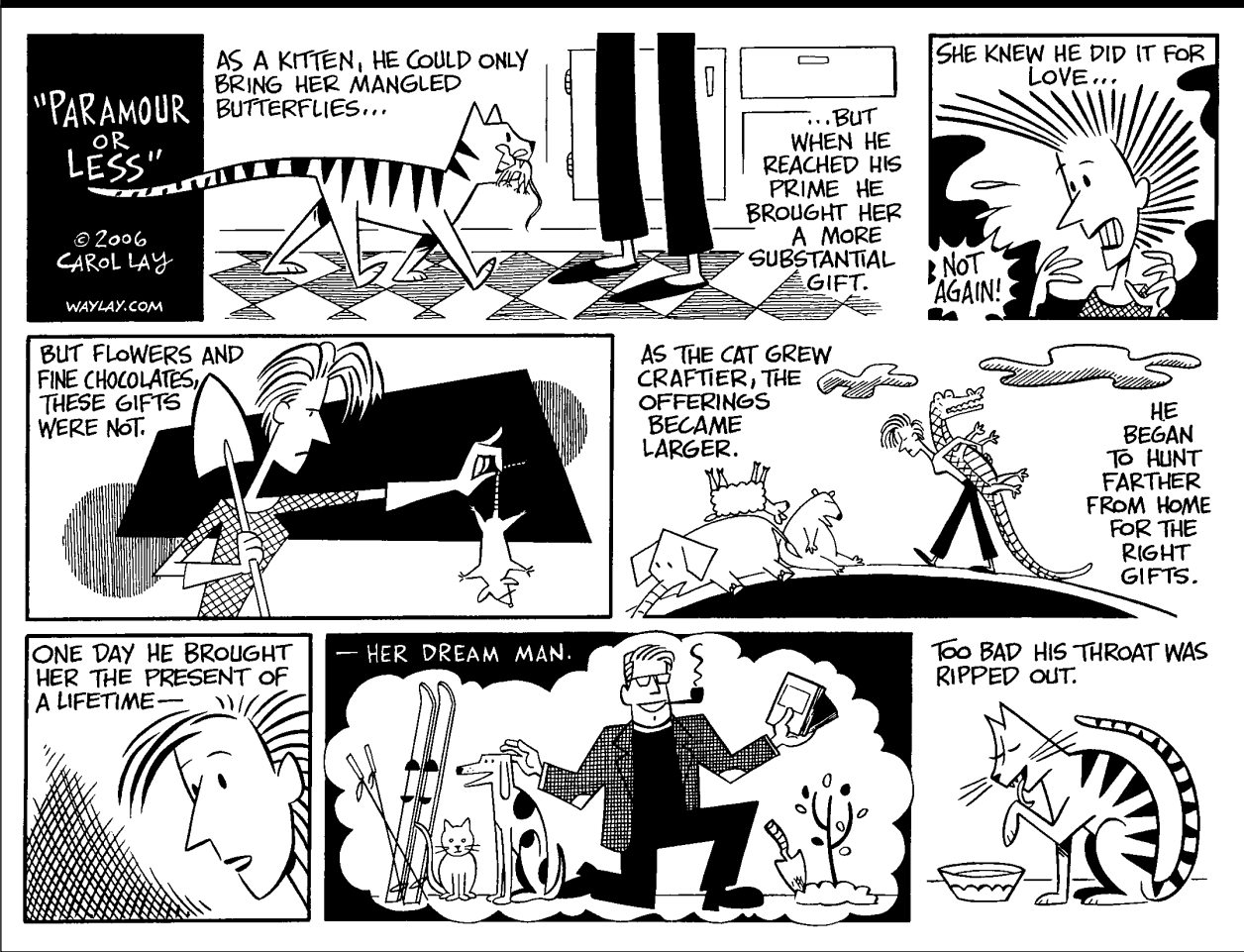
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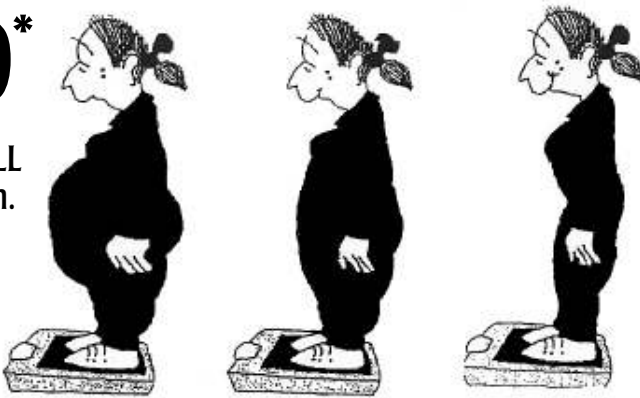
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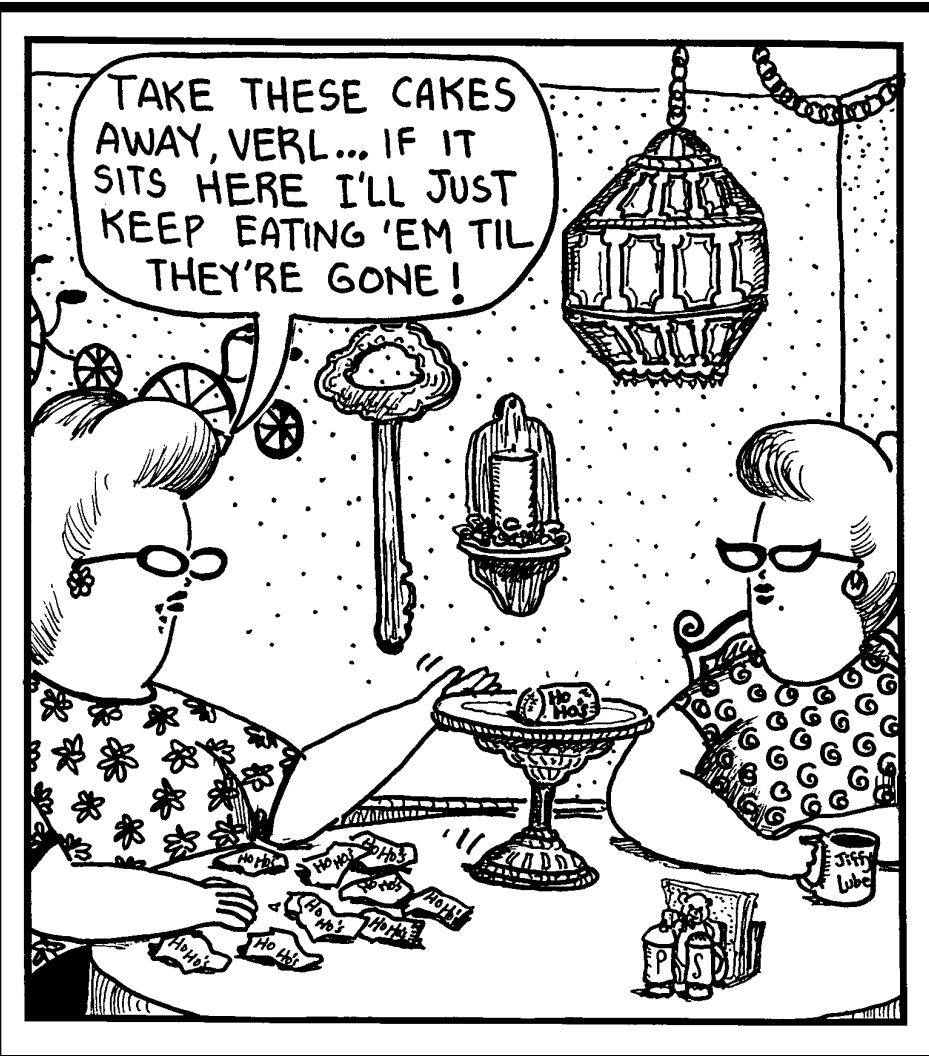
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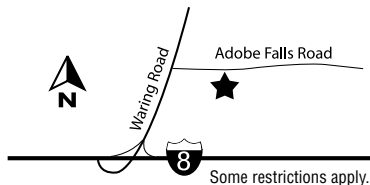
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Government in Action

— During President Bush’s recent trip to India, 17 Secret Service Labradors and German shepherds accompanying him (each with its own police “rank,” such as “lieutenant”) were housed in five-star hotels in Delhi, according to local press stories (but Delhi police dogs, assisting in the same missions, went home to kennels). Faring less well was one of the three teams of search-and-rescue dogs assigned to find Hurricane Katrina victims, which had to be sent home in March because of a hotel-booking snafu, for which FEMA and Louisiana officials blamed each other.

— How to Be a Police Department: In California, a police department can be created if a local government gives a transportation contract to a private company, automatically empowering that company to hire its own cops, who, though not allowed to make arrests, can carry guns, access police databases, and receive government anti-terrorist grants. The law achieved notoriety in February when Internet millionaire Stefan Eriksson’s Ferrari crashed in Malibu, and he later made confusing statements, including the revelation that he is the “deputy commissioner” of the “San Gabriel Valley Transit Authority” police, a post he acquired by starting a modest bus service for the elderly.

— Questionable Policies: (1) The Wood Methodist Church was informed in March by the town

council in Dudley, England, that it owed an “advertising fee” of the equivalent of about \$130 to put up a cross. (Town regulations specify that a “cross” is an ad for Christianity.) (2) In March, Apache County, N.M., contracted to pay up to \$100,000 to a former Arizona attorney general to investigate Apache’s sheriff, Brian Hounshell, who, after an exhaustive previous investigation (whose cost was not revealed), was accused of mispending \$8,000 of taxpayer money.

Great Art!

— The publisher Powerhouse Books (and its imprint Rosen Editions) is preparing for the imminent release of photographer Ellen Jong’s *Pees on Earth*, a series of shots of Jong urinating in prominent public spots around the world. Jong is a mainstream professional whose non-urinary work has appeared in *Vogue* and other publications.

Signs of the Times

— Cheaters on the Rise: (1) In March, students at Mount Saint Vincent University in Bedford, Nova Scotia, persuaded the administration to prohibit professors from using any plagiarism-detecting aid, to avoid (said the student union president) a “culture of mistrust.” (2) Students at Banja Luka University in Bosnia-Herzegovina protested in February the economics faculty’s decision to install surveillance cameras during exams. “Cheating in exams,” said one student, “is a part of our Balkan mentality, and it will take years to change students’ [attitudes].”

— In March, *New York Times* fashion writers noted that the decision of several designers to shroud runway models’ faces in various ways during the annual Paris Fashion Week in February and March surely must be sending some message. Among the devices designers used: masks (making some models resemble “Hannibal Lecter in drag,” according to one critic), woven basket-like coverings and burqa-type swaddling. Guesses on designers’ motives included a reflection of general world gloom; tributes to the plight of Muslim women; and designers’ fear of beautiful faces distracting from their designs.

Fine Points of the Law

— (1) In February, the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled that the neck is a “sexual or intimate [part]” and thus that a forcible kiss there is a felonious touching that allows sentencing the offender to life in prison under the state’s “three strikes” rule. (2) Also in February, a Florida appeals court upheld a jury’s simultaneous findings that Nicholas Cappalo was not guilty by reason of insanity in the burglary of a home in May 2002, but guilty and sane during the ensuing getaway, in which he led sheriff’s deputies on a 15-mile, high-speed chase.

People Different From Us

— Former Major League Baseball all-star Darren Daulton, 44, told the *Philadelphia Daily News* in February that he understands dimensions of reality that few of his fellow earthlings know. He first experienced his extraordinary power after delivering a game-winning hit in the 1990s and breaking into tears after the game, discovering that “I didn’t hit that ball. Something happened, but it wasn’t me.” Later, Daulton said, he was “awakened” to realms beyond those covered by the five senses. Things will become clearer on Dec. 12, 2012, at 11:11 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time, he said, because that’s when the world will end.

Least Competent People

— (1) A 27-year-old woman was arrested in League City, Texas, in February after police discovered her 6-year-old daughter wandering around her empty schoolyard on a Saturday morning. The woman said she dropped the kid off, as usual, but that she was distracted and didn’t realize it was Saturday. (2) Prominent neuroscientist Louis A. Gottschalk, still professionally active at age 89, lost about \$3 million of his family trust over a ten-year period to Nigerian e-mail scammers, according to his son, who wants an Orange County, Calif., judge to remove his father as the estate’s administrator. In fact, Dr. Gottschalk has continued to pay money on another scam because the new recipients are “different Nigerians,” according to the son’s description of a conversation with his father.

Update

— In 2003, “News of the Weird” told the inspirational story of *Star Trek* fanatic Tony Alleyne, who was trying to sell his small apartment in Leistershire, England, for the equivalent of about \$1.7 million, after having converted it to a finely detailed model of the starship *Enterprise* (with transporter control, warp core drive, voice-activated lighting and security, infinity mirror, etc.). In February 2006, Alleyne, weary of the lack of buyer interest, filed for bankruptcy and moved to his Plan B: to gut his *Enterprise* and redesign the place as the bridge of the *Voyager* (from the later *Star Trek* series), which he will offer at a lower price.

Readers’ Choice

— On Feb. 23, a woman asked a clerk at the Get Go! convenience store in McKeesport, Pa., to “microwave something for me. It’s a life-or-death situation.” The clerk complied, but when she realized that the item might be a severed penis, she called police. The woman later explained that it was a dildo-shaped container of urine because she had to be drug-tested for a job afterward and needed urine heated to “body temperature.” Unexplained still in subsequent press accounts was why she stored the urine in that type of device. She was charged with criminal mischief (for contaminating a microwave oven).

Undignified Deaths

— Twice in a two-week period, couples were found asphyxiated and enjoined in sexual positions in cars whose engines had been running in closed garages. A New York City couple, ages 28 and 21, who had been dating about a month, died in March, and a Milwaukee, Wis., couple, ages 23 and 17, died in February in a car whose engine had quit (though still with plenty of gas) because the concentration of carbon monoxide had prevented oxygen intake to the engine.

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Thirty Years Ago

In what could have passed as a dress rehearsal for this summer's Democratic national convention, some 325 voters jammed a Clairemont junior high school to pick a slate of 10 potential delegates to represent California's "favorite son" — Governor Jerry Brown.

"The objective," confided one young woman, "is to get to New York this summer. And to a lot of us Jerry Brown looks like the best bet."

—CITY LIGHTS: "A RISING SON....," Paul Krueger, April 15, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Todd Ghio, who runs the Anthony's seafood restaurants here, is half owner of one of the two abalone processors located in San Diego. "We're just about breaking even on our abalone dishes," says Ghio. "We're a seafood house, so we feel we have to carry it [abalone]. But this is a different eating town than a place like San Francisco, where they're getting twenty-four dollars for a meal of abalone. That's what you need to charge to make money on it. People down here just won't pay that." (Anthony's charges between fourteen and nineteen dollars for their abalone dinners.)

—CITY LIGHTS: "THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A CATCH," Neal Matthews, April 16, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The wrestling room at Poway High smells the way a serious wrestling room should smell — like stale sweat, rubber mats, and sour old jockstraps. It's a distinctive wrestling smell, cultured and cured by years of hard work in a stuffy room without windows. Non-admirers of the inglorious sport of high school wrestling might consider, in their ignorance, that smell to be offensive. But the wrestlers themselves know otherwise. For them that smell is a kind of tradition passed down to them from heroes they've only heard stories about.

—"ON THE MAT," Steve Sorensen, April 17, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

I am late to the first Gulf War protest, the one before the war officially starts. It's dusk, and as I cross Broadway and pass the hollow pillars of the Federal building, there is already the rhythmic thumping of somebody's African drum, backed by a thick echo of cheering. I come around the corner onto dark, milling hundreds, a harassed-sounding voice ringing through a PA system. The air has cooled and

smells of incense. A girl twirls in circles, then skips off through the crowd, shaking a tambourine.

—"PEACE BE STILL," Kathy Miller, April 18, 1991

Ten Years Ago

When she gave her closing argument in O.J. Simpson's murder trial, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark's hair was straight and she was clad in pure white: "The hollow-eyed voice of reason, her wan appearance the living embodiment of an arduous 'search for truth' through science," according to the *Los Angeles Times*. And when defense attorney Johnnie Cochran, Jr., delivered his closing argument, Clark wore red.

Nine months earlier, before her life had become tabloid fodder, Clark delivered her opening argument dressed in black. A black, conservative suit coupled with a white blouse with a juvenile-looking Peter Pan collar and bow. Her hair was curly then, her hemlines a little shorter than later in the trial. "Dignified but feminine," proclaimed a consultant who analyzed her attire in the *Times* the next day.

—"CAN I WEAR MY GOOD LUCK DRESS?" Jane Farr, April 11, 1996



San Diego Reader, April 12, 2001

Five Years Ago

Valerie Stallings's guilty plea in late January to two state misdemeanors for not reporting gifts from Padres owner John Moores resulted in her resignation from the city council and a \$10,000 fine. And yet the revelations of Moores's four-year gift-bounty to Stallings have some San Diegans in disbelief — fuming, really — as to why Stallings took the fall and Moores was exonerated and why neither was charged with a federal offense after being investigated by the FBI.

—"THE JOHN MOORES EXEMPTION," Matt Potter, April 12, 2001

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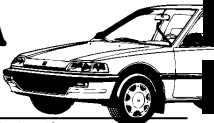
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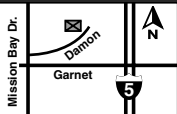
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poorly in school that she gave in and got him the drugs. They seem to have worked like a charm. In two months her son has gone from being in the bottom ten percent of his class to the top ten. He's happier, and his teacher is overjoyed. So what's the problem? Diane recently told me that because she feels like she too has difficulty concentrating and finishing tasks — that she's been "scatterbrained" all her life — that she decided to sample some of her son's medication. She says it's great stuff. Now she feels way more focused and alert and for sure she plans to keep taking it. Am I strange to be alarmed by this? Can adults have attention deficit disorder? Do they use the same medication as children? I didn't say anything to her when she told me she was doing this because I was so surprised. Now I don't know.

CONCERNED COLLEGE HEIGHTS MOM

Dear Concerned,

Taking someone else's prescription meds is never a good idea. Medication that's fine for one person can be harmful to another. That's why certain medications are available only through a doctor — so their use can be monitored carefully. Diane should go to her own physician or consult a psychopharmacologist and explain her situation. Adults do get diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and related conditions, but again, the best thing here is for her to get under a doctor's care. I think that as a close friend it is your duty to insist that she seek her own prescription.

Besides which, isn't her kid going to run out of medication before the next refill or have to take a lesser dose as a result?

Dear Saffron,

I'm a gay man whose longtime mate has AIDS. As his disease has progressed he has started to have cognitive problems — sometimes he confuses words or can't pull a sentence together. We are seeing his doctor together next week. Among so many other fears, I worry about his ability to drive now that he seems to be becoming a little confused. I'm not sure if I should bring this up to his doctor, though, because it seems in a way like a betrayal — being able to drive is so important for his independence. Maybe he's okay to drive for a while longer, but worrying about this keeps me up nights. What should I do?

GRIEVING IN SANTEE

Dear Grieving,

I'm terribly sorry about what you and your boyfriend are going through. You absolutely must mention your concerns to his doctor. Your partner's safety, as well as the safety of other drivers, is too important to be left to chance. You can speak to the doctor privately or tell your partner up front that you need to bring this issue up with his physician, and then do it. I know it's a difficult and depressing decision, but you have no choice. Lives are at stake.

Dear Saffron,

This is in reference to the guy who wrote you about how he was an electrician working for a couple who owned a repair shop. They were paying him slave wages and he was living in a tent. This couple, his bosses, had loaned him some money at 20 percent interest. Given that only credit card agencies and maybe banks are allowed to charge 20 percent interest on a loan, those mean folks are guilty of usury, along with everything else they're guilty of. Perhaps they should be given the opportunity to pick up garbage on the freeway's edge.

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IT'S A WRAP

It is one of the first sunny days in this godforsaken town. I roll up my sleeves, glance into the empty expanse of the U-Haul, and think, *Finally, I am a real filmmaker.*

My business partner, Jeremy, trots down the steps of his apartment, an old-style brick building in a row of identical townhouses. Each has a scrubby patch of dead lawn in front, boxed in by a wire fence. Across the way is a bus depot, a parking station for the city transit system, and, above the cement vehicle bays, a blue, blue sky.

The air is cool on my bare arms, but I like it. I pick up the cumbersome tripod case and haul it to Jeremy's door. He's got his head in the van, checking for any loose items. The hallway smells of old wood, the apartment of post-teenage boy. I drop my load in the kitchen and clatter down the dark stairs for more.

One by one, we cart our equipment — the estimated value of which, according to Emerson's rental department manager, totals around \$35,000 — into the house, stacking it next to the refrigerator. We have camera boxes; the strange, spine-like C-stands; several cases of lights. The stack of gear sits before us. We stare at it, our breath the only sound in the room.

"Jeez, that's a lot of stuff."

Jeremy nods. "Yeah," he says.

He drops me off at a café in his neighborhood, the up-and-coming hotspot known as Davis Square. The sun streams through the windows. It's lovely, and I almost forget the ache that has spread through my joints. I settle in, order, and eat the best sandwich of my life, a vegetable wrap so simple and unpretentious I could cry.

As I eat, I think about the upcoming shoot — *worry* about the upcoming shoot. We have six hours to complete all of our scenes and, though it is MOS (without sound) and under five minutes, the pressure is still on. We have 32 shots, not to mention two that involve a dolly-in. Between the two of us, Jeremy and I have been producers, directors, cinematographers, location managers, casting agents, crew recruiters, equipment renters, and, of course, full-time students. We've called insurance companies, lighting houses, potential shooting spaces, and post-production service labs. We've missed classes, sacrificed our social lives, and tapped our bank accounts. And it's painfully close to The Big Day.

I slurp down the last of my iced chai, bid the café's baristas goodbye, and, with a cone of peanut butter frozen yogurt, I hop the train home. Through last-minute security clearance debacles and crew meetings and stretching of budgets, I think about the café, about that sandwich.

I make one more trip to the café before the big day,

my backpack loaded down with film cans and camera magazines — not *literature* about cameras but what the film is loaded into — and chow down. Before I leave, I notice that the place has, in addition to two pool tables, an old photo booth. Leaving my backpack outside, I grab one of the magazines and duck behind the curtain. Holding the awkward thing



in my lap, I feed the machine four dollars and wait. A light goes off in my face with a poof and I'm caught off-guard, stare into the space where I assume the lens is and pose, magazine aloft. Four more poofs and I'm done.

Ten minutes later I have my photos. In the first, I look like a demented turtle, eyes bugged out, face squashed.

The second two are out of focus and the last is too dark, but, all things considered, they're not heinous. I tear off the first one and rip it to pieces. The remaining photos go into my wallet.

It felt right, I think as I head down the darkening street toward the train, *taking those pictures on the eve of one of the bigger moments in my life.* After this shoot, I will

have crossed a hurdle — my first movie; my first REAL movie on REAL FILM. And I will be behind the camera.

Though freak outs are to come and mistakes will be made, in this moment I feel confident. My back hurts, and my head is filled with things to

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STABBING

Location: [9000] River Street, Lakeside

Date/Time: 1:12 p.m. on 4/3/06

Report: The Sheriff's Department Communications Center received calls through the Heartland Fire Department



and the California Highway Patrol regarding a man who was stabbed in the chest, in the Lakeside

Hotel. The suspect ran up, stabbed the victim, and ran off. Deputies arrived, aided the victim, obtained a suspect description, and began a search for the suspect. The victim was transported to Sharp Memorial Hospital with a stab wound near the heart.

At 1:42 p.m., an adult male called the Sheriff's Communications Center and reported he had stabbed the victim and was standing by for deputies at the Jennings Park Estates. The caller/suspect agreed to put the knife down and wait outside for deputies, who arrived less than a minute later and took him into custody without incident.

MARIJUANA SEIZURE

Location: 2500 Paseo International, Otay Mesa

Time/Date: 3/07/06

Incident: Officers at the Otay Mesa cargo port of entry seized 10,863 pounds of marijuana from a truck that entered the port. 670 cellophane-wrapped packages of the narcotic valued at \$5 million, hidden within a shipment of 100 television sets, [were] in transit through the U.S. bound for the port of Long Beach and ultimately Panama. Officers diverted the 1985 Peterbilt tractor-trailer to the port's gamma-ray inspection facility for an intensive examination after it entered the port from Mexico. While the conveyance was parked, a narcotics detector dog alerted to narcotics while screening. The gamma-ray examination revealed discrepancies within the cargo container. The container doors were opened and a large quantity of wrapped packages was visible, commingled with the manifested merchandise. Field chemical tests indicated the green leafy substance inside the packages was marijuana. The driver, a 32-year-old Mexican male from Guadalajara, was arrested by special agents.

GANG FIGHT/HOMICIDE

Location: 700 South Nardo,

Solana Beach

Time/Date: 1:28 p.m. on 3/31/06



Investigation: The Sheriff's Communications Center received a call of a "gang fight" at South Nardo Avenue and Stevens Avenue. When the deputies arrived on scene there was no one there... [but] there was broken glass and wood in the street. Deputies broadcast an advisement to be on the lookout for a vehicle with window damage. Scripps Encinitas Hospital was also contacted and asked to notify the Sheriff's Department if they received any patients with injuries consistent with a physical altercation.

A short time later, two Hispanic males were dropped off at the emergency room of that facility. Deputies responded to the hospital. Upon their arrival, Mercy Air was transporting one of the subjects to Scripps La Jolla Hospital. The second subject was treated for his injuries and released. The victim who was transported succumbed to his injuries at 10:22 a.m.

A deputy located an occupied vehicle with major window damage and blood on it, about a mile from Scripps Encinitas Hospital. The three occupants of the vehicle were taken to the Sheriff's Encinitas Station as part of this investigation.

Early reports indicate the following: four Hispanic males from the Encinitas area, who were in a vehicle, arrived in the 700 block of South Nardo Avenue. They encountered one Hispanic male, who was standing in

front of an apartment complex. Words were exchanged. The lone male ran into an apartment. A short time later several young males exited the apartment and confronted the four individuals in the car. A physical altercation erupted between these two groups. Two of the subjects who had arrived in the car were the ones who sustained injuries and were taken to Scripps Encinitas Hospital.

GANG FIGHT

Location: 300 Autumn Drive,

San Marcos

Time/Date: 2:46 p.m. on 3/31/06



Report: The Sheriff's Communication Center received multiple calls reporting a group of Hispanic male juveniles fighting in...an apartment complex. The juveniles were later determined to be members of the Varrio San Marcos and South Los gangs.

Callers said the gang members were armed with knives, guns, machetes, baseball bats, metal pipes, and bottles. One juvenile caller said shots were fired and vehicles were smashed during the incident. Several gang members fled in a dark green sport utility vehicle as deputies arrived and initiated a traffic stop of the SUV. The driver of the SUV refused to stop and deputies pursued for a short distance before the SUV yielded, the three occupants fled on foot, and were caught by the deputies. One of the three arrested was a parolee. Deputies determined the SUV was

stolen. Inside the vehicle they found bats, chains, and machetes.

Meanwhile, other responding deputies contacted witnesses at the scene of the fight, checked several apartments for victims, and searched for evidence. No gunshot victim was found and no firearms were located

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Location: State Route 125 and

Mission Gorge Road, Santee

Date/Time: 11:14 p.m. on 4/05/06



Résumé of Incident: Witnesses observed a pickup truck drive northbound on State Route 125 into the T-intersection where State Route 125 ends at Mission Gorge Road. Witnesses said the truck never slowed down as it went through the intersection, drove over the north curb line of Mission Gorge Road, went through a wooden post and rail fence, then traveled approximately fifty feet before coming to rest on a mound of dirt.

Deputies...arrived and found four subjects in the back of the vehicle. Two subjects fled from the truck into the thick vegetation between the intersection and a residential area. A short while later, deputies...located the two additional subjects. All six subjects suffered injuries and were transported to local area hospitals. Two of the subjects were considered to have serious injuries.

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It was a gamble. If my parents ever found out that I had been diving through other people's rooms, closets, and cabinets, they would've whipped my ass good. But when you're 13 and you happen upon a stack of slick covered nudie books, it's like finding ten Christmases and a birthday piled up in a nightstand cupboard.

The first cache of dirty magazines I'd ever nosed out was my grandfather's. It was only a few *Playboys* and one of the racier *Penthouses*. Although, I would've liked to stumble across something a little dirtier back then, I think about it now with relief. Nobody wants to know his Poppa is a pervy dirtbag, and his collection was thankfully tame.

The idea to snoop his room for porn came to me one day while watching cartoons. He was out in the front yard working on a motorcycle. Soon enough he came in to get his keys and his hat.

"I'm going to town to get a part for the bike. You want to go?" he asked.

In an award-winning bit of acting, I cocked my head to the side and looked up in deep thought. "Hmmm..." I touched my chin and pretended to mull the idea over, when what I was really thinking was, "BOOBS. BOOBS. BOOBS! THERE ARE MAGAZINES WITH BOOBS RIGHT HERE IN THE HOUSE!"

"Going to town sounds good," I answered. "But I think I'll stay and watch Bugs Bunny."

"Okay, watch your shows. I'll be right back," he told me before heading his truck down the driveway. Once it had disappeared from view I was doing an elated prance down the hallway.

I had them all spread out on the floor of his room, each one opened to the centerfold, and I was comparing them to find my favorites when I heard his boots clomp down the hallway and stop at the open door. I tried to get them back into a stack and shoved away, and my mind raced to think of some excuse for being in his room, but it was no use. He'd caught me.

"Put 'em away when you're through," the ol' man said and clomped his boots back down the hallway and out in the front yard. Grandpas are cool.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

ABC 10:00 P.M.

Keep this a secret. I don't want it getting back to my dad that there's the possibility a woman can be president, even if it's only a television show. He'd work himself up into such a lather that he'd have a stroke right there in his front room.

SUMO WRESTLING

ESPN 10:00 A.M.

This is the perfect time to watch sumo wrestling. Everyone's had a cup of coffee and a smoke. We're all braced for the day. It's well after breakfast and before lunch. Let's do it. Let's watch some giant Japanese men in black thongs give each other atomic wedgies.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

THE TONY DANZA SHOW

ABC 9:00 A.M.

Tony Danza should fight Regis Philbin and

Kelly Ripa in a cage match. They can battle it out to see who's in charge of morning TV. Also, there should be a monkey with a knife.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

HOT ROCKS: GEOLOGY OF CIVILIZATION

SCIENCE 12:00 P.M.

WOO! Rocks! Yay, Geology! Science is cool! Woo hoo! Okay. I give up. I tried. Unless there are bikini models draped over them, I don't think a show about rocks is going to pick up much of a following.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (1956)

ABC 7:00 P.M.

Charlton Heston crashes his spaceship in ancient Egypt and has to fight a horde of ape people to free the Jews from slavery. Or, maybe I'm mixing something up here.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

ROBERT LUDLUM'S COVERT ONE: THE HADES FACTOR (2006)

CBS 9:00 P.M.

What? Is that English? It looks like English, but it looks like it's been translated into Japanese and then back again. "Party Good Good Love Dog: Do Hand Song."

MONDAY, APRIL 17

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

FNC 8:00 P.M.

I knew I recognized Bill O'Reilly from somewhere. Oh, those days with that traveling Drag Queen Burlesque. All those towns we saw. All the empty bottles of wine and lines on the mirror. No one can rock a feather boa and pair of clip-on dangle earrings like old Bill, or I should say, Wilhelmina "Willy" Callmelater.



America's Next Top Model

He had this little dance he would do...oh, it was beautiful. You should've seen it.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

CELEBRITY COOKING SHOWDOWN

NBC 8:00 P.M.

What? This is a show? Who gives a fat rat's ass about Patti LaBelle's quiche? If you do, you need to GO OUTSIDE and talk to people, REAL people. Meet someone for coffee or ride a bike or something.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL

UPN 8:00 P.M.

In case I haven't been annoyed enough by Wednesday night, I'll be sure to tune in to get an assload of irritation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

THE ULTIMATE FIGHTER

SPIKE 10:00 P.M.

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This past week's festival of anxiety came in the form of e-mails.

By John Brizzolara

This past week was a bear. A good word for a bad week, I suddenly notice, though I don't know why it fits so well. I have no real familiarity with bears; and while they're famous for their ability to inflict horrendous damage on a foe, I'm not sure that sort of thing is comparable to the debilitating effects of one king hell week.

It strikes me that I could use the TGIF logo as license to routinely bitch about my week, so why not indulge myself just this once? Oh, yeah, because I actually do it constantly, I just remembered.

A good bit of this past week's festival of anxiety, depression, general existential malaise, and suffering came in the form of e-mails. This contributed even further to my ongoing and building fear, loathing, and general detestation of this form of communication that so many exult in to the point of OCD in checking the [s]uckers every three minutes or begin experiencing withdrawal. Monday morning I received an e-mail from Carey Driscoll at San Diego Acoustic Music that Buddy Seigal had died from a heart attack. Buddy and I weren't close friends, but we liked each other, had a mutual respect, and much in common. We both loved language and the written word as well as blues, R&B, and all its side streets. We even had identical criticism lev-

eled at us from various sources, "You know, that guy is his own worst enemy."

So the week began badly and ended with Buddy's memorial service on Friday in La Mesa, which I could not attend. Somewhere, bracketed between those two e-mails (the other one informing me of the service) during this past week was an intercepted e-mail. I didn't purposely pry; it was attached to a Forward or Reply e-mail and had to do with someone's pitch regarding a proposed column about the weekly events in the life of a seriously disabled man. The column promised to be "as cheery as TGIF." Naturally, it became clear to me what a laff-riot this column isn't.

Here is the part where I would, by instinct, launch into the litany of lament and list all the bummeur crap that happened to me this week. Let's take my computer alone. I just bought the thing, new, six months ago. Ah, but here I can employ my right to choose. The onus of responsibility is upon me, and I feel its weight bearing me down, bowing my posture. The list in my shirt pocket ("1. Buddy Blue's death, 2. My column apparently perceived as a bummeur 3. P.O.S. computer, AOL sucks, 4. SPYWARE and Anti-virus software: what kind of world are we living in? — could do a whole Andy Rooney thing here, etc.") tugs me inexorably toward the earth and my grave. I can seize this opportunity and utilize the enormous power I wield, powers of good and not — well, if not evil, the equally dark powers of the eternal kvetch.

And so I will declare it sufficient to say that much has gone awry this week (I just looked up that word out of curiosity in the *Oxford American Dictionary*, and the first definition is "twisted to one side") But so what? Why does this phenomenon that demonstrates itself so repeatedly and has since recorded history, seem to take the aging ape more and more by surprise? I refer to the above-mentioned Andy Rooney Factor as well as the (what I like to call) old Jewish Guy Factor.

I'm just an old guy, though not an old Jewish guy, but I think I can include myself here. What I'm describing is something I noticed when I first arrived in New York City in 1971. I was dropped off at the corner of 72nd Street and Amsterdam Ave. On that corner was a narrow V-shaped row of park benches, an island in traffic directly in front of the IRT subway station. Along these benches were two facing ranks of elderly men and more than a few women with Yiddish accents I was unfamiliar with. The conversation north and south for a block was health — or rather the lack of it — and doctors



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and operations and insurance and organs and veins and phlegm and discharge and swelling, etc. It seemed to me this was a pocket of the universe where the sick had been deposited or congealed in some way to bemoan their illness and complain about every subject under the sun, in no way limited to medical matters.

It took me months to catch on that these people were not gathered together in the name of buttressing each other's misery, but instead to affirm each other's toughness, resilience, patience; to mirror and applaud each other's very survival. Sometimes the survival they were really discussing was never alluded to but something for which the gall bladder operation was a functional metaphor.

Whether or not I am entitled to include myself a practitioner of the Old Jewish Guy Factor, I don't know. But I can hope that the phrase follows quickly on the heels of anyone thinking ironically, "as cheery as TGIF."

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excited when something doesn't work," said Jache. "I try all the things I can to mess up a training exercise so when I have the one real chance, it goes right." This is the third absolute truth for bomb experts: Practice until you drop while you have the chance. Because, as the bomb-tech motto puts it, "Initial success or total failure" is the rule when the call is for real.

The young men listen to the man they call "Gunner" with a rapt-ness that would surely surprise the high school teachers they sat in front of not long ago. He speaks their language, a patois of technical jargon sprinkled with wry observations about asswipes and jerkoffs, the murderous extremists and irritating bureaucratic red-tape specialists who complicate a productive day's work. They recognize Jache, who is 54, as the Real Deal, a Vietnam-era vet who has since toured the world's hell-holes, learning the ins and outs of foiling explosives, those used in official wars as well as actions remaining below the radar of CNN. Loaded down with their coolers of food, personal hydration packs, and superior-wicking microfiber, khaki-camo tactical clothing, the young men look respectfully at the lanky guy who still wears the same kind of cotton T-shirt, probably in the same size, that he's always worn; who is now old enough to be their father and who's going strong after a long day in the sun, fueled by a can of tuna and two diet Dr Peppers.

"You need to understand bombs, completely, in order to defeat them," Jache tells me when I ask why this work holds so much appeal. He wears this understand-then-defeat

philosophy like a layer of skin. An enlisted man who worked his way to warrant officer 4 and became an EOD tech, now with three decades in the Navy Reserves, Jache is a raw-fact carnivore, perpetu-

ally on the hunt for elusive things: tricky declensions of Latin nouns; recordings by doo-woppers Norman Fox and the Rob Roys; small-college sports standings that he tabulates with manic preci-

sion. He joined the Sheriff's Department 25 years ago and has been with Bomb/Arson for 8. "This is the work I always wanted to do," he says.

The fact that explosives' protean

traits take up so much of Jache's brain space has benefits extending far beyond San Diego County. Hundreds of military personnel, like these Navy men, cycle through Jache's training at the bomb range every

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