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"Well, you know, I, okay, let me see," Charles McPherson sounded more spirited than stumped. I'd just asked a saxophone legend — Charles McPherson! — what originally attracted him to the saxophone. That was like asking the sun why it was hot. But McPherson's husky, perpetually happy-sounding voice shaded into a playful growl. "I guess we'll get into some primordial..."

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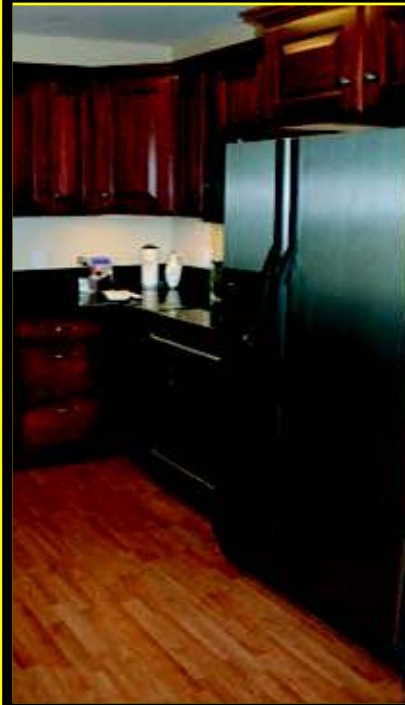


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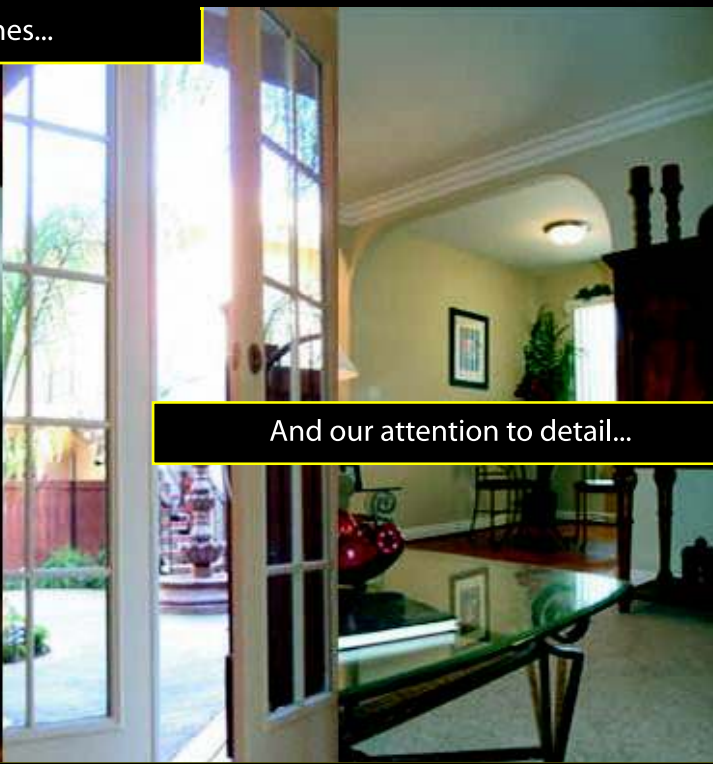
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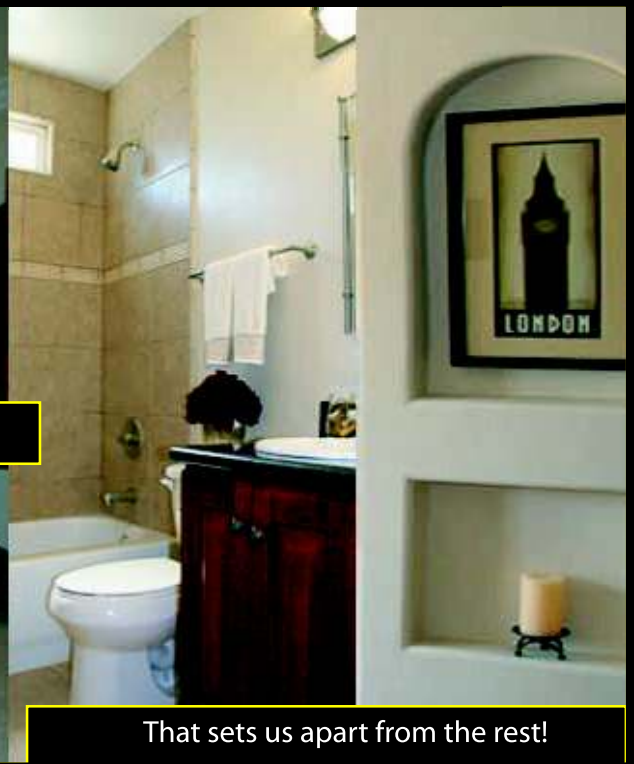
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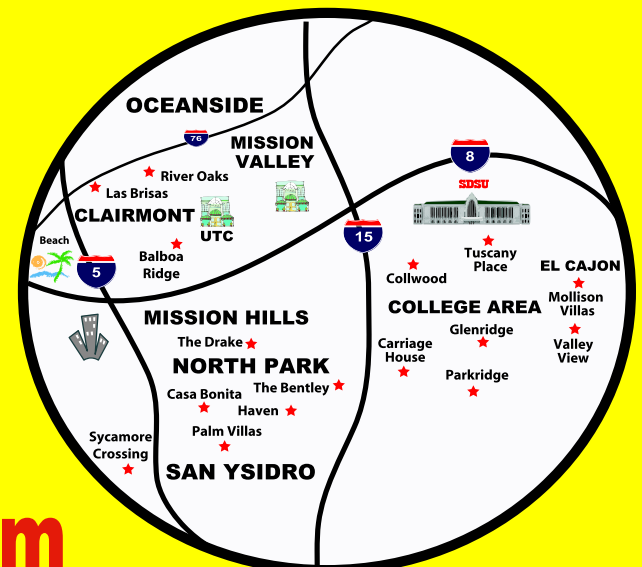
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High flyers Top members of the San Diego airport authority's board have been traveling in style. Example number one: when **Bill Lynch**, **Joe Craver**, and **Xema Jacobson** went back to Washington this February in a failed attempt to persuade the Pentagon to play ball with their plans to move the airport from Lindbergh to Miramar, board travel records obtained under the state's Public Records Act reveal they all flew first class.



Joe Craver

That same month Jacobson, Lynch, and fellow board member **Paul Nieto** went to Sacramento for a one-day lobbying trip on all-coach Southwest Airlines. But they threw a lavish reception for San Diego legislators and their staffs at K Street's trendy Buddha Bar and lunched in the private Captain's Room at the Broiler, which bills itself as "Sacramento's definitive steakhouse since 1950."

This January there was an excursion to Kona, Hawaii, to attend a four-day "aviation issues" conference. Jacobson's first-class ticket on Hawaiian Airlines cost \$2492. She stayed at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, where her room was \$235 a night, and she charged expenses such as \$38.41 at the Beach Bar (writing on the invoice, "no alcohol...no receipt"). A \$194.79 Saturday dinner at the hotel included a \$35 bottle of Kendall-Jackson chardonnay and two lobster plates totaling \$104. Another dinner at the resort included a \$32 order of mahimahi, \$22 for pork tenderloin, and \$20 for "Chicken." Jacobson's rental car cost \$240, plus \$17.78 for gas. A lunch meeting was held with Congressman **Joe Knollenberg**, and a dinner included staffers for California Democratic senator **Barbara Boxer** and West Virginia Democratic senator **Jay Rockefeller**.

Not all members of the delegation went first class. One exception was Lemon Grove city councilwoman **Mary Sessom**, a board member, who flew coach; San Diego city councilman **Tony Young**, another board member, also flew coach.

Brian's buddies The identities of last-minute contributors to political campaigns often turn out to be of more than passing interest — sometimes because they have something to hide. And plenty of late money arrived in the coffers of **Brian Bilbray**, the ex-Imperial Beach mayor and former congressman who came in second to Democrat **Francine**



Brian Bilbray (photo illustration)

Busby in last week's 50th Congressional District primary.

Much of the money has a familiar theme. On April 8 the Chickasaw Nation, an Okla-

homa Indian tribe with casino interests, kicked in \$5000. On March 31, the Rely on Your Beliefs Fund, run by Republican whip **Roy Blunt**, gave \$5000.

Then there was the Promoting Republicans You Can Elect Project, operated by Ohio Republican congresswoman **Deborah Pryce**, which gave Bilbray \$5000, also on March 31. Campaign disclosure records show that Pryce's fund received a total of \$8000 in contributions in 2002 and 2004 from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, both of which were clients of fallen GOP lobbyist **Jack Abramoff**. Last November the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reported that in 2003 Pryce and Blunt wrote letters, allegedly drafted by Abramoff, to Interior Secretary **Gale Norton** opposing a Louisiana casino proposal. A Pryce staffer told the paper that Pryce was doing a favor for another Republican, Louisiana's **Jim McCreery**, and had no knowledge of Abramoff's role.

Yet another beneficiary of Abramoff money, Alaska GOP congressman **Don Young**'s Midnight Sun Political Action Committee, gave Bilbray \$2500 on March 30. This January, the *Anchorage Daily News* reported that since 1999, tribes linked to Abramoff have given Young \$20,000, most of it channeled into the Midnight Sun PAC. Young also used Abramoff's luxury skybox at Washington's MCI Center for fund-raisers, the paper said.

Making law A small reclamation district in the Central Valley has been getting attention from San Diego Democratic assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña**. As recounted last month by **Jeff Hood**, Lodi bureau chief of the *Stockton Record*, Saldaña introduced a bill that would promise "a more open and fair process in contested elections" in special districts. The reported target of the legislation: Reclamation District 348, covering 10,000 dusty acres of northwestern San Joaquin County, including the tiny town of Thornton. Big landowners have long controlled the district board because its three members are selected by elections in which property owners cast one vote for every acre they own. Saldaña and Republican **Guy Houston** of Livermore want to expand board membership to five, with at least three of those elected by popular vote in Saldaña's version and two in Houston's. But why is Saldaña so interested in a place far from her San Diego district? Turns out Saldaña heard about the issue through one of her staffers whose parents lived in Thornton.



Lori Saldaña

— Matt Potter

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San Diego Drowns In Own Hubris

By Don Bauder

Flexing its muscles, working in secret, and stifling dissent, San Diego in the early to mid-1990s tried to assert water independence.

It got hosed. The San Diego County Water Authority wound up paying 50 percent more for water than it had been paying earlier.

Why the title? Erie is setting up a straw man and knocking it down. In 1974, Hollywood's Roman Polanski came out with the film



California Aqueduct; inset: Steve Erie

So writes Steve Erie, UCSD political scientist, in his new book, *Beyond Chinatown: The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California*. It is being published this month by Stanford University Press.

noir *Chinatown*, claiming that greedy Los Angeles developers in the early part of the 20th Century had strong-armed Owens Valley farmers into selling their land to bring water to L.A. It was called the "rape of Owens Valley," and the specter still

haunts the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which brings Colorado River water to Southern California, including San Diego.

Erie takes another point of view. The Metropolitan Water District didn't drain farmers dry to further a conspiratorial water imperialism, he says.

San Diego was getting 90 percent of its water from Metropolitan in the early 1990s when it decided to team up with the Texas billionaire Bass brothers to bring water

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No Prosecution in P.B. Bar Fight

By Ernie Grimm

Play armchair district attorney a moment. Before you lies the case of 26-year-old William “Bill” Dolan. On February 12, 2005, Dolan goes out barhopping with some friends and acquaintances. The group numbers about eight. After a couple of other stops, the group arrives at the Open Bar at 4302 Mission Boulevard in Pacific Beach sometime around 11:00 p.m. According to witness statements in the police report, members of Dolan’s group exchange unpleasant words with an Oceanside man named Gerald Tovar, who is sitting with his wife at a nearby table. Around 12:30 a.m., Dolan and some of his group are leaving the bar to catch a cab home when Darren Dhont, one of Dolan’s party, and Tovar get into an angry shouting match. Tovar is standing inside the bar’s gated patio. Dhont is on the sidewalk. A four-foot wooden fence separates them. Dolan walks up to the arguing pair. According to witnesses, including two Open Bar bouncers, the argument ends when Tovar seizes a nearby beer bottle and smashes it over Dolan’s head, knocking him to the ground. Tovar then grabs another bottle and hits Dolan’s roommate, Sean Washington, with it. Washington falls to the ground bleeding from his head.

At this point, Open Bar security personnel restrain Tovar and escort him through the bar and out the back door. Meanwhile, Dolan hops over the wooden fence to restrain Dhont, who has jumped the fence in an attempt to get at Tovar. Four to five minutes later, Dolan is back on the sidewalk attempting to call 911 when Tovar, accompanied by a couple of Open Bar security staff, walks toward where Dolan and Dhont are standing. Tovar lunges forward and, the police report states, “stab[s] Dolan with an unknown object.”

Dolan is taken to Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, where he undergoes surgery to repair a tear in the intestines. Police take Tovar into custody

attorney’s office decided not to pursue the case. Asked why not, district attorney spokeswoman Gail Stewart would only say, “We don’t comment on why we reject specific cases.”

Asked if, in general, late-night bar fights are hard to prosecute because of the likely inebriation of combatants and witnesses, Stewart said, “No, we prosecute bar-fight cases all the time.”

Dolan says he didn’t get much of an explanation from the district attorney’s office, either. “One investigator I talked to about a month after it happened said, ‘Why are you so

I was lucky. But if it had gotten infected, then I pretty much would have died.’”

Life threatening or not, the wound Dolan received at Tovar’s hand was serious enough to warrant emergency surgery. Performed through a foot-long abdominal incision, the surgery was followed by eight days in the hospital. “I couldn’t even eat or drink any fluids for the entire time I was in the hospital,” Dolan recalls. “I was just on IV. Then even for the next three or four weeks, I was on a liquid diet because — my intestines having been sewn back together — I wasn’t able to pass solid sub-

Dolan wasn’t immediately aware that he had been stabbed that night at the Open Bar. He recalls the moments leading up to the stabbing. “They [Open Bar security] brought Tovar back to the sidewalk area approximately 12 feet from where I was standing. When I noticed that they were bringing him toward me, I began to back away. The security personnel were not restraining Tovar; they were just escorting him back to where I was standing by holding his arm. Once the security personnel released Tovar’s arm, he continued coming toward me. I was on the phone trying to

[except for] a sharp pinching pain and a tingling sensation. I looked down and saw that there was a six-inch tear in my shirt and that my undershirt was also cut. I lifted the two shirts and saw a three-inch jagged cut on my stomach and my intestines protruding from the wound about three inches. A minor amount of blood was coming out, but much intestinal fluid was leaking from the wound. I yelled that I’d been stabbed and then hit the ground trying to hold my intestines in.”

Tovar’s version of the event? He referred inquiries to his attorney. The attorney never



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request Gerald Tovar be charged with three counts of 245(a)(1) P.C. ADW — assault with a deadly weapon.

Now, amateur D.A., it’s time for your decision. Are you going to prosecute Gerald Tovar for three counts of assault with a deadly weapon? If you answered yes, you’re at odds with the office of district attorney Bonnie Dumanis. Despite Detective Borrelli’s investigation, the district

concerned? You weren’t really injured. Not really injured! I have 14 inches of scarring. My large intestine was 75 percent severed. The police report said it wasn’t life threatening. Yeah, I wasn’t going to bleed to death, but under certain circumstances there was a 50-50 chance of getting infection. And once you get an infection... So the fact that I didn’t get infected and I made it through without any major complications,

stance through there. And for the first month I couldn’t walk at all. After I started walking, I was walking hunched over because they had to cut through my whole abdominal muscle from my ribcage all the way down to below my waistline because they didn’t know where exactly my injuries were or how much internal bleeding there was. So they had to do an exploratory surgery in my abdominal cavity.”

report the first two [bottle] incidents to the police. As Tovar got close, I lowered the phone and raised my hands up as I suspected that he might swing at me. I wanted to protect my face and head if he were to do so. He did not swing at my face, but he swung at my abdominal area with a sweeping-type motion. When he came in contact with my abdomen, I lost feeling in the entire lower half of my body

called back. Detective Borrelli did not return calls either.

A possible obstacle to Tovar’s prosecution is the fact that the weapon was never found. Dolan never saw it. Some witnesses, including Open Bar security worker Erik Moe, claimed they’d seen Tovar throw something in a Dumpster across the street from the bar shortly after his second attack on Dolan, though they

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again as much to Imperial as it pays to Metropolitan to get water from the same source: the Colorado. San Diego just changed water brokers and paid a higher price, argues Erie.

In the early days of its relationship with Metropolitan, beginning in 1946, San Diego stayed loyal, even though it was underrepresented in voting power. In 1960, San Diego, the largest customer, accounted for almost one-third of Metropolitan water deliveries but had only 10 percent of the vote. Los Angeles got 17 percent of the water but

had more than one-third of the voting power.

In the drought of the late 1980s and early 1990s, San Diego became restless. Metropolitan reduced its water allocation to users. Among many things, some local officials claim that Los Angeles said it would protect its water supply at San Diego's expense — a charge that Los Angeles denied.

According to Erie, the San Diego County Water Authority launched a hate campaign against Metropolitan. The vitriol was mainly spewed by City representatives; outlying areas in the county were restrained. The editorial page of the *Union-Tribune* joined in the orchestrated vilifica-

tion. "The inner circle owned the editorial page of the *Union-Tribune*," says Erie in an interview. "It was their mouthpiece; it was writing a fusillade of editorials" slamming Metropolitan and Los Angeles.

San Diego water officials rewrote history, charges Erie. They asserted that San Diego's joining of Metropolitan in the 1940s had been a shotgun marriage caused in part by the exigencies of World War II. "But it was mutually consensual," says Erie, and was beneficial to both sides.

Into such a hornet's nest strode — to no one's surprise — Texas billionaires Sid and Lee Bass, always looking to exploit chaos. In 1993, they bought 45,000 acres in Impe-

rial Valley, 10 percent of its irrigated land. The *Imperial Valley Press* flayed the brothers as "carpetbaggers" who had no intention of raising cattle but were in it for the water. (They were.) The brothers would turn the valley into another Depression-era Dust Bowl, charged the locals.

The swaggering brothers boasted that they had political influence inside Metropolitan. One of their former consultants became general manager of the Imperial Irrigation District. The Imperial County grand jury looked into the matter and found undue influence exercised by the Bass boys. The Basses were then swapped their land for \$250

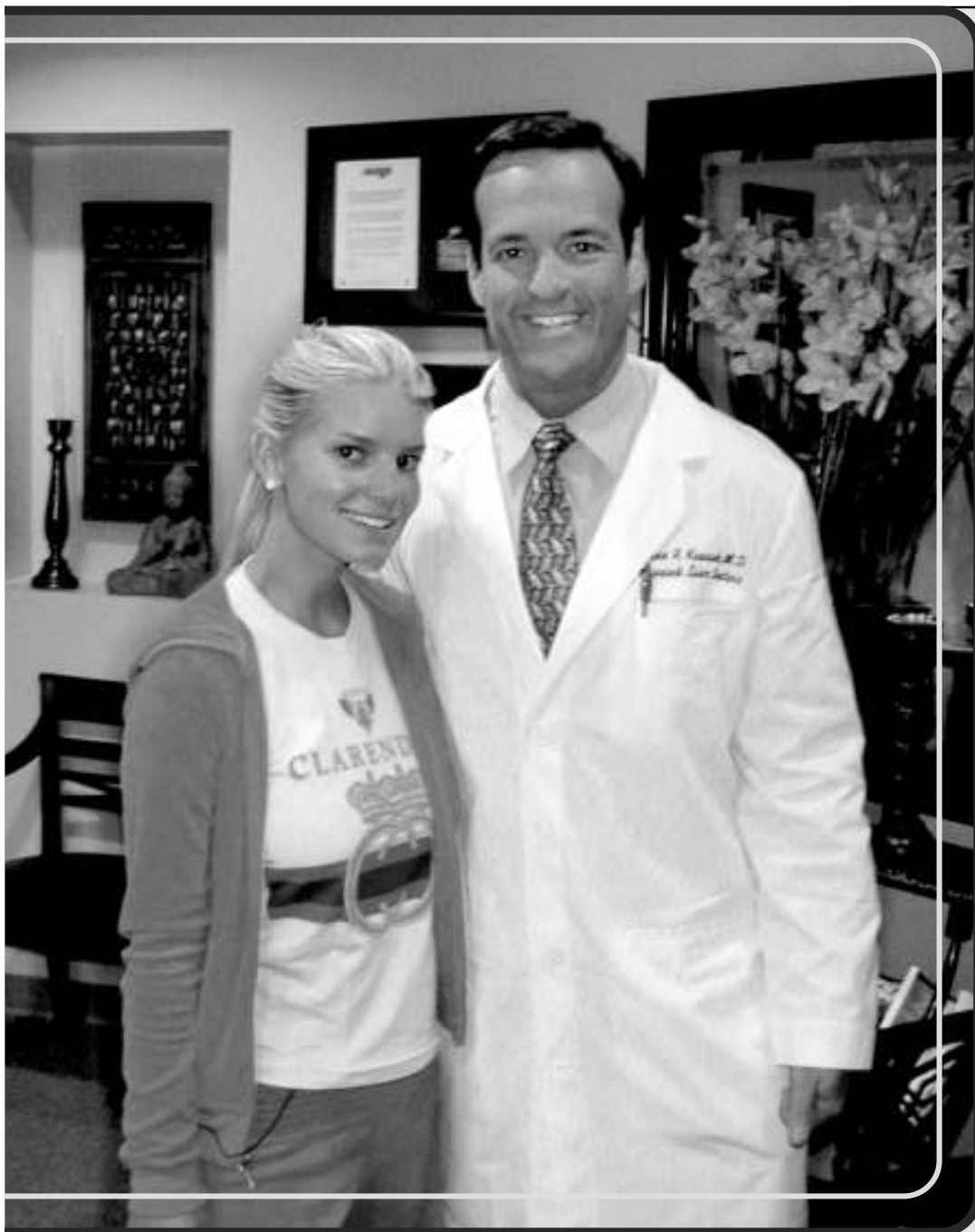
million in U.S. Filter stock, so it would appear they were out of the deal. U.S. Filter ran water plants and provided engineering for utilities. Because they were the largest U.S. Filter shareholders, "the Bass brothers were still at the controls," says Erie. Eventually, France's giant Vivendi bought U.S. Filter.

Working behind closed doors, brushing aside environmental concerns, scolding dissidents in the ranks, San Diego water officials got a long-range contract with Imperial paying \$600 per acre-foot versus the \$350 per acre-foot it was paying Metropolitan for superior water — a blend of Colorado River water and State Water

Project water. "It was a case of an overeager buyer and a monopoly seller," Erie says. "It was poor negotiating on our part."

San Diego was done in by "bruised personal egos and bruised civic egos," irate at "the relationship with Big Brother Los Angeles," says Erie. In the early days of that relationship, "We got almost everything we wanted from Metropolitan, even though we were a little David to L.A.'s Goliath. We were skilled at coalition building. It was all about soaking L.A." That ended in the 1980s when San Diego began pursuing its "quixotic" drive for independence, fueled by hubris

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and paranoia, he says.

As a local political scientist, Erie had opposed the Bass brothers deal. San Diego County Water Authority officials "would come to my talks and heckle me," he says. "The dean was appalled it was happening on university grounds. They all but declared war on me. They wrote protest letters to the chancellor." They charged Erie was on Metropolitan's payroll; he denies that. The water authority insiders, dominated by City officials, targeted their dissonant colleagues from outside the city and tried to get them fired, says Erie.

"Dissent in this town is a punishable offense," says Erie. "San Diego was created as a presidio. It was authoritarian from day one." Then came the Navy in the 20th Century. "The Navy is an authoritarian culture. Most of San Diego's civic organizations took on a military ethos. San Diego is not friendly to opposing points of view." ■

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couldn't say what it was. In his report, Officer J. Maud of the San Diego Police Department wrote, "I checked inside the Dumpster and found that it was partially full of broken bottles and trash. I could clearly see that there was no knife inside. I checked under and around the Dumpster but did not find a knife or broken bottle with blood on it."

With permission from Tovar and his wife Connie Tovar, who was at the bar that night, police then searched Tovar's Ford Expedition. "I conducted a search of the Tovars' vehicle but did not find any evidence of the crime," Maud wrote. "I began to search the area for any weapons or any other additional evidence from the incident. I started my search at the east end of 700 Thomas Avenue and completed my search at the boardwalk on the west end of the block. I did not find any evidence."

During the weeks following the incident, Dolan expected to get a call from the

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district attorney's office requesting his cooperation in prosecuting Tovar. The call never came. So he called them. "I told them, 'I am pushing for an attempted murder charge, because my doctors have been saying that the guy stabbed me and then wrenched it to the side and pulled my intestines out, like it was a gutting.' I said, 'This guy tried to gut me and kill me. I want an attempted murder charge put on the guy.' They said, 'We don't think we can do it.' I said, 'Okay, well, charge him with the three felonies that the police are recommending, then.' And they said, 'We have to continue to look at this.' That was nine or ten months ago."

Dolan, now a law student in the Bay Area, says he considered a civil suit against Tovar. "But lawyers I've spoken to don't want to touch the case because in a civil action [Tovar's lawyers] could submit as evidence that the D.A. wouldn't pick up this case. If they don't press any charges against him criminally, it basically pulls the rug out from underneath any civil suit." ■

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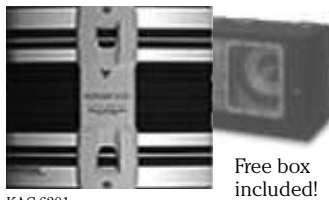
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Bones To Pick

Your interview of author Mike Davis ("Planet of Slums," April 6) painted a dismal picture of the world's urban poor but missed the opportunity to point to some obvious solutions.

The world's poor uproot themselves and move in order to improve their lot, whether to their own country's urban slums or to capitalist Europe or the U.S. Invariably, they leave desperately poor areas where free markets are inhibited and property rights not protected.

The rural poor of third world countries are usually farmers and too often are denied the right or ability to own (and thus improve) their own land and abode. Clear land titles, established and recorded property lines, and ease of transfer through sale or inheritance would do wonders to incentivize rural dwellers to improve their lot, and, incidentally, not move to an urban slum.

A higher crop price for these farmers would also keep them producing on their land. Third world governments could help by ending their price controls on crop prices and letting free markets prevail. The U.S. and the European Union could also help by ending crop subsidies for their own (largely rich) farmers, whose output floods world markets and depresses agriculture prices.

Property rights also apply to one's own labor, and third world governments too often interfere with workers' efforts to contract freely. Absent minimal rules — such as child labor laws — government interference in labor markets usually does more harm than good. Author Mike Davis rightly bemoans the low income of the huge "informal sector"

while ignoring the government rules that make it impossible for the poor to enter freely into formal employment contracts.

For example, in Mexico, as in many poor countries, larger employers cannot lay off workers, even those hired temporarily, without hefty severance pay. Surprise — they don't hire in the first place! The natural tendency for employers and employees to grow together and become productive, profitable, and incidentally, taxpaying, is thus stifled by government interference. Starting a business and formally employing people is far more expensive, bureaucratic, and time-consuming in most poor countries than in the U.S.

If governments confined themselves to the minimal roles of establishing law and order, providing fair and efficient courts, enforcing contracts, and protecting broadly defined property rights, the poor of the world would be vastly better off.

Much of your article credits Mr. Davis's wide-ranging life experiences as professor, world traveler, author, etc., as contributing to his expertise and authority. It would be interesting to know his perspective today if, for some period of his life, he had to meet a payroll.

Bob Spaulding
Economics Professor
Retired

Beyond Screamo

This letter is in response to the "Unashamed of Screamo" paragraph from this week's "Blurt" section (April 6).

I'll admit that when I first went to the Ché Café as a little freshman that I was intimidated. Eventually I got over this by doing something huge and mind-bogglingly difficult — talking to people. If you go there and don't talk to anybody, I'm sure you are going to feel like you are being excluded. Now, I know it may be difficult to actually talk to people, but if you do you will realize that these "elitists" are actually friendly people. Who would have thought that that could be possible? If you have such a huge problem with going to a show because the place has an "über-indie stigma," are you

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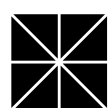
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Dear Matthew:

It seems that whenever I have contact with the Los Angeles news media (KNX radio or the Los Angeles Times) I often come across the terms "Southland" and "Inland Empire." No one I've asked seems to know what either expression means, even my friends in L.A. We do agree, however, that (1) they clearly have something to do with Southern California, but (2) they are not used in San Diego. Surely you can enlighten us on their meaning.

— Joe, San Diego

Territorial chest thumping has been honed to a fine edge. "Southland" and "Inland Empire" are two such examples. (San Diego's shopworn "America's Finest City" has been finally trash-canned, I think.) California north, embodied by San Francisco, and California south, embodied by Los Angeles, have vied for power for as long as there was power to vie for. The origins of Southland are unclear but probably sprang from the fertile brain of an early-day Los Angeles newspaperman or real estate developer as a handy reference to the glories of the state from the San Joaquin Valley to the Mexican border. The term likely dates from the 19-teens or '20s. Geographical boundaries of these things are always fuzzy. So Southland now just means anywhere in the Los Angeles area, at least any place very far from that uppity San Francisco.

According to reams of information sent by the San Bernardino Public Library, the roots of "Inland Empire" are only slightly less vague but follow the same us-versus-them theme as "Southland." This time "us" is the San B.-Riverside area; "them" is the dreaded Los Angeles. A concept any San Diegan can appreciate. The first printed description of the area as an Inland Empire occurred in a newspaper in 1914, perhaps the brainchild of an editor wanting to boost the hinterlands in the eyes of any prospective businessmen. This was shortly before we all expected an influx of tourists for the Panama-California Exposition, so the timing was good, anyway. Unfortunately, people are still arguing about the geographic boundaries. Originally it referred to the newspaper's circulation area, a narrow strip from Upland and Chino to Banning; but now it's loosely used as a nickname for the general two-county area.

Heymatt:

Here's a question I've considered since high school, have done considerable research on, have asked law enforcement about, and have received many answers to. Is it legal to possess and/or sell balloons full of marijuana smoke? I need to know this because I would never do anything illegal.

— Lance, somewhere

(ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WARNING: Contains information that may cause incarceration.) What you really mean is you don't want to be arrested. Well, same here, so even though this smells like a duck, quacks like a duck, and follows you around the park begging for bread like a duck, it's not a duck. Or legal advice. Only a bona fide lawyer can dispense that. If one day you're jammed up by the fuzz, forget you ever heard of me. My attorney and I are already having trouble recalling you.

I posed your little scheme to a sampling of keen legal minds, checked with the state attorney general's office, perused the state health and safety codes, and consulted a criminalist for scientific details. Near as I can tell, you'd be breaking no existing marijuana sales or possession laws by selling smoke.

Marijuana laws require evidence of some measurable amount of the plant itself. Marijuana smoke, of course, contains the active ingredient THC, and the presence of THC in your balloons could be established in a lab by gas chromatography. And gasses can be weighed. So with enough analysis, it's theoretically possible to quantify the THC in your inventory. But since, strictly speaking, it's not in the form of plant material, you seem to have skated around the law. There's a chance you might be arrested for selling paraphernalia; balloons are specifically listed in the state codes as potential drug gear.

Because balloons gradually leak their contents, you'd have some interesting inventory problems, but that also might work in your favor when it comes to evidence. By the time your balloons arrive at the lab, there's no telling if enough THC would be left on the inside to identify. And don't forget — America being the capitalistic wonderland that it is, with our penchant for taking a small idea and force-feeding it to grotesque proportions — you're sure to inspire flashy competition: crack, heroin, crystal, PCP — all the smokeables.

There's really no final answer to your question because the issue of selling smoke apparently has not been tested in court. You might run up against an eager beaver D.A. who wants to make the argument that the intent of the marijuana laws is to keep people from coming under the influence of the drug, therefore the physical form doesn't matter. My sources considered that a pretty shaky argument. But until you're willing to put your entrepreneurial butt on the line, we won't know for sure.

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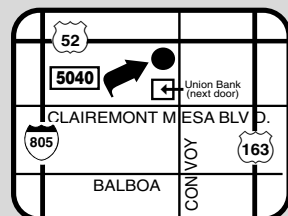


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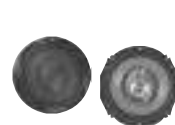
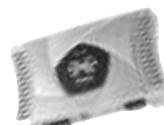
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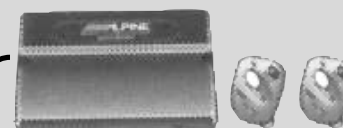
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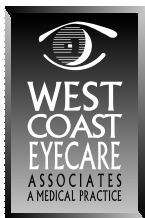
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Matt Bush Was Here

How does the team look this year?"

"We have no idea how our team is going to look," says Brian Beban, 35, assistant general manager of the Eugene (Oregon) Emeralds. The Ems are a Single-A short-season affiliate of the San Diego Padres. Beban continues, "The team, at least parts of it, are at extended spring-training in Peoria. We get a majority of our players from the first-year player draft, held the first Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Our draft is just like the NFL or NBA draft, except it doesn't get publicity. So, we won't know what our team is going to be like until a week before opening day."

I note opening day is June 24. "So, the Padres draft players and hand some over to you. The fact that a player was with you last year doesn't mean a thing for this year?"

"Correct. Five or six guys from last year's team have already been released. A majority of them moved up to Ft. Wayne [Ft. Wayne Wizards, A league]. But, the Padres do all that. They have a scouting director, scouts, national cross-checkers, and bird dogs who do all that work. The Padres hold a draft, sign the players, and then assign players to us."

Not a bad business. "How long can somebody stay in Single-A? Doesn't he have to move up or get out?"

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"Will any club carry him that long?" I'd like to shake that man's hand.

"There are some guys who play four years of short-season," Beban says. "Here's how it works in minor-league baseball: every major-league team has six or seven minor-league teams. And then, every team usually has one complex in the Dominican Republic or Venezuela where they play games. The Padres have a Dominican summer-league team. That's where they put all their really young guys, the 16-year-olds. Then, a player goes from the Dominican summer league up to Peoria [Peoria Padres, rookie league]. And then, in his third year, when he's 18, he would come to Eugene. But, like I said, the majority of our players are first-year pros

who come out of the draft. We mainly get 21- and 22-year-old college players."

That first day must be a bitch. "What's it like for college kids who have always been the best athlete on every team they've ever played for to suddenly be in a situation where *everybody* is great?"

"They're humbled," Beban says. "There are not a lot of guys who come in and tear up the league. A perfect example is Matt Bush [Mission Bay High School alumni], the first player picked in the draft. He was the LeBron James of Major League Baseball in 2004. He came to Eugene and barely hit .200, made a lot of errors and struggled. Right now he's in Lake Ellsinore, in advanced A league. He'll probably play there this year and next year he'll be in Mobile [BayBears, AA league], and the year after that he'll go to Portland [Beavers, AAA league]."

"What's in this for you?"

"We're a business. The fact that we don't have to deal with the players is helpful for us. The Padres provide the trainer, the manager, two coaches, and every home stand we usually have scouts and roving instructors who come through to help players. All we do is provide a place to play and a good environment."

I'm beginning to see myself as a minor-league executive. "How does it work from your end? I assume you have a contract with the Padres and at some point that contract ends and then you'd look around for a better deal. How do you find a major-league sponsor?"

"They're called Player Development Contracts, a PDC," Beban says. "They're either two-or four-year deals. After every cycle, a major-league team or minor-league affiliate can get out of their contract. Major League Baseball commissioner's office publishes a list of all the major-league teams and minor-league teams that are available in each classification, and then the teams talk."

Beban tells me his club plays 38 home games and 38 away, "Seventy-six games in 80 days." General admission is \$5.50. Players are paid \$850 per month. The Ems average 3500 fans for every game, the 11th highest attendance in short-season baseball.

I wonder, "What do you do during the rest of the year?"

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"I am so excited," said Pastor Jack Forness as he opened the Maundy Thursday service at East Valley Christian Fellowship. "We get to start to minister on this Easter weekend and be excited about what God did for us 2000 years ago." You had to take his word on the "excited" part; Forness's demeanor was as subdued as the lighting in the long, low room. Venetian blinds blocked the evening light from slipping through the four windows. The overheads were dim enough that the candles on the wall, floating in conical holders affixed to a framework of metal sprigs, were the room's strongest light source — save for the spotlights on the sanctuary's narrow cross and the pulpit in front of it.

Forness read John's account of Jesus' washing the feet of His disciples. "It shows how He loved them to the end. He really gives us an example of humbling...even to love people we don't necessarily like, because God told us that we are to love with that agape unconditional love."

Five other pastors joined Forness as he stepped out of the sanctuary and out of his sandals, then slipped off his overshirt. Mild, modern music eased from the speakers. "Here I am to worship.... You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me."

Barefoot congregants approached the row of chairs set up at the front of the church and sat before one of the six pastors. The pastor took a foot in his hands and lifted it into a stainless steel tray of warm water. He dipped his hands, then ran them over the top of the foot, so that the water touched every part of it. Then he lifted it from the pan, dried it with a towel, and, unhurried, did the same for the other foot. (Outside, several men maintained a steady cycle: used water dumped into a blue bin, damp towels thrown in a pile, fresh water taken from the warming pots on the big burners and poured into the trays, replenished trays and fresh towels sent back into the church.)

After washing the feet, the pastor prayed with the congregant. If the foot-washing was

intimate, the prayer was sometimes more intimate still. Men holding hands. The pastor on his knees, the congregant seated in the chair, the two of them head to head, with arms on each others' shoulders, sometimes so close that the pastor was between a person's knees. "We will be praying for you as the Holy Spirit leads," Forness had said. "Perhaps there's something that you want us to pray for. Perhaps God will give us a word of knowledge for you." A couple leaned forward and embraced the pastor, then turned to each other, smiling, and kissed. An entire family huddled into the pastor, arms entwined over shoulders, a child on his father's lap.

After the foot-washing, Forness led the congregation in Communion. "Tonight, Jews...are celebrating the second night of Passover with what is called the seder meal, and in that seder meal are the elements that Jesus used for Communion. When He says, 'Do this in remembrance of me,' he wants us to

remember so many things about Him. But tonight, I think it's really appropriate...for us to remember what we will commemorate tomorrow, which is sacrificial death on the cross, His finishing the world of our redemption." Trays of juice and bread were passed, and all partook together.

"I would ask that we leave quietly to maintain a reflective mood," said Forness. "If you're looking for a celebration, I'm telling you, come back Sunday — we're going to take the roof off this place. But right now, we really want to reflect on what God has done. From this time forward, Jesus goes into the garden, where He asks the Father to allow this cup to pass from Him. And he says, 'Not my will, but thine be done.' We see in the story where he comes back several times, looking for people to watch one hour with him. If you would

really like to add a dimension to your observance, see if you can spend a few minutes before you go to bed tonight. Turn the lights off in your house. Ask yourself what it would be like if Jesus said, 'Would you watch one hour with me?' Be quiet before the Lord this evening."

What happens when we die?

"It depends upon what we believe about Jesus Christ," says Forness. It's not about what we do, what we've done. It's about what we believe about Jesus. We believe that if you have repented of your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your savior, you have been what we call 'saved.' You've been granted not only an abundant life here, but an eternal life with him. If someone has not believed, then we believe that that person is separated from God for all eternity. That puts a burden on our hearts. Jesus said, 'Go and tell everybody,' so we try to equip people to go and tell everybody."

— Matthew Lickona

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JACK FORNESS

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content.....★★½
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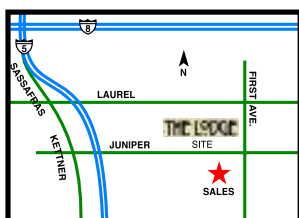


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—EVE KELLY

My friend Sarah spent a year in Rome learning the language and soaking in the culture. She came back a lover of all things Italian, especially the food. She whips up savory Italian meals with tomatoes grown in her little backyard garden.

Sarah recently moved into a downtown condo. She loves the place, but she's got a major dilemma — there's no room for her garden. "Homegrown tomatoes are a must for my kitchen," she said, during our weekly coffee chat.

"What about a hanging garden on your patio?" I suggested. Sarah said hanging gardens were outside of her field of expertise, and she gave me that pleading look my friends all employ when they want me to research something for them. They know I can't resist.

My first call was to Mission Hills Nursery, where salesman Geoff Willoughby told me, "Cherry tomatoes and larger tomatoes have a slight vining texture to them. Normally we put a cage around them to hold them upright."

But he said smaller variety tomatoes could be planted as a hanging plant as well. "Cherry tomatoes, because they are smaller, can handle the dropping factor without pulling the whole entire plant out of the basket," Willoughby explained. "Especially here in San Diego, with our ever-increasing lack of space, hanging plants are a great idea. For condo living, it is a way to have vegetables but get them off the ground. It frees up some more ground space for yourself."

What kind of baskets will work? "A variety of different baskets would work," continued Willoughby. "You could use a wire mesh basket with a decorative moss inside of it. Or you could use a standard plastic styled pot. You want a depth of at least eight to ten inches to give the roots enough space to go around. If you use a smaller pot, you will still get fruit production, but it will be less. You could also plant a couple of different varieties of tomatoes. The larger the basket you go, the more varieties you can plant in there. In a larger basket, about 16 to 20 inches, you could probably plant three to four different varieties."

Willoughby hesitated to recommend a tasty cherry tomato. "Tastes vary so much," he explained, "that I don't want to recommend one tomato plant that I think is tasty. Super Sweet 100 are very popular. And there's Yellow Plum, which is a real small yellow tomato. There's also the Green Grape tomato, which grows with a greenish flesh on it, and it turns a nice amber color when it's fully ripe, but it keeps the greenish hue inside."

Willoughby said tomatoes come in a lot of colors. "Some have yellow flesh, green flesh, purple flesh, or blackish flesh. The specialty variety tomatoes people use for different culinary measures, and they do have different flavors.

Willoughby offered this planting tip: "Plant

"All tomatoes love sun. They want the sun. They can handle as much sun as you can give them."

them at an angle as opposed to upright," he explained, "at about 30 degrees, sort of lean them out toward the edge of the pot. That will help promote growth that way."

For soil he recommended "a rich organic mix that drains well. The organic mixes have beneficial nutrients that help the plants thrive even if you haven't fertilized them yet."

With regard to fertilizing, "we recommend an organic fertilizer. You can use Miracle-Gro as well. The thing to keep in mind is, when you're using a synthetic fertilizer, it leaches off very quickly. You will have to fertilize every 10 to 14 days. With an organic product, you will only fertilize about once a month. An organic stays in the soil a little longer. It is typically a smaller concentration, but that concentration hangs around longer."

How much sun do they need?

"All tomatoes love sun. They want the sun. They can handle as much sun as you can give them. Even if you are in the 100-degree heat, they like that sun. They just require

more water if they are out in that hot heat. Early morning

and early evening are the best times to water the plants.

Water before the sun gets on the plants, because you can burn the plant.

The water sort of causes a magnification effect of the sun on the plant. With a hanging basket, because the pot is usually shallower, it will dry out quicker."

How do you test the soil for

dryness?

"Feel down to your second knuckle on your finger, about two inches into the soil. If the tip of the finger feels wet, you are okay. If it feels dry at that depth, then you should give it some water. Give the plant enough water to water it through once, so you see the water draining out of the pot. Stop once you see it dripping."

Willoughby said that they do make soil meters, but "only half of the time they work well. They tend to break."

Should you prune the plant?

"You can prune it for the aesthetics of the plant because tomato plants can sprawl three or four feet easily. If you want your plant at three feet when it's done growing, and it is at two and a half feet but it hasn't fruited yet, prune it back six inches. Prune it back on the stock just right above one of the nodes. Clip above that about a centimeter and the new growth will come out between that node and the stock that you just cut."

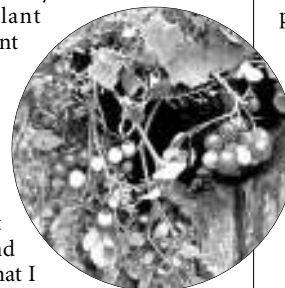
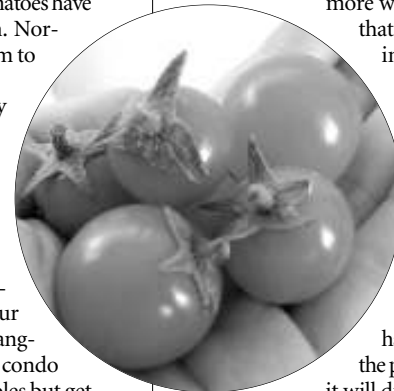
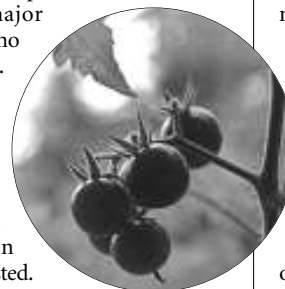
What about bugs?

"Tomatoes typically don't have a lot of bug issues," he said. "With a hanging basket, you probably won't have any snail issues. Sometimes when the plant flowers you get some mite-type insects. I would definitely recommend using some sort of organic spray, since it's an edible plant."

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TRAIN HITS CASINO

by Josh Board

Carlos told me about friends of his, two girls who live together and have the same birthday. He invited me to meet them at Wild Woolly's, a bar in Chula Vista.

I got there at 11:30 p.m. and didn't see anyone partying. My friend and I were the only Anglos in the place, but nobody in the bar gave us attitude. Everyone was there to drink, play pool, hang out.

When Carlos arrived, the first thing I noticed was his spiked hair, which was dyed blue. "Sorry I'm so late. I was at the protest in Los Angeles today," he explained. "It took me a long time to get back." My friend said, "Yeah, and how long does it take you to get your hair ready?" Carlos laughed and said, "That takes about an hour."

I asked Carlos what he was protesting in L.A. "A friend told me about it the day before. I joined it because I am an immigrant, and immigration rights is a touchy subject for me. I felt strongly enough about it to drive up and walk with thousands of people for a few hours...hours I could have been on myspace.com."

The party was at an apartment nearby. Carlos led us



down this long, dark alley. I saw one guy who looked like a drug dealer. There was a homeless woman yelling about chickens. One of the birthday girls was in the alley trying to calm her down.

Carlos introduced me to some of his friends, a few of whom were in a band called Someday Assassin. Carlos offered me a cold New Castle from the refrigerator, and when he opened the freezer, I saw a



Carlos and his girlfriend (top), Carlos chugging alcohol through a gas container (bottom, left), Brian the DJ (bottom, right)

mixed it in a plastic gas container, which he drank from. My friend said, "I hope that isn't a used one."

A woman at the party had wine spilled on her. She said, "I don't want to change. I've

"I don't want to change. I've already changed three times tonight!"

six-pack of Corona. I wondered if the person who put it there would remember it before it exploded.

Carlos made a drink that I believe was a combination of vodka and cranberry juice. He

already changed three times tonight!"

I watched as women arrived and hugged their friends. When both women had cigarettes in their hands, they would try to hug without burn-

ing the other. Signs on the wall said to smoke cigarettes outside and pot inside.

Aside from the DJ, my friend and I were the only Anglo people at the party. The DJ's name was Brian, and he told me he plans to open a used record store that he is going to call Plagirhythm.

I met Maya, one of the birthday girls, who was turning 28. She said, "I'm happy about it. I always wanted to be older when I was little."

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In March, I got a call about a party at a hotel near Viejas

Casino. It was on the night of the Train concert at Viejas. A group of women had booked three rooms in the hotel. I noticed that there was a tour bus in the parking lot. I wondered if the women traveled in style or if it belonged to the band.

I joined the women on the balcony, and one of them told me that it was her birthday party and that she wanted to make it a "girls' night out." As we were talking, we saw the bass player and singer from Train getting on the bus. The women got excited, and I convinced them to go downstairs to meet the band. The singer came out of the bus, and the women were screaming as if he was one of the Beatles. He looked up, smiled, and went into the hotel. The bass player, Johnny Colt, came out a few minutes later, and I struck up a conversation with him. We were talking about old rock bands, and when I mentioned the Black Crowes, he told me he used to play bass for them. I said, "When I worked in radio, there was a bass player who came in for an interview. He had just gotten his arms tattooed with the Heckle & Jeckle crows, and I thought how pissed he would be if he ever got kicked out of the

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band." He laughed and rolled up his shirt, revealing the tattoos.

As he was leaving to return to his room, he told me I could tell Pat (the singer) that we were old friends, and he'd stop and hang out.

The women offered me an "adult beverage" and asked me to tell them everything Colt had said to me.

One woman said her husband had been getting jealous with her obsession over Train and that he started switching the radio station when a Train song came on. She said, "I would never cheat on him. Even with the singer." One of her friends laughed and said, "Are you sure about that?" They giggled as if they were school girls. When Pat came out of the hotel, he talked to all the ladies. The birthday girl had him sign one of the birthday cards. She said he wrote a sweet message and that it made her day.

The rest of the band came out and talked to the women for about ten minutes. A few teenaged fans showed up. One said she loved the song "Meet Virginia." Another told me, "I like 'Drops of Jupiter' so much more." I told her I

liked the song "Cab," that it has replaced the Harry Chapin song "Taxi" as my favorite song on the subject.

The band got on the bus and headed to their gig.

I thought the band would mention the woman's birthday during the concert, but they didn't. They talked about the fitness place in Alpine that they worked out at earlier in the day. They brought women from the crowd on stage to dance. One woman took the oppor-

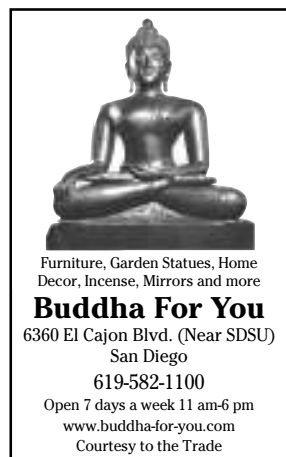
tunity to grab the singer's butt. The singer invited a couple of young girls — one was about ten, the other in her early teens — up on stage and taught them the chorus of a song. The girls sang along as their parents snapped pictures. ■

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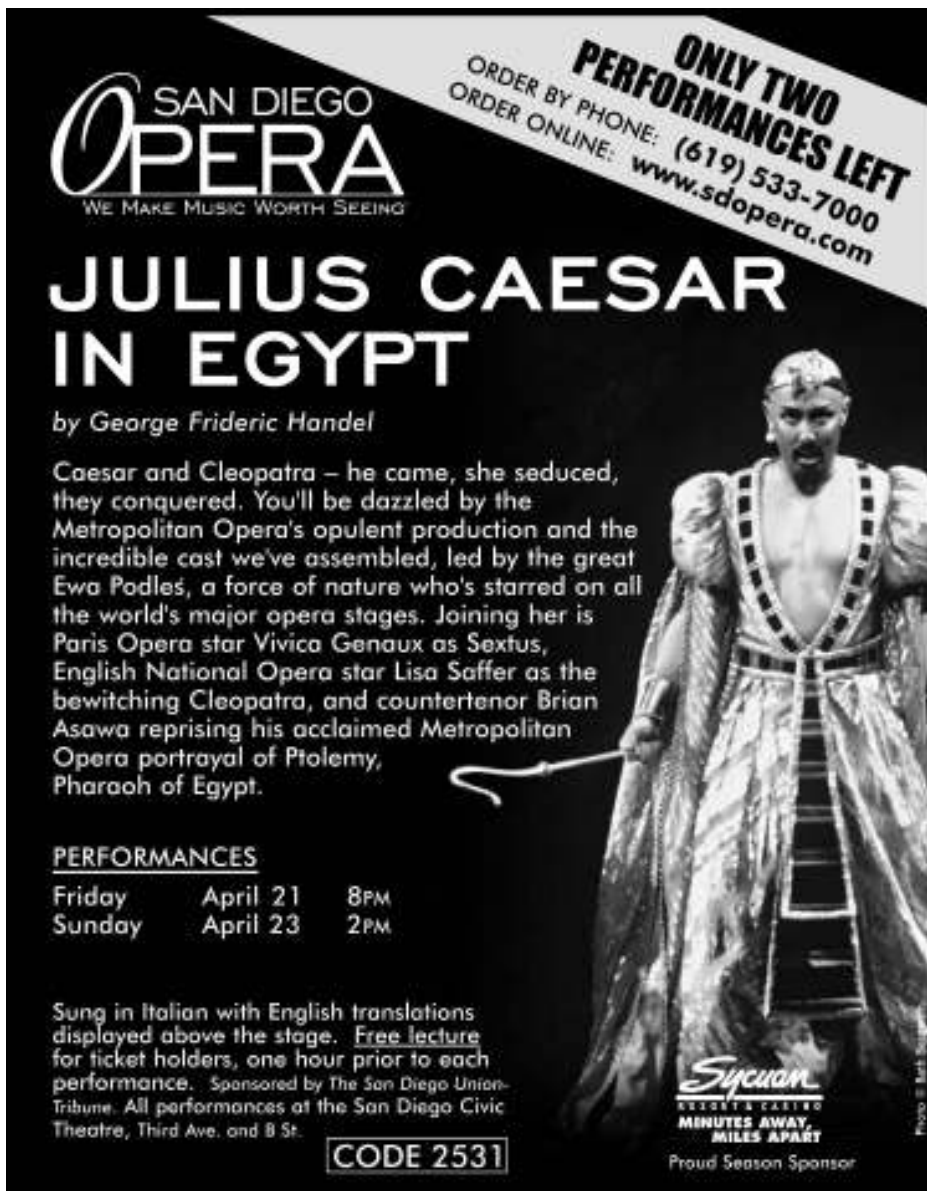
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I don't like country music, but I don't mean to denigrate those who do. And for the people who like country music, denigrate means "put down."

— Bob Newhart

I thought he was kidding — my father can spin an incredible tale. But, more often than not, he's been a living example of the adage, "Truth is stranger than fiction."

"Are you serious?" I asked into the phone.

"Yes, daughter dear, I'm serious. You are welcome to join us if you so wish," he said, his voice coming close to the pitch it reaches when he is impersonating Bette Davis.

"Let me get this straight," I said, stifling a laugh. "You and Jane are going *line dancing* at a *gay bar*? And I can come along?"

"No flies on you," Dad said sarcastically. "Oh, that reminds me. When I told a buddy of mine at work, one of the nuclear engineers, that I was going to take line dancing lessons at a gay bar, he said, 'So, you're going to a Brokeback Disco? Isn't that funny?'"

I released the laughter I'd been holding in and said, "I'm in. I want to go."

"Great! I'll see you tomorrow at six. I've gotta

run. I'm walking into a meeting." I disconnected the call and stared at the black telephone receiver. The only thing I found stranger than my sister and father's plans to dance the popular country music hustle at a Hillcrest hotspot was that I wasn't surprised. *It's happened*, I thought. *I am finally fully desensitized to my family's weirdness.*

An hour before our scheduled meeting time at Hamburger Mary's, where we would dine before stepping off to the dance floor of the connecting club, Kickers, I called Jane.

"Yo," she answered.

"Yo," I responded. "Hey, I'm going with you guys tonight. Want to pick me up on the way?"

"Yeah, but I'm running a little late. I wanted to buy cowboy boots, but I wasn't able to get to the store today. I have this hat, but I'm not sure if it's going to work. I guess I'll

just bring it along and you can tell me what you think."

"Jane, don't worry about it. No one will notice what you're wearing."

"Barb, we're going to a *gay bar*. They'll notice." She had a point.

Jane worked at Nordstrom for years, chasing her dream to have a career in fashion before she gave it up to follow the money into pharmaceutical sales. Despite her career change, she is always ahead of the trends, and never oblivious to what she, or anyone around her, is wearing.

I was standing on the sidewalk in front of my building when Jane's SUV, the fashionable version of the minivan, rounded the corner. For the duration of our seven-minute ride to the other side of Hillcrest, Jane sang along, word for word, to the hip-hop and rap songs that played on her favorite radio station. She parked on Third Avenue and said, "Okay, honest opinion. What do you think of the hat?" I consulted my inner fashion queen and convinced Jane to leave the headpiece (which was more fedora than cowboy hat) on the dashboard.

Dad had been waiting for us at the entrance. As we approached, he called out, "They wouldn't seat me until my 'entire party' arrived!" Jane and I shared a guilty look for having made him wait 10 minutes, especially because we are all, each of us, obsessive about punctuality.

The place was bumping and the music was turned up loud. We spent most of our meal smiling and nodding, though our intermittent

head bobs were bouncing more to the music than to words being spoken at the table.

Regardless of our temporary deafness to anything but Madonna's latest remix, we continued to attempt conversation; by the time we'd finished eating, my throat was raspy from all the strain I'd put on my vocal chords.

"Oh no, we missed the beginning!" Jane shouted. Dad and I looked over at the dance floor, about 20 feet away.

"Not to worry," said the patriarch of the table. "What's ten minutes?" Jane and I shared another guilty look, but Dad didn't seem to notice. "We can jump in any time," he continued. I nodded in agreement. How hard could it be?

Apparently, the first few steps of any line dance are the most critical. The three of us joined the well-groomed gents in tight jeans and ladies with short hair in wife-beaters who were obediently lined up on the dance floor. We stayed at the back, watching the 30-odd pairs of feet in front of us for clues as the man with the microphone headset called out the moves. Jane eyed a few cowboy hats longingly.

"I'm so happy we're at the back so no one can see how bad we are," I said.

"I'm out. I can't catch up," Dad said, after fumbling a step. "I need them to do one step a hundred times. I can do all kinds of shit in aerobics class, but..." He trailed off and retreated to the raised platform behind us. A moment later the room shifted and the crowd turned on us, leaving Jane and me front and center, shuffling

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my back,
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Dad and I watched Jane step and twirl; we laughed at each reproachful glare she

“Hey, Marissa’s here!”
Jane said, as her friend made
her way toward us. “Oh,

“She’s not kidding,” I said, reflecting on the morning two months prior, when Jane called me to brag about her sharpshooting apparel. I had seen the green jacket of

Dad remained where he was, less than a foot from the

The three of us stepped forward in sync as the instructor called out, “One, two, three, touch!” I found the moves to be much more

"I'm straight as an arrow, Girls. But I love my little gay neighborhood." ■

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nd then McPherson breathed in and started off — improvising soulful answers. “I was attracted to the sax first of all when I was really young, when I was, say, four, when bands used to come through Joplin, Missouri, at the foot of the Ozarks.” (When McPherson says “Missouri,” it sounds like “Miz-zura.”) “And these territorial swing bands would come through the area in the summertime and play at a big park, and I was mesmerized and very attracted to the saxophone. Now what got me, of course, was the shiny, gold color.” (The gruff and feeling way McPherson punched that word, “gold....”) “And I guess the shape of it,” he said. (He drew out the word “shape,” swooping through the intonation as though his mouth were imagining a sax’s swanlike nape, and valved and keyed body, and the sudden swerve upward to its opening, called a “bell.”) And then McPherson said it again, “The sha-a-aye of a saxophone.” He went on, “And, of course, I liked the sound itself. But I didn’t get a chance to play one until I was about 12 or 13.”

(As an aside: I've begun to notice, after a few weeks of talking to saxophonists, that they all speak clearly yet distinctively. They all seem to keep their tonal quirks and accents, their twangs, drawls, burrs, and brogues, yet you can understand perfectly every word out of a saxophonist's mouth.)

So Charles McPherson finally got the chance to put his hands on a saxophone, and how did he know what to do? Who taught the man to play?

"In school I got a horn when I was in school," he said. "A second-hand saxophone that was a pretty good one, by the way. And with the horn, you got a few free lessons. So I did take a few free lessons with the retail store that sold the horn. And then after that, I studied at a music school that was quite prestigious in Detroit, called Larry Teal's. Larry Teal was a classical saxophonist of note. He's probably not living now. But he had probably the premier privately run music school in the area."

Did McPherson learn to play other instruments as well?

"I play tenor," he said, "and I play piano a little bit."

By "tenor," McPherson meant "tenor saxophone." He was telling me that his main instrument was the alto sax — a smaller, lighter, more agile, higher-toned, and differently tuned instrument than the tenor sax.

Five types of saxophones exist, although the fifth, the bass sax, is an oversized curiosity and is hardly played anywhere anymore. The other four saxes — soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone — are distinct and separate musical entities, even though the only physical differences are how long they are and how they're tuned. (To get longer, saxes go from straight, to curved, to bigger and curved, to bigger still and curved and with a brass curlicue on top. The subject of instrumental tuning is fascinating but would take us deep into the scientific study of acoustics.)

Instead, back to Charles McPherson! Why did he concentrate on the alto sax?

"The alto was what I had," he said matter-of-factly. "My mom was able to buy one because they were a little cheaper than tenors. And they were smaller, maybe a little better suited for me, being a kid. So that was it, more than the sound."

How did McPherson get his break into the professional-music

world?

"I played with Charlie Mingus," he said, invoking the name of one of the five or six greatest all-time jazz composers. Then, with characteristic understatement, McPherson added, "The bass player."

He went on. "Now Mingus was old enough to be my father, and he was pretty well known, and when I joined his band I was only 20 years old."

And McPherson had to try out?

"Yeah, I had to audition, along with a trumpet player. And we got in his band. And that was the beginning of my career. Playing with Mingus, who was an internationally known figure."

McPherson played with Mingus throughout the '60s and went on to record and tour with such jazz greats as Billy Eckstein, Lionel Hampton, Art Farmer, and Wynton Marsalis. Probably McPherson's greatest claim to fame came in 1988, when Clint Eastwood chose him to rerecord the alto saxophone parts for late jazz great Charlie Parker's ensembles in the major motion picture *Bird*, starring Forest Whitaker.

Surely such a distinguished career had required a lot of practice?

"I practice at home," McPherson told me. "I try to get in at least three hours a day. I can't always do that, but if I could have my way, I would probably practice four or five hours a day."

Always at the same time?

"No. I get it when I can."

And were people bothered?

"I'm sure someone's bothered."

He laughed. "You know, usually, I stop around 10 o'clock in the evening."

Did McPherson live alone?

"No, I'm married. And I got a little kid. My youngest kid is 13."

His practicing at home didn't bother them?

McPherson's tone grew jovial and maybe half-facetious. "Well, you know, I got a feeling I do bother them." He chuckled. "But I try to be considerate. I go away in the other part of the house and I close doors. Or I have my garage nicely situated, and I can go in there and practice and not bother anybody."

What were his practice sessions like?

"I practice scales. I'll spend a lot of time doing finger exercises. I practice harmonic progressions, you know, harmonic movements going



from point A to point B. And then I have records that I'll play along with. They're called *Minus One*. And basically, they have the rhythm section playing on these tunes, and that's all, so you can play along. So it's kind of like the karaoke of the jazz world."

Did McPherson think about the saxophone all day, even when he wasn't playing it?

"Yeah, I do. I'm in love with the instrument. It's such a complicated piece of physics, first of all. It's a complicated piece of machinery. It's a lot of moving parts. So Murphy's Law has a wonderful time with the saxophone: if it can go wrong, it will. And there's plenty of things that can go wrong. And many of the things that go wrong can make you sound bad on the horn, if the instrument isn't up to snuff, you know. The

parts have to move right, and the pads can't leak. No air should get out of any part of the horn that you don't want it to get out of. So I tinker. I fix things. Although some problems are too big, and you have to take the horn to someone who has all the tools and that stuff."

Does that get expensive?

"An overhaul for the sax might cost somewhere around \$700. That'll last for maybe three or four years. But you always know your horn is in a state of decline. It's never getting any better."

How much was McPherson's horn to begin with?

"Well, I have a vintage Selmer. And most guys do play Selmer, even though there are other good horns on the market. But Selmer is kind of like the Stradivarius of the saxophone.



Charles McPherson

And I could probably sell my horn for \$6500, for sure."

Did McPherson name his horn?

"No, no, no," he said slowly. "That's for rock-

and-roll guys." Where did he keep it?

"It's in its case. In the den. And usually, when I leave, I'm so paranoid about it, that

when I go someplace, I'll hide it. You know, I'll put it in an area of the house where it's not real obvious. So if someone breaks in, they're apt not to see it."

What about traveling with his sax?

"I have to take it on the airplane. It's too delicate to put under the plane. And quite often, when you take it through security at the airport, it often becomes an object of interest. They want to look at it. And sometimes, the minute they go in there, I have to step forward and say, 'Okay, let me do it. I'll pick the horn up; I'll handle it; I'll do anything you say; you can look anywhere you want.' But I'm the one who's going to handle it. Because there's so many delicate moving parts. It's like a piece of china. They don't know, and they might just grab it, and something might get damaged."

McPherson told me he likes the horn he has now very much. And when I went to see him play at Dizzy's downtown, I could hear why. Dizzy's, while we're on the subject, is a dedicated, relatively small concert space on the edge of the Gaslamp — a high-ceilinged, wide-open warehouse with unfinished walls and portable (comfortable) chairs. They don't serve alcohol there — it's all ages, always — and no one who goes to hear jazz muddles the experience by talking or reading or eating. Dizzy's is about the music, plain and simple.

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songs and after all the solos. McPherson's tone on that old Selmer alto burst into the room, the sound impossibly full, as though the notes had begun deep in his own throat and the horn was just an extended vocal apparatus. But McPherson could play quietly, too, threading the ballads with a sound like sugar wind.

I asked McPherson what kind of music he listens to.

"Certainly jazz," he said. "Though not as much as I used to years ago. But I'll listen to jazz radio, you know, KSDS. And I will listen to classical music quite a bit. Every now and then, I'll listen to pop, too, and see if there's anything interesting, although there isn't very much."



McPherson with student

(I have to mention, contrary to what you may have heard, that bad sax isn't better than no sax at all. Soft jazz, "cheesy" listening, bubble-gum-Kenny G-type

pop, and especially Muzak all count on the unfortunate saxophone to carry melodies and replace vocal lines. It's almost enough to dilute this incredible

instrument's esteemed pedigree.)

And what about that pedigree? What saxophone players did McPherson emulate and admire?

"Most of the guys I admire aren't here anymore. You know, like Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Sonny Stitt... I tend to like the bebop guys. Those are the guys I learned from, who were quite strong as I was growing up. But I don't listen to as much music as I used to, because I'm more into doing it, rather than listening to it."

By "doing it," did McPherson mean not only playing music but also teaching it?

"Yes, I teach," he said, "I have a few students. You know, mostly college guys. And I teach intermediate sax, or advanced, but not so much the basics anymore."

Did he have any female students? (I was

envisioning a potentially inflammatory direction for my questioning.)

"I had one. But she moved to New York."

So how come so few women played the saxophone?

"That's a complicated question. It probably has to do with socialization and society at large. Maybe little girls think they're not supposed to play, like it's a man's thing. You know, why aren't more women carpenters? You know, they can be, and there are some, but..."

So why were there more African-American sax players than Caucasian ones?

"I don't know if that's the truth," McPherson shot back, though he didn't sound provoked. "I mean,

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maybe it is. I don't know."

When you considered all the great jazz innovators, for every white musician (Gerry Mulligan and Stan Getz come immediately to mind) there were at least five or ten black ones, right?

"That may be," McPherson said. "But if you add up all the jazz players in America, then I don't know if it breaks down like that. I think there are at least as many white folks playing jazz as black folks. But when you mention the innovators, I guess maybe most of the innovators were black because the music springs from the African-American culture."

So then it might be safe to say that there were more jazz artists of American descent than any other nationality?

"Perhaps." McPherson sounded thoughtful. "But, you know, it's so pervasive now. For instance, I can go to Europe, and there are just thousands of European players now. I mean, they teach jazz in the schools over there."

McPherson himself has taught saxophone for decades. He led master classes at San Diego State back in the '80s. But now his teaching was limited to a few students in his own home. Eventually (as you'll read later), I spoke to McPherson's best current student, Ian Tordella.

Saxophone seemed as if it must be a very difficult instrument to play. All that air required, and so on. Could McPherson still blow a fine tune when he had a cold?

"Oh, you can do that," he said. "The difficulty of the saxophone isn't so much the energy of the air as it is the dexterity of the fingers. You know, the coordination. It's a finger game."

What about the difference between playing live and recording?

"For me, playing live, that atmosphere seems to produce more spontaneity. It produces more of a relaxed attitude while you're doing

what you do. And so, from the relaxed attitude, spontaneity is more apt to happen. Recording is more of a sterile situation. You worry more about being precise, because it's for posterity. That atmos-

phere is not necessarily the best for extemporizing. But there's an art to it. Some people have the ability, for whatever reason, to bring spontaneity to their recordings, but that is not an easy thing."

I asked the master why he thought the saxophone had become such a popular instrument. What was the allure?

"People, even lay people, like the sound of that instrument. I'd say

there are more saxophone players than there are players of any other instrument. And there's a reason for that, an interesting psychological reason. Certainly, the sound has got a lot to do with it. I think the

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sound of the saxophone is in some sort of way likable to many people. And, believe it or not, the shape of it. The S look. It seems that women really like the sound of saxophone. They think it sounds sexy. Quite often, when you look at a movie and a director wants to portray a sexy scene, then you'll hear a saxophone in the background. For whatever reason, people think that. Good or bad, whatever it means, on some primordial level. Now these are just some

of the things I hear. I don't necessarily think all that."

What do you think?
"The reason I like the saxophone is because, out of all the instruments, it's the closest to the human voice. How it sounds, and also how the tone is produced, what you do with your throat and your mouth. When you play saxophone, it's like you're singing. You have an open throat, and you're thinking vowel-sounds, and, indeed, the instrument is very

voicelike; it's very close in timbre to the human voice. In fact, the guy who invented the saxophone — Adolphe Sax, a Belgian guy — from what I understand, from what I read about him, it was actually his intent to make a horn that sounded like the human voice. And also to make a horn that sounded like the string section in the orchestra, you know, the violin, the viola, the cello. So for all the saxophones, there's a corresponding string instrument as well. Like, the

soprano sax is a violin, the alto is like a viola, the tenor is like a cello, and the baritone is tonally similar to a string bass. They overlap. So you can listen to a sax quartet, and it sounds pretty damn near to a string quartet. So there was some deliberation on Adolphe Sax's part. To have string qualities as well as woodwind qualities and also to have the projection ability of brass instruments as well. This guy was a genius." Adolphe Sax

(1814–1894) didn't develop the first saxophone until 1842. It's interesting to note that Sax's close friend, Hector Berlioz, was a classical composer, and the first uses for the saxophone were as a woodwind instrument in classical music settings. But it wasn't long before Sax himself retooled military bands, replacing oboes, bassoons, and French horns with alto and tenor saxophones. The saxophone was enhanced over the next four decades, adding

notes in the lower and higher registers, extending the bell, and tweaking the technologies behind the pads and keys. The saxophone came to the United States in 1885 and continued to be improved upon and was used mostly in orchestral and chamber music situations by everyone from Ravel and Debussy to Copland and Puccini. But the saxophone had also found its way into other musical veins, mostly in the American South. By 1911, the sax-

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Joe Marillo (left), Jimmy Cavallo (center) at the Apollo, 1956

ophone was popularized by Tom Brown's saxophone sextet, which played such tunes as "Bullfrog Blues" and "Chicken Walk." Soon thereafter, Sidney Bechet revolutionized how the instrument was perceived and played.

In the 1940s, jazz saxophonists — such as the aforementioned Parker, Mulligan, and Getz — began to gain popularity. By the time Selmer began making saxophones in the 1950s, the instrument was firmly entrenched in the musical mainstream, and especially within the mainstream of jazz.

The hallmark of jazz music is improvisation. Louis Armstrong once said, "Jazz is music that's never played the same way once." Could McPherson talk about improvising? How did he approach it? How did he learn a theme, and put himself in the

moment, and let himself loose, and personally express?

"Usually, to improvise well," he said, "you have to master a lot of theory. So, having done that, having accrued that kind of knowledge, it's a matter of executing that. But once you've learned some of the academics of what harmony is all about, that's not even the half of it. For people who improvise, after you learn the rudiments, then it's 'What kind of story are you going to tell?' Then, personality takes over. Personality is the thing that executes what you know. So it comes down to what kind of person you are, how well-rounded you are. If you're going to portray love, then, will you be able to do that by way of your medium, by way of your horn? Or joy. Or ecstasy. Or depression. Can you convey that? Do you have the dimension as a

performer? You have to be a musical thespian. Can you portray deep sadness? And all these things come into play. And this is what makes a great artist, as opposed to a great musician. A great musician can be a great mechanic. A great artist is one who might not be the greatest mechanic, but their greatness is how multi-dimensional they are in conveying all the human gradations of emotion."

So it's also a question of tone?

"Tone's important, too," McPherson agreed. "Treatment of tone. For saxophone players especially, having your own sound, your own distinguishable, definitive sound is of utmost importance."

How did a player achieve that?

"That's a hard question," McPherson trailed off thoughtfully. "It's a very natural thing. You know, it's something that has to come about in a natural way. At the same time, I can't say that developing your tone doesn't involve an act of deliberation. Maybe the act of deliberation would be to know that that's what's to be desired. It's like being a little kid in school and learning to write cursive. You're looking at the teacher, and you're trying to

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Joe Marillo started on

the saxophone relatively late. "When I was 18 or 19," he told me. "It might have been destiny. Why is anyone drawn to anything?"

Joe Marillo's accent is one hundred percent upstate New York. Buffalo, to be exact. It plays through his vowels, unmistakable. "When I was ver-r-ry young" — Marillo drew his words along distinctively and beautifully — "it was Jimmy Dorsey. The sweetness of his tone. And from there, it was Charlie Parker. Listening

to him improvise and play those intricate compositions that he wrote. They were very intriguing. Because it wasn't the ordinary *la-di-di, la-di-da*, the simple little melodies, you know. So I don't know why that happened to me, why I was drawn to the sax, but I was drawn to it very strongly by Charlie Parker."

They call Joe Marillo "the Godfather of Jazz." When I asked him how he picked up such a name, he winced and told me he didn't know who said it, or when exactly, or how the name stuck. "Oh, that's just show-biz stuff," he said. "I don't like the show-biz side of jazz. I just want to play the music, you know?"

Marillo got a saxophone himself "when I was about 19," he said. "I got a Selmer, a tenor sax, which at that time was about \$500. I wish I'd have bought ten of

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them, because they're about \$5000 now. So I bought a Selmer, started playing by ear, just fooling around. And my brother-in-law owned a bar in Niagara Falls, New York. And that's where I started, just playing blues. Didn't

know any tunes, couldn't read music, but my brother-in-law owned the place, so I got to play there every Friday and Saturday night with a drummer and a piano player. I was a honker then, not a jazz player. I'd hit one note

for half an hour, and all the girls would be screaming and yelling. You know, the longer you played on one note, the more they liked you. Too many notes: no girls!"

Marillo also learned to play a lot of notes.

How did that happen?

"Now I have to tell you this," Marillo said urgently, "and you have to put it in the paper, because a miracle happened to me. I went in the Army, took my basic training at Fort Dix, and learned to shoot 'the

awful gun,' and I was on my way to Korea. So I said, okay, I'm on my way to go kill people and maybe be killed, but I brought my mouthpiece with me, and one night I went to the USO building, got a saxophone, and went and sat

in with these guys. It wasn't much, you know, we just played some Mickey Mouse blues, no tunes, but some guy comes up to me, a Sergeant Shapiro, and he says, 'Hey, man. You play good.' And I didn't know what to say, because I

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knew I didn't play good. I didn't know how to play anything. But if you believe in guardian angels... This Sergeant Shapiro says, 'Do you play in a band?' And I told him, no, I was going to Korea. And he said, 'Would you like to be in a band?' And I said, 'Yeah! I don't want to go kill anybody. I don't want to go to war.' And the next thing I knew, I had my orders changed, and I was going to Alaska, and I was in the 43rd Army band. I couldn't read, I couldn't improvise, I couldn't play, but it was a miracle. This Sergeant Shapiro. Never forget his name. I'm looking for him on the Internet, or his family, or his relatives, to let him know what he did for me."

Marillo was eventually kicked out of the Army band when they discovered that he couldn't read a single note of music. He was demoted to kitchen duty, where he "washed dishes and scrubbed floors" for six months. But he "loved it," because he never had to spend a single day of his life fighting in a war.

After his tour in the Army, Marillo decided to study music with all his heart. After all, it had saved his life. But it was tough in the late '50s and early '60s for a young music student to make a living, so he kicked around for a while, playing gigs here and there and even swinging on a trapeze and playing saxophone upside down to make a few bucks. "I don't have any pictures of that, though," Marillo laughed. "I wish I did."

He met his first wife, got married, moved to Philadelphia, and eventually attended the same school — the Granoff School of Music — where his idol, the saxophone great John Coltrane, had learned to play a few

years before. After Granoff, Marillo could read a little, and improvise, and he stressed to me emphatically that, no matter what else was going on in his life, "It was always the saxophone."

From Philadelphia, Marillo got the call to go to Las Vegas, where he started a family, played a bunch of gigs, and kept practicing as much as he could. Then, 30 years ago, he visited San Diego for the first time

and "fell in love."

"Here was another miracle," Marillo said. "I'm in San Diego, I don't know anybody, and right around the corner in La Jolla there's this place called the Aspen Public House. So

I went to this guy there, and I said, 'How about we put together some Sunday afternoon jam sessions?' And I don't even know where that idea came from. But we did that, and we put it together, and the crowds

used to line up around the corner every Sunday. So I thought this might work somewhere else, too, in a bigger room, maybe seven days a week. So I went to the Catamaran, in Pacific Beach, and in 1974 I

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Rollins, Vaughan, Jamal, jazz gods all. The jazz pantheon used to tour to play here, in humble San Diego? Where was that kind of local soul now? In 2006, did we still have a jazz

scene?

"I don't like the words 'good' and 'bad,'" Marillo equivocated. "But I have to use...No...I'm not going to use 'good' and 'bad.' I would say the jazz scene in San Diego now is very meager. The only real thing we have is Dizzy's."

Not even Croce's?

"No, no, no. That's not real jazz. We're talking straight-ahead bebop jazz. Over there, it's Latin jazz, and rock jazz, and this and that. From what I gather. But it's not a jazz club. It's a bar, where tourists go in and drink and make

noise. They don't go in specifically to hear jazz artists. Dizzy's is the only jazz club in town, period. It's been there

Dizzy's scene, you've got some great players here in town, like James Moody and Charles McPherson, and also

"THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PLAYING IN A BAR OR SOMEPLACE AND PLAYING IN A JAZZ CLUB."

now three or four years, it's consistent, and the guy who runs it is a great guy who books the right people. Besides the

Gilbert Castellanos, who's a brilliant young trumpet player. Castellanos plays all over town, but Moody usu-

ally goes away on tour, and McPherson and I get what gigs we can, but it isn't like a real scene."

(Let it be noted that at the time this article was written, James Moody — two-time Grammy nominee and longtime soloist with Dizzy Gillespie's famed ensembles, who, at 80 years young, is easily San Diego's reigning senior saxophonist — was away in Tokyo touring with 18-year-old [female!] Japanese saxophone prodigy Saori Yano.)

Marillo went on. "Aside from Dizzy's, as I

say, there aren't really jazz clubs. And there's a big difference between playing in a bar or someplace and playing in a jazz club. People come in, they'll ask for some silly tune, or they won't listen, or they'll talk and make noise, and you just put your three hours in and hopefully somebody's listening and you have fun."

But surely we must have the resources on hand to start up a jazz scene in this town?

"I don't think so," Marillo answered matter-of-factly. "I'm always looking for backers to

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start up some jam sessions again, but no one's into it anymore. People are obviously in the music game to make money, but jazz doesn't make money. Also, the clubs here don't have history. There's no roots here for people who own old clubs, who pass them on. Instead, these places try jazz, but if they're not making money, then the jazz is out. Jazz is a second thought. That's the way it works nowadays, especially in San Diego. San Diego's never been a jazz town. There's a lot of rock bands. If jazz made money, we'd have jazz clubs."

When I went and listened to Joe Marillo saxing it up at Buon Giorno Ristorante in Bonita, the small but dedicated crowd danced and cheered and tapped their feet and bobbed their heads. The music created a euphoric little atmosphere. Yes, it took up a lot of room to have a pianist, a guitarist, a bassist, a drummer, a saxophonist, and a singer, and the sound was just a notch or two too loud for quiet conversation, but the mood in Buon Giorno was such that I wondered why more places don't offer live jazz more often.

And because so few places offer paychecks for jazz musicians, to make a living nowadays, a player needs to have a day job. In other words, he has to take on students and give lessons. Marillo has been a piano and saxophone teacher for 40 years and estimates that he's had over 500 students in that time. At present, he's compiling a book that outlines his original method for teaching jazz piano.

I asked Marillo to give me a quick primer on how to improvise real jazz.

"To improvise," Marillo began, "first you

have to learn the saxophone, where the notes are. Then you have to learn scales, all the various and sundry scales. Then you learn the chords that are on the scales, and then you have to memorize the

chords and scales. Then you learn the melodies of different tunes. Now you could 'ornament' probably a lot faster than you could improvise on the chords. They also call that 'faking it.' Where you just learn the

melody and play little notes around the melody, and it sounds like you're improvising. I used to do that for years, before I learned to take it to the next level. Where you learn the chords and you learn

the scales, and you create melodies on the spot, other than what you're reading. Some people are more talented at doing that than others. Then, of course, being in the moment with the feeling and the

type of rhythm that you play... The rhythm and feeling are more important than the notes, really, although the notes have to be right, otherwise you sound wrong. So there's a lot of aspects to it."

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Marillo practices his own chords and scales whenever he can, hours a day, at home, but he says he doesn't take care of his horn the way he should. Today, he plays a Yamaha tenor sax, but, he acknowledged sheepishly, "I'm not a good

caretaker of my saxophone, I have to admit." But boy, can he play the thing. At Buon Giorno, on that night I saw him soloing with his band, not only was Marillo's fingerwork fast and precise, but I was struck most by his beautiful,

bright tone. On the one hand, it sounded sweet, smooth, and bell-like clear, and at the same time it was ribald, rowdy, and full to bursting with emotion.

I asked Marillo if he was superstitious about his sax, and he answered me without hesitation. "I'm not superstitious about anything. Reality is in the moment, and there's only now-time. When you improvise, you're in now-time, you can't go back and play your solo over again, and you don't know what's going to come out ahead of time. And I try to live my life in the moment as much as possible, without trying to predict or worry that something will happen. There's only the moment we're in right

now, and that's all."

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Ferran Prat, 35, who is originally from Barcelona, began taking lessons with Joe Marillo in August 2005. The sax was always a fascination for Prat, but he never played before because of his busy career as a licensing executive for a biotech company. Now, after his late start and just a few months of practice, Prat was Marillo's best student. In fact, Marillo told me Prat was "the best student I've ever had in over 40 years of teaching."

"I love jazz," Prat said in his thick Catalan accent. "And the saxophone is the king of the instruments in jazz. It's the most flexible and the sexiest of instruments."

Did he buy his own sax?

"First I bought a saxophone on eBay,"

Prat said. "But it turned out to be a piece of crap. So Joe found another one for me, a Yamaha, and it works great."

Is it a tenor sax? "It's a tenor, yes," Prat said, and then joked, "Real men play tenor."

Marillo originally charged Prat \$20 for half-hour lessons, but Prat enjoyed the experience so much that he started giving Marillo \$30. "He's a great teacher," Prat said. "And I get so much pleasure out of learning from him, that I felt like I was cheating him, so I gave him more money."

Prat has friends who play trumpet and bass, and he told me his goal is to be able to jam with them someday. "But right now I'm not good enough," he said.

And what were the hurdles and difficulties to becoming a good saxophone player?

"The thing that's

hard," Prat said, "is when you step out of the framework. When you know the song and you have the chords, it's relatively easy. You know the rules of what scales you can play, and you know the sequences. The problem is when you don't have any clear structure. Then you have to be able to think musically and play by ear."

Was Joe Marillo a good teacher?

"If I had gone with any other teacher, especially since I didn't start playing until I was 35, I don't know if I would have even continued.

What Joe did was start me on improvising from day one, or maybe not day one, but month one, let's say, and he took me straight into what the real rules are. I've read books, and I've talked to other people, and they just get lost in the scales and technicalities. But Joe just says, look, here's a chord progression, and this is a scale that works over that progression, every time. When you hear this, you play this. He goes right to the point. He makes it so simple. And the fact that you can play something that sounds really good from the very beginning just motivates you tremendously."

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Charles McPherson's best student right now is Ian Tordella, 27. A saxophonist for 13 years, Tordella has played professionally since 2000.

What did it mean to play saxophone professionally in San Diego in 2006?

"Right now, I have a trio and a quartet," Tordella said, "and we do a lot of holiday parties and corporate events. We'll also play clubs in the Gaslamp, like Dizzy's and Croce's. But, for musicians these days, you have to be ready to play everywhere, all types of



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music. You have to play for big bands, for pop groups, at the jazz clubs. Basically, you play anywhere and anything that they want you to so you can eat."

Compared to Joe Marillo, Ian Tordella painted a picture of a slightly more vibrant jazz scene in San Diego. Along with Dizzy's and Croce's, Tordella mentioned Gilbert Castellanos's Tuesday jam sessions at the Onyx Room downtown. He also sounded enthusiastic talking about Rosie O'Grady's pub on Adams Avenue. "They do an old-style jam at Rosie's on Tuesdays," Tordella said. "You show up with your horn or your trumpet, and they get some singers too, and then you jam with the rhythm section that's there. It's pretty cool." Hot Monkey Love Cafe in the College Area also features a jazz rhythm section on Thursdays where musicians can show up and jam together, old-school-jazz style.

I also found mention in the papers and on the Internet of enough jazz happenings in town to give the impression of at least a somewhat lively local underground music scene. There's Jazz in the Park every Wednesday evening at the San Diego Museum of Art. There's the America's Finest City Dixieland Jazz Society, which plays festivals, holds camps and workshops, and plays the third Sunday of every month at the El Cajon Elks Lodge. A few other nightclubs, such as the Grant Grill and Patrick's II, also periodically advertise jazz acts.

Tordella, who has haunted many of these venues over the past few years, plays alto and tenor sax and also the flute. He owns five saxes, a couple of flutes and clarinets, and a piano. "More instru-

ments than I need," he said. But his favorite horn is his vintage 1948 Selmer tenor sax, which he bought used and had to have restored. Sax restorations are undertaken by true specialists who basically overhaul a horn until it looks and sounds like new. Tordella sent his Selmer to a guy in North Carolina for a month and paid over \$1000 to get a horn that's basically the same as the ones played by John Coltrane and Hank Mobley on jazz albums in the 1950s.

I was curious about Tordella's lessons with Charles McPherson. They weren't really lessons, were they? What with Tordella being a professional player and all....

"Not lessons so much in the sense of learning the fundamentals of the instrument," Tordella conceded. "But Charles McPherson's been playing professionally for about 50 years, and he has some good stuff to say. So I've been visiting him regularly for a little over a year now."

And what did Tordella pay to play with the master?

"I think he usually charges about \$80 for an hour to two hours. He's real generous with his time. But of course he gives me a reduced rate by now, I guess because he kind of likes playing

with me too."

And what was a typical McPherson/Tordella jam session like?

"We usually play through jazz tunes with CD accompaniment. And then he helps me critique my improvisation, pointing out spots in the tune that I could play better, or things I might do differently. Sometimes we record the stuff we play, and then we listen to it together."

Could Tordella give me a specific example of a McPherson critique?

"Mostly, Charles gives me new ways to think about chords and harmonic structure. It's kind of an ethereal thing. It's well beyond the notes that fit in certain places. It's more about phrasing, I guess, and how you're making your lines. Ideally, you want the syntax of your improvisation to be just right. You want your

solos to make sense, so you're not just rambling on."

Which may begin to explain that strange saxophonist-enunciation thing I mentioned earlier, about how all the gents (and, presumably, ladies) who play this instrument seem to speak so clearly and distinctively. Tordella's words especially were fully articulated, every single one of them. He even laughed with a kind of precision, pronouncing each chuckle: *ha ha ha heh heh*.

"I'm starting to write my own music now," Tordella said. "And I'd like to develop my writing more and eventually play my own music and start touring with my own band. Or maybe get picked up by someone else's band and start touring with them. That would be good, too." ■

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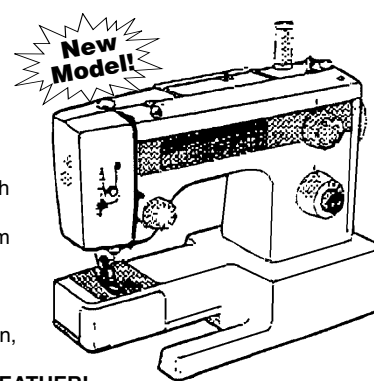
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At first I tried. I networked and sent out cover letters, résumés, and résumé packets. And after an interview I would follow up with a good ass-kissing letter. No luck.

I finally went to work for my brother in his landscaping business. By the second day, reality rendered me motionless. I was pathetically out of shape. I had gone from an office job to a labor-intensive one. There had to be a better way.

I have always been fairly good with my hands and somewhat mechanically inclined, so I started getting a few odd jobs from some of my brother's customers. Then it occurred to me to advertise myself as a general handyman. I borrowed some money and put an ad in the paper. My first call was from a very nice family who wanted an entire room addition. "Yeah, right," I thought. "I have no tools, no truck, and I have no idea where to start."

But not long after, I got a call from a man named William from La Jolla. He wanted me to rehang some miniblinds. He sounded breathless and excited and asked me if I'd had any experience with aquariums and tropical fish. I said, "Sure, I had several aquariums when I was a kid. But what does that have to do with mini —" He cut me off, gave me his address, and asked me to come over immediately.

I drove over there thinking "fish and miniblinds — what the heck do they have in common? Maybe the fish are spawning and he wants me to install the blinds on the side of the aquarium. But why was he so excited?"

I arrived at a townhouse colony in

the La Jolla Village area, and after driving around for ten minutes debating whether or not to park on the lawn or in someone's numbered spot, I chose the latter and climbed the steps to this guy's place.

The front door was open a crack, but I still knocked. No answer. So I banged on the door. No answer. I checked the address again and stepped into the foyer. The eight-by-ten floor was covered with a single slab of off-white Italian marble. Very expensive. The heavy smell of old leather — very old — and old books flared my nostrils. There was an old leather arrow quiver being used as a walking-stick stand and an ancient leather shield mounted on the wall above it.

When I turned around, the guy was standing right behind me, looking at me intently, as if he were sizing me up. This was quite unnerving. He looked to be in his 40s but was probably older. He was about average height, with a medium build and a thick crop of gray hair. He had a steady gaze, unblinking and powerful. He was dressed in suit pants and a white shirt with the sleeves rolled up above his elbows. He was wet but didn't smell of sweat. He curtly apologized for not coming to the door, invited me in, and asked me to follow him. This was not the out-of-breath man that I'd pictured on the phone.

The living room had a cathedral ceiling perhaps 30 feet high, and one wall was completely lined with built-in shelves filled with old books. In fact the whole place was decorated with artifacts and books. Most of the artifacts were medieval weapons: battle axes, lances, crossbows, swords, and other implements of death and torture that I didn't recognize. William said he was an antique dealer and book collector.

He hurriedly directed me through the living room to a staircase made of the same white marble as the foyer. He fairly leaped up the stairs, while I followed him to an office in a loft overlooking the living room. In one corner was a huge aquar-

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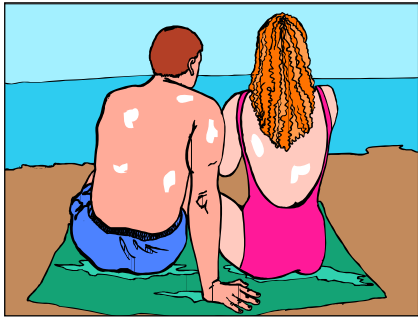
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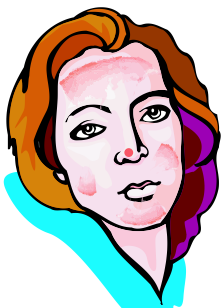
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"Not quite; look closer." Behind the aquarium was a small open window. The window covering had been pulled completely out of the wall and was nowhere to be found. The aquarium water was murky, as if there had been a serious disturbance

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In the dim light from the window, I could make out a very large fishlike creature swimming in the tank. I turned to William and said, "Someone tried to break in through this window, they fell into this aquarium and drowned, and I just missed the coroner as they took the body away, right?"

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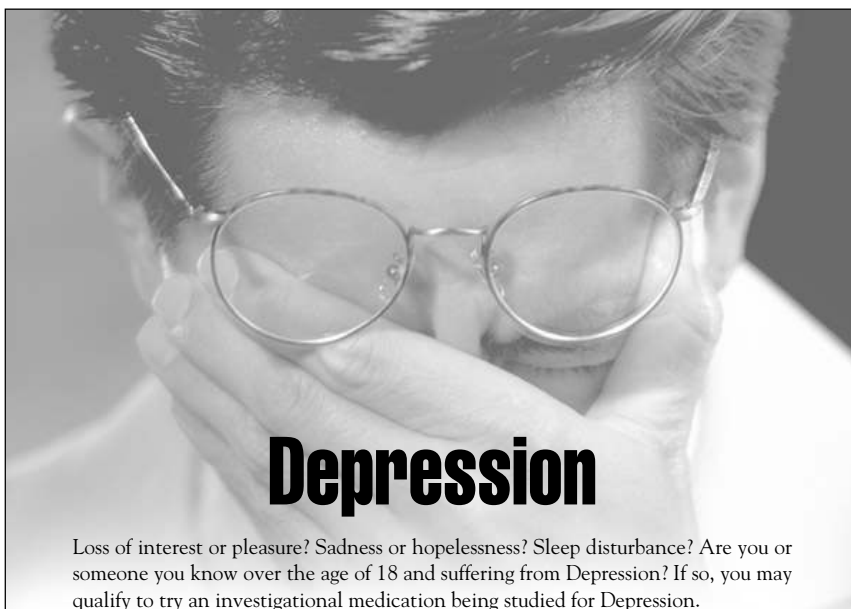
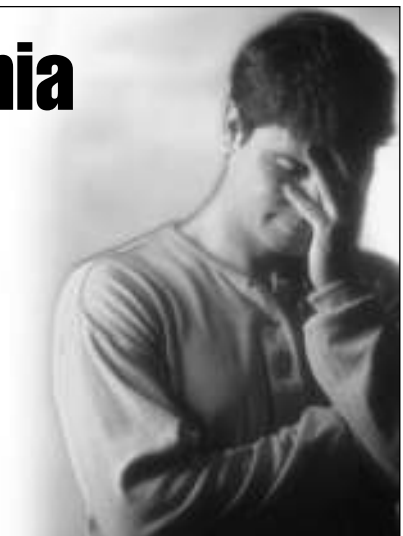
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swimming about. "Some kind of fish." The fish snapped its tail as it swam by and got me wet. "Some kind of huge fish." I looked over the top. It was at least 25 inches long, with thumb-nail-size scales, mostly gray-green in color. It had inch-long blue whiskers and a long fin that ran from its belly to its midback. It looked at me with nickel-sized eyes.

The fish was an arawana, but I'd never seen one this big. In captivity they're usually about 18 inches long—but they can be over three feet in the wild. Arawanas are freshwater, surface-feeding fish from northeastern South America and the Amazon basin.

Suddenly the arawana opened its huge trap-door mouth and reared up out of the water. I leaped back as casually as I could. The fish sounded, when it came down, kind of like a whale. A gallon of water must have washed over the side. "That," William said, "is one of the problems I want you to solve."

"Like I said over the phone, I've had some experience with fish, but I don't know if behavior modification works on them."

William moved into the lake next to the tank. "There, there, Attila, he is only here to help. Calm down now." Attila swam toward him. He stuck his hand into

the water and began to stroke the fish across the belly. "He is really very tame, but he has this problem of liking to jump out of the water."

As I looked closer, I noticed the cord from a set of miniblinds was hanging over the back of the tank. I grabbed the cord and pulled on it. One end of the miniblinds came out of the water. The soft plastic had definite signs of having been chewed on.

"You mean to tell me that this—Attila pulled the blinds off the wall?"

William shrugged and said, "Please remove the blinds from the tank while I keep him busy." I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't

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seen it myself.

"Attila was after the end of the cord from the miniblinds. It was probably swaying in a breeze from the open window, moving very much like an insect."

"What is it, exactly, that you want me to do? Retrain Attila to stay in the tank?"

"No, no. Besides reinstalling the blinds and helping me clean up this mess, I want you to fabricate an Attila-proof hood." We started to clean up with the sponges.

"The man I got Attila from said that he used to keep a feeder tank right next

to this tank and that one day he came home to find the big guy occupying most of the feeder tank by himself. You see," William said with pride, "he jumped from the big tank into the feeder tank and had a feast. He could see his food swimming around, and after smashing his head into the glass enough times, he figured out how to get what he wanted.

"The jumping gradually became a regular thing, and he was doing it several times a week when I got him. When he told me that, I just had to have this fish.

But of course, at the time, I didn't realize the problems that would arise, too. I was just so wrapped up in having this unique fish with its strange behavior that I didn't prepare for them.

"At first I put the feeder tank in the right spot for him to jump into it. The problem was, he would only jump when I was not around. The splashing ruined the floor."

"So you moved the feeder tank out of his sight hoping to stop the jumping."

"Right, but who could've guessed about the blinds?"

We had just about finished wiping up the water and filling the bucket a fifth time when I asked, "How did you manage to acquire such a valuable pet?"

"I was up in San Francisco on business with my best supplier from South America. He knew that I had an odd set of body armor in my collection — a set that he wanted but knew that I wouldn't sell. This set was reportedly worn by Attila the Hun on one of his rampages through the ancient Roman Empire. Did

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Memory Loss?



If you or someone you know is experiencing memory problems, or has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, they may be eligible to participate in a clinical research trial of an approved medication for Alzheimer's.

Eligible candidates must:

- Be Hispanic
- Be at least 50 years old
- Have a reliable caregiver (at least 3 days per week)

Qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication at no charge and could be reimbursed for travel costs. Caregivers could also be reimbursed for travel costs.

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Has your doctor told you:

You have fibroids of the uterus?



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- 18-50-year-old premenopausal females
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Depression Research Study

If you have been previously diagnosed and treated for depression and in recent months you are experiencing a recurrence of similar or increased symptoms, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study.

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you know that he was an achondroplastic dwarf? Short arms and legs, a normal torso and a large head. Well, the armor consisted of a massive breastplate and two short, thick tubes that were worn to protect the upper arms. He must have looked

very strange indeed, being almost as thick as he was tall."

"And your friend wanted the set?"

"It's more like he became obsessed with owning it. Each time we met for business for almost an entire

year, all he could talk about was that armor and how much he was willing to pay. Then the last time I was there, he had this fish. He said that he got it from an old robber baron in Brazil as a gift. He brought it all the way back on his private yacht.

So I traded him the armor for the fish and named it Attila, plus I got exclusive importation rights for several things to be brought in in the future."

I went back a week later to install the splash guard; William was too busy to talk much, but he did let me feed Attila a dozen or so little goldfish.

* * *

Not long after that experience, I got a call from a lady (I'll call her Mrs. Smith) who said she had some "things" for me to do. But she didn't say what they were. She would only say that "things had got a little out of hand" and she needed help with some minor

repairs, cleaning and the like. She absolutely refused to elaborate; she'd show me when I got there, she said.

We agreed to meet Tuesday morning at 11:00. Her address was in the Soledad Mountain area of La Jolla. Mrs. Smith lived in one of the '60s tract houses built on steps carved into the side of the mountain. At first glance, the house seemed fairly well kept, with a new shake roof and new exterior paint. The yard was well tended, with mostly drought-resistant juniper, jade, and slightly shaded by large pines. The care of the outside of a house is usually a good measure of the inside. But as I walked up to the front doors I noticed that the curtains

were weather-stained and drawn tightly on the front windows. In the farthest window, they were even pressed flat against the pane, giving a strange kind of bulging sign that all was not well inside.

I rang the bell next to the windowless set of double doors and listened. Nothing. I knocked and waited. The tarnished brass mail slot on the right double door squeaked open. "Who's there?" purred out.

"It's James, Mrs. Smith. I'm here for our appointment." I stuck one of my cards through the slot.

"Oh, heavens, I'm not ready yet. Could you so kindly come back at one this afternoon?"

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To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

- Be 18-64 years of age
- Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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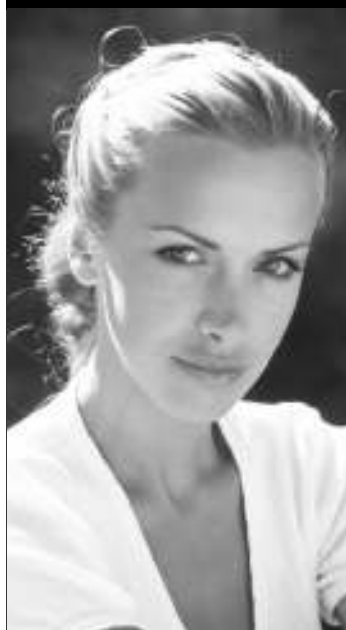
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- Persistent sadness/hopelessness

The UCSD Psychopharmacology Research Initiatives, Center of Excellence, is conducting research study on major depression. The research study involves the use of an investigational drug compared to placebo.

If you have been previously diagnosed and treated for depression and in recent months you are experiencing a recurrence of similar or increased symptoms, you may be eligible to participate.

Participants will be compensated for their time and travel.

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"No, ma'am. This is the time we both agreed on."

"Well, I'm just not ready yet, and that's final."

"Ma'am —"

"You'll just have to come back another time."

"Ma'am —"

By now I sensed that I was probably not the first person denied entrance into this house and that she would probably never be ready. I started to turn and walk away; she was still talking to me through the mail slot. But then I thought, why not use some psychology on her? Besides, even if I don't get to do the work, it might be worth it just to see the condition of the inside of her house that could cause her to talk through her mail slot and to keep me, and probably everyone else, out.

"Ma'am, I'll bet that I'm not the first one to stand here and be denied entrance, am I?"

"Yes, today you are." Tricky.

"Other people have stood on this porch and have been denied inside too. Right?"

"Maybe." An admission.

"Why won't you let any-

one into your house?"

"Well, it's been a while since I've cleaned." It's got to be more than dirt.

"Can it really be that bad?"

"It's pretty bad."

"Nah, it couldn't be that bad — but I do know that the longer you wait, the worse your problem will get." Whatever that is. "I'm here now to help you get the job done. Now will you please open the door so we can get started?"

"I'm not ready yet."

"Just think how good you will feel when the job is done. Just think how much will be lifted off your mind — how much less worrying

you will have to do."

"You just don't understand the magnitude of the problem."

"Do you mind?" said the mailman, suddenly, from behind me. He stuffed the mail into the slot and stepped back off the porch, out of her hearing range, and motioned for me to come over to him.

"The last man I called was just so rude to me," Mrs. Smith continued, "after I tried to change — are you still there?"

"Yes, ma'am. You wanted to change the meeting time."

"Yes, I couldn't believe how rude..."

"Fifteen years on this

route, and she never once opened that door for me," said the mailman. "Talks to me the same way — through the slot. Even have to pass the signing board through that damn slot. The Mail-Slot Lady we call her down at the office. I wouldn't waste

your time."

My determination was only increased.

"You're not a rude man, are you?" Mrs. Smith asked.

"Not usually," I replied.

"What's that? Could you speak up?"

"I said no, not to you,

ma'am."

"Good. That mailman is. What did he say to you?"

"Oh, nothing important. I think he's tired of his job."

"I've often thought so too. Okay, I'm going to open the door now." Unbelievable.

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The door creaked open and stopped with a clink. A security chain. I should have known. “Mrs. Smith, what about the chain?”

“Let me see you. Have you got a card or some kind of identification?”

“Ma’am, I’m sure I gave you one already.”

“Really?” I got out another one anyway and stuck it through the crack. After a moment the door shut and then opened far enough for me to squeeze sideways into the house. I tried to push the door farther — no luck — something was in the way. The light was dim, and it took my eyes a moment to adjust.

“Please don’t call me ‘ma’am’ again, I’m not from the South.”

I turned to shut the door, and she asked me to lock it. I could see the corner of my business card sticking out from under the pile of mail that was just delivered. The mail was on top of a stack of boxes that formed a table under the mail slot. This was the lowest of the stacks of boxes

that formed a floor-to-ceiling wall on one side of the room. The other side was just as bad — piled with boxes that covered what later turned out to be a nicely crafted built-in teak cabinet.

“This room is not the problem,” she said. Thank goodness, I thought. “Please don’t lean on anything, or touch anything. Despite what you see, we know where everything is. Our stacks are perfectly balanced. But if something should fall off one of our stacks as you walk by, please put it back exactly where it came from.”

The stacks were more like five- or six-foot walls that snaked on and on, from one room right into another. So far, they were generally composed of piles of mail on top of bags of books carefully arranged on top of boxes of who knows what. As I entered the kitchen, my sleeve snagged the corner of an envelope. I caught it before it hit the floor. A Christmas card postmarked 12-22-82. Unopened. I put it back where it came from. She saw me. “Thank you. I

can see you respect things the way they are. I expect you to do that every time you knock something down. If you are uncertain about a location, then please let me know. I will place it in the appropriate location staging box.” I later found out that she had these all over the house. They were mostly the cut tray tops from liquor boxes.

“Follow me into the kitchen.” In the kitchen, some light came through an unblocked window. “I would first like to start in here,” she said. “I would like to be able to cook in here again. I used to cook all the food for a party of 30 people, you know. And with very little help too. Fancy food for important people — respected politicians, Hollywood producers, local scientists. I liked to do most of my own catering. We would all have a nice time out back by the pool.”

In the light, I could see that she was a slender brunette; her hair was her most striking feature: frizzy and disheveled, it gave her

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an unsettled look. She could have been anywhere between 50 and 70 years old. "The kitchen, you were saying?"

"Oh yes. It is first on my list. How much would it be for you to sort and remove all of these newspapers? And then to clean the floor, stove, sink, countertops and the refrigerator?"

There was only a narrow path into the kitchen, to the fridge, to one side of the sink, and to the dining room. On either side were four-foot columns of newspapers. The only way I could get the papers out would be to take small bundles under each arm through the narrow winding path to the front door. That alone would take at least a day, assuming I could get a truck big enough to hold them.

"Why don't you show me everything on your list, then I'll give you a price."

"Okay. Next is my bedroom. Follow me carefully, please." I leaned back against a column to let her squeeze by and then followed her down the dim hallway. One side was lined with large bookcases, nearly hidden behind stacks of books. The other side of the hallway was lined with more boxes. This left a path slightly more than a foot wide, winding down into the darkness.

"There is a light switch here somewhere, I just know it," she said, irritated. "That's another thing, I want you to help me find all the hidden outlets and switches around here. I'm tired of groping through the dark. You know, James, it used to be sort of romantic, not being able to turn on all the lights, but now I just can't see as well anymore."

"We'll find them all, Mrs. Smith."

She stopped, examined a bookcase for a moment, then pulled out several books, stuck her hand into the space, and flicked on the hall light. One dim lightbulb came on, giving sharper patterns to the shadows. "It's down here at the end of the hall." I could see two more doorways, one disguised as a clothes rack.

"This room is my bedroom," she said with such a twinkle in her eye it made me nervous. She disappeared through a mass of clothes hanging from the top strip of molding. As I tried to enter, I became tangled in

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blouses and skirts — they were all on wire hooks perched precariously on the edge of the molding. It was hell getting them to stay back up there.

Once inside I couldn't see her, but I could hear her. Clothes hung from everything imaginable, including bookshelves and other clothes. There could not possibly be a bed in the room anywhere. I could hear Mrs. Smith on the other side of a six-foot-high wall of clothes hanging off bookshelves stacked on top of several dressers. I found her waist-deep in boxes and still more clothes. She was looking at her closet.

"Well, what do you

think? Can you fix it?" She had as many clothes as one could get hanging, again, on the molding that framed the closet entrance, with several more rows of clothes suspended from those hangers. Of course, the weight, combined with time, had warped the molding into a weird smile and had begun to pull the closet from the header.

"Well?"

"You mean the problem with the closet?"

"Of course."

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"That's all? I thought it would take a lot more."

That day I worked on the closet and started removing the papers from the kitchen. She stayed with me, hovering about as I worked.

"Why don't you ever throw things away?" I finally asked.

"I don't know. It's really very simple. I know that all you have to do is to throw the same amount of stuff away as you bring into the house. If you don't, then you accumulate and accumulate until you have — my house. I think that I read somewhere that it is called the Pack Rat Syndrome."

"Do you have any theories of your own?"

"Only one. I call it my WWD Syndrome. From my

earliest childhood, my every whim, wish, and desire was fulfilled — sometimes several times over. I used to feel guilty about it. But I got over that a long time ago. I think the right side of my brain — you know the side that controls WWD — was overstimulated. Most of the decisions that I made were simple ones — yes, I will do it, or no, I will do something else equally desirable."

"Tough childhood."

"Don't be so quick to judge. Look around you and see what it did to me. I can't make the simplest decision — like when to throw something away — without thinking of something to do with it first. Oh, I'll

use it for a future sculpture or a future this or a future that. I've got so many future projects sitting around here that I would have to live to be 150 to complete all of them. That is taking into account that I don't come up with any new ones in the meantime."

"What a burden to place on yourself, Mrs. Smith."

"Not anymore. That's why you're here — to help me throw things away."

"Have you ever thought of collecting intangible things?"

"Like what?"

"Well — experiences. You could be the first to collect experiences and make a sculpture out of them."

"A sculpture? How?"

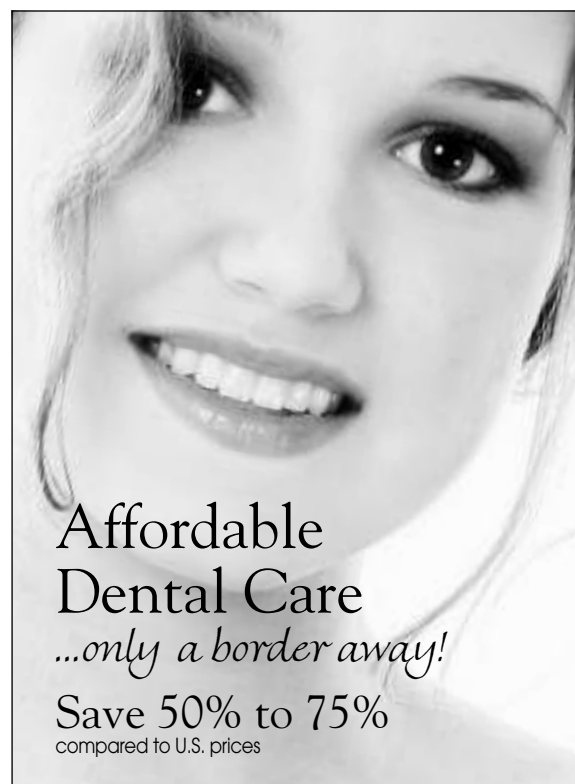
"I don't know, I'm just teasing."

"I think you're on to something. They would take up a lot less room. They would fulfill my desire to save something. An interesting thought. I will consider it."

Several months later, a month after we finished with the inside of her house, I got a postcard from Mrs. Smith. She thanked me for my idea about collecting experiences. She was currently in New Zealand collecting different kinds of wool to ship back here to remember what a great time she had. ■

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out in the rain,
Chances are he's insane as
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Can be for a Jane.
When you meet a gent
Paying all kinds of rent
For a flat
That could flatten the Taj
Mahal —
Call it sad, call it funny,
But it's better than even
money
That the guy's only doing it
for some doll.

MOST OF THE POPULAR SONGS THAT MADE THEIR DEBUT in musicals and later entered the great American songbook were collaborations between composer and lyricist. Rodgers needed his Hart and later his Hammerstein; Gershwin (George) needed Gershwin (Ira); Jerome Kern benefited from Hammerstein and Dorothy Fields, Harold Arlen from Johnny Mercer. But in his best work Frank Loesser went it alone. Like Irving Berlin or Cole Porter, he was responsible for the complete score of long-running, perennially revived musical comedies. Though he cannot rival Porter in sophistication or Berlin in versatility, Loesser hit the jackpot more than once in a career that extended from the Great Depression to the year Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. He wrote two of the greatest musicals in Broadway history: *Guys and Dolls* in 1950 and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* 11 years later.

Loesser began as a lyricist exclusively. The New York native published his first lyrics as a nineteen-year-old, in 1929, and went on to work with such talented partners as Hoagy Carmichael ("Heart and Soul"), Jimmy McHugh ("Let's Get Lost"), Lou Alter ("Dolores"), Jule Styne, and Arthur Schwartz. "Dolores," one of Frank Sinatra's early hits with the Tommy Dorsey band, is sweet without being sappy thanks to Loesser's clever use of internal rhyme: "From a balcony above me / She whispers 'Love me' / And throws a rose. / Ah, but she is twice as lovely / As the rose she throws!" The Sinatra version of "Dolores" rose to number one in 1941, with a competing version by Bing Crosby in second place. A year later came "Let's Get Lost," the happy-go-lucky love song that Chet Baker would cover so well that it ended up becoming the title track of a documentary about the trumpeter and singer. It has the characteristic Loesser insouciance that is so appealing: "And though they'll think us rather rude, / Let's tell the world we're in that crazy mood. / Let's defrost in a romantic mist, / Let's get crossed off ev'rybody's list."

Increasingly, as World War II ended, Loesser wrote

not only the words but the music. He wrote the charming boy-girl duet "Baby, It's Cold Outside," the sexy "On a Slow Boat to China." But his real genius was theatrical. In 1948 he had his first major success with *Where's Charley?*, a musical adaptation of the play *Charley's Aunt*. It was in 1950 that Loesser became a Broadway immortal with his show about gamblers and molls out of Damon Runyon's New York, the plot hinging on a sucker bet daring a high roller to take a Salvation Army "doll" to Havana, capital of sin, for a one-night stand. Some musicians favor Loesser's next score, *The Most Happy Fella* (1956), as his most operatic. For *How to Succeed* in 1961, he won a second Tony and, more improbably, a Pulitzer (at the time it was only the fourth musical to be so honored). A brilliant satire of Manhattan-based corporate office culture in bygone days, before terms like "sexual harassment" and "equal opportunity" entered the lexicon, *How to Succeed* brings back something of the exuberance and tone of the early days of John F. Kennedy's New Frontier.

In a Loesser show the songs are beautifully integrated into a coherent whole. Some are so totally

character-driven and show-specific that you can't quite detach them from their original context. "Adelaide's Lament," Vivien Blaine's showstopper in *Guys and Dolls*, is definitive of her situation — a "female remaining single, / Just in the legal sense," who tends to "develop a cold" when brushed off yet again by her dilatory boyfriend. The song's opening, a translation of medical jargon into regular speech, is classic Loesser. Adelaide, the long-suffering nightclub dancer, is reading a book in her dressing room. "It says here," she says, then breaks into song as she reads:

"The av'rage unmarried female,
Basically insecure,
Due to some long frustration, may react
With psychosomatic symptoms,
Difficult to endure,
Affecting the upper respiratory tract."
In other words, just from waiting around
For that plain little band of gold,
A person can develop a cold.

Some terrific Loesser songs never became standards precisely because they're so organic a part of the play for which they were written. It's hard to imagine anyone except perhaps the Rat Pack making a separate recording of the gamblers' hymn to Nathan Detroit, organizer of "The oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York."

Loesser wrote beautifully for clusters of voices. And the variety of his offerings is astounding. In *Guys and Dolls* alone there is a fugue for horse-racing touts, a male and female apology-and-complaint duet, a female-solidarity duet, a striptease, a supplication to the muse of fortune, a take-off on a rousing gospel song, and an ode to the city as it looks "a couple of deals before dawn" — in addition to the up-tempo male duet that is the title track, and the love songs for two voices. Greater composers than Loesser never wrote a sustained musical comedy half as good as *Guys and Dolls*.

Loesser's best lyrics

approach the ideal described by Ira Gershwin: "rhymed conversation." Part of Loesser's charm is his humor, and part is his Jewish idiom. The two coincide in *Guys and Dolls* when Nathan Detroit has to beg Adelaide

for forgiveness:

Alright already, I'm just a nogoodnik.
Alright already, it's true, so nu?
So sue me, sue me,
What can you do me?

I love you.

Loesser makes jubilant use of the New York Jewish idiom again in "The Company Way," in *How to Succeed* — this time to lampoon the conformist "organ-

ization man":

I play it the company way,
Executive policy is by me okay!

How to Succeed in Business

Without Really Trying, a personal favorite, is a perfect amalgam of satire and mirth. Alert to slang, Loesser had written, in *Guys and Dolls*, of "a flat that could flatten the Taj Mahal." In *How to Succeed*, a song advising that

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Happy to keep his dinner warm

Till he comes wearily home from downtown.

I'll be there waiting until his mind is clear

While he looks through me, right through me;

Waiting to say, 'Good

evening, dear,
I'm pregnant; what's new with you from downtown?"

The pregnant pause after the semi-colon in that last line is marvelous.

Reading the *Collected Lyrics* — assembled with loving care by Robert Kimball, a veteran of similar compilations devoted to Lorenz Hart, Cole Porter, Ira Gershwin, and others — you note things like Loesser's consistently clever use of commercial product names. When he needs a rhyme (and a mate) for a "doll," he comes up with "a lazy slob" who "takes a good steady job, / And he smells of Vitalis and Barbasol." As for the secretary in *How to Succeed*, no doll is she, nor "Tinker toy": "With a mother at home she supports, / And you'll find nothing like her / At F. A. O. Schwartz!"

Loesser's lyrics are savvy and capable of having an ironic dimension seemingly at cross-purposes with the primary thrust of the music. A superb example is "I

Believe in You," from *How to Succeed*, which was originally conceived as a conventional love song for Rosemary to croon to the impish, ambitious hero, Finch. Yet in the play as performed (and in the movie based on the play) Robert Morse as Finch stares in the mirror of the executive wash room and sings his love song most aptly to himself, while a chorus of men shaving sings "Gotta stop that man," and kazoos in the orchestra produce a sound like that of electric razors:

To see the cool, clear eyes
Of a seeker of wisdom and truth,
Yet with the slam, bang, tang
Reminiscent of gin and vermouth.
Oh, I believe in you,
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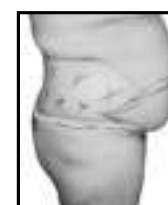


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Vows of Enclosure

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THE NIGHT BEFORE I was to visit the Discalced Carmelite Monastery in Normal Heights, I called a friend, feeling anxious and full of misgivings. This story was not my idea, I complained, but the editor's — and I had begun to doubt his good sense. For one thing, I could certainly see a piece on the new breed of activist nuns, many of whom — since Vatican II in 1965 issued its call for “appropriate renewal” — have given up the habit, moved out of the convent into their own apartments, and now earn salaries in a wide range of jobs, lobby for the ERAs, press for the ordination of women to the priesthood. *There* was a story. But what could be topical about these steadfast Carmelites, who even in these changing times have taken vows not only of chastity, obedience, and poverty but also enclosure, and therefore, spend all their days within the monastery's four walls, engaged in endless prayer and, I had heard, the raising of parakeets? And more, what was I (a Jew — and a nonobservant one at that) doing with such a piece? I'd never spoken to a nun in my life. All I remembered of them from childhood was that my mother always insisted that seeing a lone “sister” was bad luck; and my Catholic friends had learned from *their* nuns that 1) I was responsible for the killing of Christ, and 2) my soul was lost — which produced in the more zealous of them a faint, nagging itch for my conversion.



This is the Medieval equivalent of being at my bank's outside window.

Vestibule of Discalced Carmelite Monastery (note cylinder on far left, built into wall)

My friend commiserated. She had attended Catholic school for one year, in the first grade. She remembered her teachers, the nuns, being cold and punitive, and she also recalled reading *Sinbad the Sailor* seven times that year. The first time she'd finished it, she told the nun, who replied that that was impossible. When she protested, the nuns declared that it was a sin to lie about having finished *Sinbad the Sailor*; and to get back

to it without another word.

Another nun story, I thought, just like the nun stories I'd always heard. At best, I lamented, those cloistered religious I was to meet the following day would be hazy, vague, ephemerally rootless in time and space (whatever would these shades and I find to talk about?); and at worst, narrow and pious soul-savers.

The cream-colored Carmelite Monastery stands at the end of Haw-

ley Boulevard, a quiet residential street with modest one-story houses, which looks out over the urban sprawl of Mission Valley — with its convention motels, shopping centers, mammoth concrete stadium bowl. This Spanish-style stucco structure begins with a chapel, then draws back into the long face of the monastery, which in turn extends into a square, embracing an interior courtyard. None of that lus-

cious, verdant interior can be seen, however: the building and high walls were designed, 50 years ago, for perfect enclosure. On the way to the monastery's entrance, you pass a statue of St. Albert of Sicily, surrounded by radiating plots of rose bushes, all bare now but for their thorns. The front door opens into a dark vestibule all closed, except for a large, curved cylinder built into one wall, with a lit-up door bell beside it. I press it, and in a moment the

cylinder begins to turn. "Good afternoon, can I help you?" — the cylinder has now turned round, exposing to me its open side, and hollow interior. I offer the voice my name, and ask to see the prioress, Mother Amata. The cylinder circles again.

"Take this key I am giving you, Connie, and with it unlock the door of speak-room number two, which is directly down the corridor," comes the voice, rather friendly and brisk, albeit dis-

embodied. The cylinder comes round, this time with a large, old-fashioned key on its base. I consider that this is the Medieval equivalent of being at my bank's outside window, and — with a distant sense of time warp and utter displacement — proceed to speak-room two.

It is a small room, covered with soundproofing; there are a couple of chairs, drawn up to a desk-height ledge, on which sits an ash-tray and a box of Kleenex. I sit in one of the chairs, and

face a large opening, covered with bars and topped with a crucifix, which looks into another small room. On the other side, I note, are none of the amenities — no ledge to lean on, no Kleenex, no ashtray — only low, backless benches and a stool. I look at the crucifix, and then away; I have never liked to see them. In the rear of this room is a painting, I think of the Virgin Mary. After a few moments, the door in the room across the bars opens,

and a woman in a long brown habit, saying "Praised be the Lord Jesus Christ," enters.

She says she is Mother Amata, and greets me. She has very vivid blue eyes, a faintly owlsh suggestion about the lines in her face — I judge her to be 60, maybe less — and an immediate, fulsome presence. Her habit has a scapular — a kind of over-the-head apron, which is characteristic of the Carmelite order — and a white coif which frames her

face from forehead to chin in a rather heart-shaped enclosure. She is smiling broadly just now, and asking, in a slightly mystified but compliant way, what it is that I and the *Reader* want from her. Well, I begin, I thought I would write about the life here, few people know just what they do, if I could talk to her and some of the other, uh, nuns? is that right, nuns? (The word has such a pejorative connotation to me that it instantly sounds like a blun-

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der here — maybe “sisters”...“Carmelites”...) She bursts out laughing, looks at me with a touch of glee, and says. “That’s right, you’ve got it. *Nuns*.”

She is gracious about filling me in on what I should have already known. The Carmelite traditions go back to 12th-century Palestine, the time of the Crusades. There were only men in the order then, hermits who lived on Mt. Carmel; and after the Christians lost Palestine, some of the knights helped the surviving monks gain refuge in England. By the 15th century, there were groups of European religious women living together, who also adopted a Carmelite rule. Saint Teresa, the 16th-century mystic who was to become the first woman Doctor of the Church, belonged to a Carmelite monastery in Avila, Spain. It was a very large group of women religious, and in order to be supported — in spite of Carmel’s hermetical origins — a great deal of visiting with wealthy patrons was allowed, and the women were also permitted to go home from time to time, in order that they might regain their strength and bring back food. Teresa was very popular with both the religious and the wealthy supporters, as she was a great charmer, Mother Amata commented; but she felt that God meant for her to be living a more contemplative



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life. She also felt that it was not fair that the religious should be supported exclusively by the rich, who then figured constantly in their prayers. If they lived an aus-

tere life, in a small group (initially the limit was 13, and it has now climbed to 25), then even the poor could contribute — if only a nickel’s worth of rice — and be

prayed for continually. So she founded the Discalced Carmelite Order, in which the religious lived simply and poorly on alms in a small, family-like group,

effectively isolated from the distractions of the world — free to reflect on God and offer prayers in intercession for others, in the contemplative Carmelite tradition.

“Discalced” means, literally, “without shoes.” “We wear thongs, and sometimes stockings,” Mother Amata said. “In Saint Teresa’s time, some of the religious actually went barefoot no matter what the weather, until she put a stop to it — that, she thought, was really taking things too far. She was such a *sensible* woman,” she concluded warmly. Today, the “discalced” branch is the dominant tradition, with about 65 houses (about ten to 25 members in each one) in this country, and only a few “calced” houses.

Mother Amata entered this community 46 years ago, four years after it was founded. She was 24 years old. I look at her in some surprise, and say she looks at least ten years younger than she is. “Come to Carmel and live forever!” she laughs merrily. Then she adds, “It is the life. We are removed from the tension, the anxieties that people have to face outside.” She would not, in any case, know how young she looks, since she has not seen her countenance since she entered. “That was one of the vanities that Saint Teresa thought we could do well without,” she chuckles. “Although I do notice the novices and postulants, when they first get their habits,

looking sidelong at their reflections in the windows as they pass.” She alludes to Saint Teresa often in our conversation, and in a way that makes me have to remind myself that Teresa lived four centuries ago. She seems, rather, to have been a much-cherished, admired, and enjoyed contemporary of Mother Amata’s; the distance is simply not there.

I ask how the community has changed in the past 46 years. When she entered, she says, she did not expect to leave again until her death. Today, particularly since Vatican II, the religious go out to vote, for doctors’ appointments, for meetings with others in the Church. At that time, too, there was a double row of bars in the speak-room, nothing like these which are about five inches apart — and through which, if I shift from time to time, I can see her face unobstructed. There were heavy black curtains behind the bars then, and the nuns wore black veils, so that only the dimmest outline of a countenance could be glimpsed.

Since Vatican II — and especially in the last few years — this and other Carmelite houses have been in a state of flux. Each house is autonomous, and thus is making its own private adaptations to the call for renewal. “In spiritual matters, I am answerable to the Father General — but in nothing else. They have no right to tell me how to govern my

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house, how to schedule the horarium (daily prayers), handle the finances, or to decide such matters as whether or not the chapel should be open to the public." The chapel is open for Mass each morning, and the day's schedule has been made much more flexible, allowing the sisters to make many of their prayers where and when they want. There is also a large library, which has novels, detective stories, and current periodicals (*Newsweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Scientific American*), as well as scriptural texts. And there is one television. This day, the nuns watched the inauguration.

An autonomous house led by a strong superior has been characteristic of contemplative orders, Mother Amata explains, and it is at once a weakness and a strength. Ideally, according to Saint Teresa's plan, the burdens and powers of administration would rest on one or two people, freeing the rest of the community for an unharried, contemplative life. One obvious

danger, however, is that a misguided prioress might begin making decisions detrimental to the community, and there would be no one to quickly check her; and another is that such a matriarchy can produce what Mother Amata refers to as "grown-up little girls." "Shared responsibility" was a key Vatican II term, and in this house the nuns are taking part in the decision-making process, struggling to find the proper balance—so that they will still have the serenity and stability necessary for prayer and development, without their adult powers of choice and responsibility being stunted. "It's hard for those who grew up under the protection of that stability to release it," says Mother Amata, "and it's hard for the young ones, who never have known it, to realize we need some of that tradition."

One example of something they debated together was the decision about going out to Sharp Hospital, to be trained in pap-smear lab work, in an effort to earn at

least part of their living. The community had traditionally been supported largely on alms, but another recommendation of Vatican II was that they move toward earning their own living. But how to do that, enclosed? They baked altar breads, laundered altar cloths, sewed vestments—which they still do—and then the opportunity arose for six of

freeing them to go?

"You see, we are very aware that our order is over 400 years old, and this community is 50 years old, and tradition can become rigid. So we are open to dialogue which can be very painful and threatening. Despite the fact that we're traditional in wearing these habits, and keeping to the old fasting (though it's not as rigorous

"This is no place to escape. If you don't really have the vocation, you'll go stark raving mad."

the sisters to go out to Sharp, in a year's program. "That was a very daring decision, to run the risk of leaving enclosure. We agonized over it for about two weeks—bringing up issues like did we all realize that the ones who remained here, doing the cleaning and cooking, were just as important as the ones who would go, that it was they who would be—

as it once was), we're at the same time quite informal and unconventional." Each house, Amata stresses, has a particular personality, like a family—its own jokes, its own favorite foods, its own feast days, its own temperament. There are women called to Carmel who are much too conservative for this house, but would do well in another.

The birds—whose song outside our window is incessant—are also part of these Carmelites' attempt to earn their living. They are raising and selling parrots, finches, parakeets, cockatiels. The birds began as a hobby for one of the sisters, and have now evolved into a low-keyed, quasi-commercial enterprise.

Speaking of the changes of Vatican II, Mother Amata said that one she had hoped would come—and did not—was the abandoning of the formal canonization process. "I don't really think—I suppose this is heresy," she interrupts herself, laughs, and continues, "that we need all these formal applications to show that these people are indeed sanctified, in heaven."

"After all, people become saints in their lives, and canonization is only a recognition of this. There are people today who are every bit as heroic in their practice of virtue, their devotion to God and their neighbor, as the saints were—but I doubt they are going to make it,

partly because there just isn't enough money." There is tremendous expense, she explains, in the clerical work, research, and traveling involved in putting forth a potential saint's candidacy.

There are many saints special to the Carmelites—among them Saint Teresa, Saint John of the Cross, and Saint Therese, a 19th century Frenchwoman who died at the age of 23, and whom the nuns here call "the little flower." I mention that I tried to read Therese's autobiography, but found it too saccharine. "When I first read it, I thought it was sickening, flat," Mother Amata responds. "But it's not, if you try to live it."

I had noted some ambivalence, earlier, when we talked about the changes since Vatican II—does she really think they are for the best? She unhesitatingly replies that it is much better now, and much harder—but then freedom is always difficult. She says it is particularly hard to govern, at such a transitional time, and she hopes to have served her

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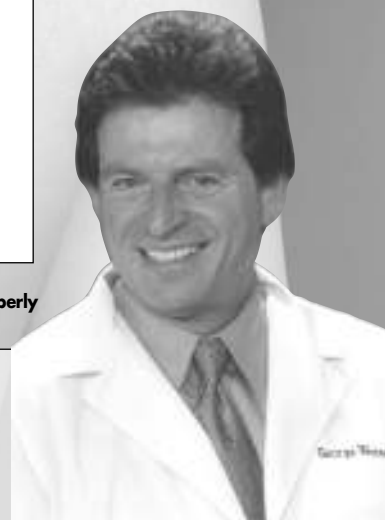
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time as prioress come next election. A prioress is elected every three years, can serve two consecutive terms, and then must take three years off before serving again. The community's foundress, Sister Emmanuel, was prioress on and off for many, many years, and died just two years ago. Mother Amata has served as prioress sporadically since 1959, and while she admits that certain powers of the position are attractive to a clearly strong-willed character like herself — she, for example, enjoyed being able independently to draw up the plans, with an architect, for the redesigning of the chapel — they are far outweighed by the burden

of being responsible to God for the spiritual growth of all the women under her.

There are 20 sisters under Mother Amata, and the youngest of them is 23. It takes about seven years from entry to full profession, final vows. If women come at 18 or 19, they are generally told to wait a few years; it is preferred that they be independent, and have made a place for themselves in the world, before opting to join this life. Mother Amata seems to bristle slightly at the thought that they would accept what she calls "escape vocations." "This is no place to escape," she declares flatly. "If you don't really have the vocation, you'll go stark raving

mad. You must be mentally stable, emotionally mature — strong enough to endure the personality's being stripped down to its

a lot of "escape vocations" — what with the atom bomb, the general moral permissiveness and social upheaval, many people were afraid to

"The more introverted individual, however, who is always hedging her bets, and analyzing herself, ends up thinking about herself and not God."

basic components, and to then build on that." After World War II, she adds, the order had to guard against

live in the world, and felt they would be safest inside a religious community with virtually no outside contact.

There has been an upswing in applicants in the last three or four years — they have four novices now — which she sees as reflective of the growing interest in religious life, the widespread spiritual seeking. All the California Carmelite houses, says, are full.

"Having a vocation," Mother Amata explains, "means feeling a call for this kind of life. You must have a personality that will develop the capacity to grow — you can't live this life and stagnate. Everyone who does have a real vocation, though, just blossoms. They're mentally stimulated, they grow spiritually, their personality develops; and if all this

does not happen, it means they do not have the vocation, and difficult as it is I must tell them.

"And even for those who do have the vocation, it's not idyllic, I don't mean to idealize it, there's a great deal of suffering involved, as well as joy. This whole business of remaking your personality, leveling off the selfish areas, the frustration of the will to power, clash of strong personalities — don't get me wrong," she laughs. "It's not all beer and skittles."

Unlikely as it might at first seem, this life — in which silence and solitude are such priorities — is most difficult for one who is inclined to be an introvert.

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"It lends itself to an outgoing person, one who is open to others, intellectually curious, a person who can take responsibility and face up to the fact that she will encounter failure and run the risk of that," says Mother Amata. "The more introverted individual, however, who is always hedging her bets, and analyzing herself, ends up thinking about herself and not God."

It is time for the inevitable question. Clearly, she has many of the requisite qualities: a strong and independent personality, intellectual vitality, breadth of vision, and a warm openness to other people that makes her such delightful company that the hours are speeding by. But still, why this vocation? It is so easy to imagine her active, compassionate, and accomplishing, in the world.

She answers the question, first, by way of a summary autobiography. The eldest of four girls, she grew up in a small rural town in Illinois, then went to college, planning to become a chemist. She had to earn her living before she'd completed her degree, however, and became involved in x-ray work. But she felt drawn to the life of a religious, and though she could have become a teaching nun, she was afraid that in her great propensity for getting involved with people and all their problems, she might forget her real aim: to help people by prayer, and give her life to God.

I told her that there was something I'd been wondering about ever since I'd read a passage in Saint Teresa's autobiography, in which she tells how as children she and her brother used to read the

Lives of the Saints. Learning of the martyrdoms through which many had passed, little Teresa thought "they had purchased very cheaply, the sight and enjoyment of God" — and she and her brother made a plan to go to the country of the Moors,

and replies that as a matter of fact she can remember, in her x-ray job days, sunning herself on a rooftop and reading the *Life of Saint Teresa*, and thinking to herself, "I'd rather have my purgatory here than afterwards — so the best thing

"I must tell you that I woke in the night and thought to myself, 'Am I doing what Jimmy Carter did in his *Playboy* interview?'"

and beg their way for love of God, so that they might be quickly put to death, and thus attain eternal life. Now presumably Teresa advanced from this desire for divine insurance — she does in fact later say that she was at first moved more by "servile fear" than love — but what part might this fear of damnation play in the choice of such a life?

Mother Amata grins,

to do would be to enter a religious community." That, however, was a very early, naive notion. "What it comes to is that I feel I can do more for the world here than in any other situation. It's not what made me think of it first, but it's why I came. And I think most of the sisters came here for the same reason."

The idea of them as isolates, cut off from the world,

is a mistaken one, she emphasizes. For one thing, many of them — including her — are politically geared. She recalls in one church service petition her having asked for repose for the soul of Saul Alinsky. ("Some in the community didn't know who he was, and others were very upset," she laughs.) She considers herself a feminist, is delighted about the Episcopalian women being ordained as priests, and thinks that it should and inevitably will come in the Catholic Church as well, though it will probably take some time. She is radically opposed to the death penalty. All these views, she stresses, are strictly personal, she is not speaking for her Order; her convictions are her own. But she wants to make very clear that her being cloistered does not separate her from the world. Quoting Pope John XXIII, she says, "There is nothing that can happen in the world, or in space, that any contemplative should feel removed from, for she is interceding

with God for all the world." They receive thousands of letters from people asking for their prayers; some people call, and leave a request on tape; others come. The nuns here as a rule see only friends or family; when a stranger comes, it is Mother Amata who goes to the speak-room. "A lot of people come for advice — of course we don't give advice, and no one *really* wants it. Given someone compassionate to listen, and a little weeping, they can usually talk out and resolve their own problems. Very few people have the time to listen today. But we're always here.

"I really believe in the power of prayer," she continues quietly. "That God has his graces, and wants to shower them on us, but will not unless we come to him — because we do have free will. So we pray for people who don't pray, and for those who ask for our prayers. God has attached the obligation of prayer to the graces — now granted he

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could just give them, but if he protected us from all pain, put on us no efforts to improve ourselves in the love of people, why then we'd be slaves, *kept*, and it would be unworthy of free men. Or women," she adds quickly, with a smile.

The next day, we meet again in speak-room two. "Well," Mother Amata greets me, "and how are you coming along with your book on the life of the Prioress? Really, I feel I've been so garrulous, going on like a chattering brook!" Then, approaching her seat by the bars, she says with a look of irrepressible amusement, "I must tell you that I woke in the night and thought to myself, 'Am I doing what Jimmy Carter did in his *Playboy* interview?'"

That sets us to giggling for a while, and then she says that Carter was just trying to be as open and honest as he could — as she has — but he later said that if he'd had to do it over again he certainly wouldn't have. I tell her I think she's given me nothing scandalous, and she offers to answer any

remaining questions I have before bringing in the other nuns she's corralled. We tick off the topics.

— The vow of chastity. She does not foresee its changing, for the Carmelites. "What it really is is freeing yourself for total love — free from the confinement of a single love, an exclusive relationship, free to love God in any person. I know chastity is not a much-admired virtue

— Are there any blacks in this community? No. Only one black woman ever applied here, says Mother Amata, and her color couldn't have mattered less to the sisters, but she couldn't forget about it. "She wrote a letter to Mother Emmanuel, saying 'Would you accept me as white?' And Mother Emmanuel wrote back, 'Yes, the sisters will accept you as white — but will you

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today, but it leaves you free to love without demanding anything in return. And we have to face the fact," she continues easily, "that in the past, Medieval times, women came to monasteries not of their own choice, and that fostered a great deal of lesbianism. But people today have made the choice themselves, and they are not looking for that kind of release."

accept them as black?" She didn't write again."

— What is the relation of the Trappists to the Carmelites? "They are really not similar, but helpful to each other. We both borrow doctrines, and readings, and use each other's saints. There is a certain mystique about both, and both are contemplative — but the Carmelite spirit is

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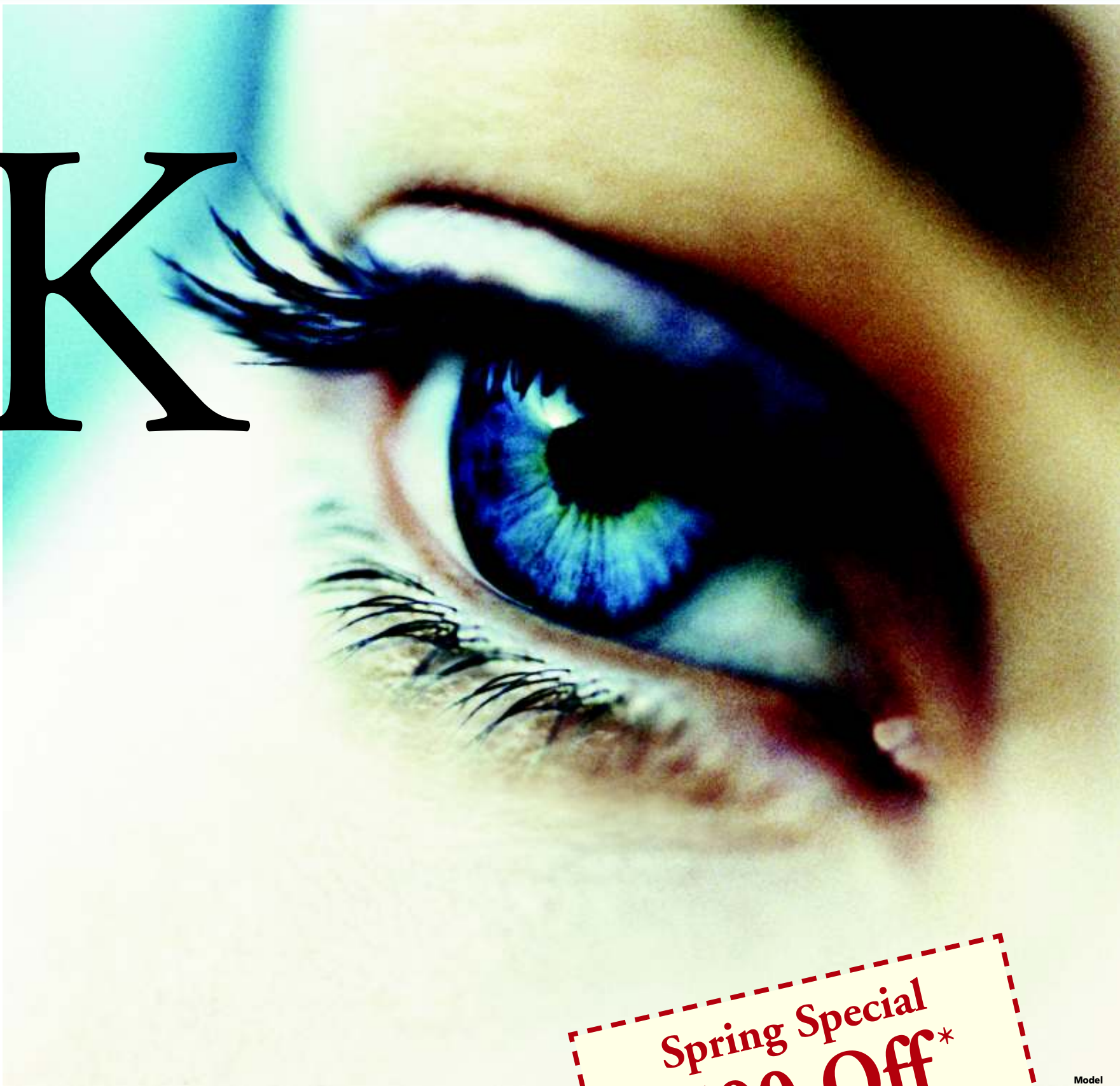


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vate conversation — whereas theirs is shared prayer, with many external manifestations, such as speaking in tongues, and prophecies.”

My questions are nearly run through, but I see that Mother Amata has something that she wants to initiate. “I am speaking strictly for myself,” she begins, “but I feel that contemplative prayer is natural to *anyone*, because it is looking at things with wonder and joy. A child is a natural contemplative, but too many of us lose that faculty as we grow older.”

All one needs for contemplative prayer, she continues, is a belief in a personal relationship with God. In

fact, she finds it difficult to understand — considering all the pressures and strains and the pace of the world today — how people outside could pray in any mode

beautiful sunset. All you have to do is to be still, and think that the Creator gave you those colors to enjoy, and rejoice...”

I assent. It is the clos-

Anger is an entirely acceptable emotion, they say, and the struggle is just to channel it constructively.

other than the contemplative. “Take yourself, for example,” she says earnestly. “You can have contemplative prayer when you’re driving along, or when you see a

est she has come, the entire time, to trying to share her life-long, consummate commitment — and it is an attempt to share, not to proselytize. I ask her, finally,

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if she thinks she would have been less assured of eternal life if she'd not become a Carmelite — a decision she has told me she has never once regretted. "I would not say that, because that would mean that people outside are less assured, and they're *not*. But if I hadn't entered, I would've been a less happy, less fulfilled, less...*completed* woman. And it's been long enough," she laughed, heartily, "that I should be able to speak on that with real conviction.

Four sisters in brown habits flock into the room. They are like a gust of fresh air coming through the door, all in high humor as Mother Amata introduces them, and then decides to throw open the barred gate which separates us ("I don't even notice it anymore, but it bothers some of the sisters"), and departs. This is a rare interlude for them as well as me, since as a rule they would see only family or old friends.

I begin by asking them how long they've been here. I had asked Mother Amata if I could see some sisters about my age, 30, and I take these to be about that. One sweet-faced woman says, "Twenty-five years." No, I reply, I meant how long have you *been* here — thinking to myself that she doesn't look 25, more like 21. The group breaks up in hilarity, chortling about how this sister was given special dispensation from the Pope to come in as a two-year-old. It turns, out that she has indeed been in 25 years, and is now 46. No one in this group has been in for less than 18 years, and their ages range, incredibly, from 37 to 58.

I ask them what was the hardest thing for them, when they entered, and add that Mother Amata said for her it was the "slavery to the bell" — which sends them to bed, calls them to rise, summons them to work and to prayer all day long. It is a way, she had explained, of breaking their attachment to their will, to what *they* wanted to do.

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here found themselves living with women so different that in the outside world few would have come together of their own accord. “You wouldn’t think God had a brain in His head when he put these people together!” quipped one. “But that’s why, so the rough edges would be rubbed off.” When the conflicts arise, they just try to talk them out. Anger is an entirely acceptable emotion, they say, and the struggle is just to channel it constructively.

They are a diverse group. One says she’d always wanted to be a religious since she was a child. Another says that it was the *last* thing she would ever have dreamt of — she’d graduated from Marquette University in Illinois, and was an accountant, before she entered at 24. Another had been a nurse, and joined at 20, 22 years

ago. Yet another had been a pediatrician, then become a pediatric psychiatrist with a well-established practice in Los Angeles, when at the age of 40 she joined this community. Stories such as this I am at a loss to understand, “It’s a *right* hemisphere decision, not left,”

They seem to agree, also, that the reason they chose this contemplative order — rather than an active one, which today especially would afford them so many options in lifestyle — is that they felt they could touch more people through their constant prayer than any

They all feel that relationships with men would be incompatible with their contemplative way of life.

she says. “It’s irrational; in most cases you can’t explain it.” And another nun, with strong, even features and a delightfully quirky sense of humor tells me, simply, “I would never have understood it if it hadn’t happened to me.”

other way. One quickly adds that of course that is just her personal feeling, she’s sure an active nun wouldn’t agree. Turning to the sister who had been a pediatrician, one asks, “What if you had been a missionary doctor, do you think that would

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necessary question," one replies. "Yes," rejoins another, "like, 'what's for supper?'" Seriously, she adds, having just two hours' talking time is not hard; because if you're called to this life, you *want* the solitude and silence. Often, it's harder to have recreation. And each sister has her own cell, with a bed, desk, chair, and cupboard — pictures on the wall if they want.

Two of these nuns were part of the group that went out to Sharp Hospital, to be trained in the lab work. They laugh, now, about how when they first went there the people were so nervous about them — their instructors had been warned not to

touch them, not to give them coffee breaks because they weren't allowed to drink it. (They are.) I recalled Mother Amata's having spoken about the great risk of that decision. "The risk," one explained, "was that we'd get another orientation, after so many years inside. Change is risk, after all, and especially from a situations set as this." And how did it affect them? "I think it made us feel less dependent upon enclosure; less afraid of losing it — we knew then that it was the real thing, almost like we didn't need the four walls around us. In short, we gained confidence. But at the same time that we saw we could do without it, we came to

value it more — for the solitude and silence that it ensures us." Another adds, "It just cuts off so much that you get entrapped in outside,

thick," one offers. A ruddy-cheeked bouncy sister from Kansas says, "Sports! Bowling, golf, tennis." They used to play volleyball, but that

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social things that have no meaning for us."

I ask them what they miss. For a minute or so, they seem hard put to name it. "I'd like a steak, about this

died out. Another offers, "Really I have what is important to me. I think I miss, though — at Christmastime especially — having nothing to pass out, no gifts. It has

to be, 'I'll pray for you, dear?'" "I missed my independence terribly, when I first came," one says. "Life is so structured here. But then, gradually, my values changed — and also our life became a little less structured. When I first came, our day was much less flexible, we couldn't go to the library whenever we wanted, we had to all be doing pretty much the same thing at the same time.


"Of course, I remind myself that people outside have structured lives, too," she considers. "But here, there certainly are fewer options. I can't just get up in the morning and say, 'I'm going to the beach today!'"

Would they like to go out

more, do they think that this is something desirable that will come? Not really. "There is so much happiness, joy here," one says. Another offers that she thinks sometimes about going to a concert, or to the movies, or the mountains for the day — but wouldn't really choose to if she could. "In this way of life, you have to find within you what others seek outside."

Do they miss men? Yes, they agree — but not so much that they think the vow of chastity should or will be changed. They all feel that relationships with men would be incompatible with their contemplative way of life. A married woman has a husband and perhaps chil-


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dren whom she focuses upon; her involvement with God must to that extent be mitigated. Another adds, somewhat haltingly, that really they have something of a lover's relationship with Christ — not only in the intensity of their focusing on him, but even to the extent of their awareness of His personal, almost tangible presence.

One, watching me, says, "It sounds so unreal, doesn't it?" And then they go on to talk about how they go through times when they

do *not* have that consciousness of God's presence — the "dry" times — and how difficult it is to live without, in this kind of life. They understand that these are all necessary stages in their development; others in the religious life have written about it; and women in this community have known such times and come through them — it is a kind of "purification," a testing of the faith — but always the torturous doubt persists that perhaps it is a sign that this is not their vocation, after all.

Some do leave. It used to be that only one out of three would stay after the first year or two; what happens with the present batch of four novices remains to be seen. There is no stigma attached to these early departures, and since Vatican II, little or no stigma involved in leaving after one's final vows. One sister says she thinks that before Vatican II, many nuns in all orders stayed out of fear of losing their salvation; and that might have contributed to the great exodus of nuns from their convents in the last ten years or so — nearly one quarter of all American nuns, leaving approximately 130,000 in the religious life.

They have sat with me through their suppertime, through more than one prayer time, and it has grown dark outside. Upon hearing that I plan to drive directly back to Los Angeles from here, one of the sisters rushes off and returns with a tray — laden with cottage cheese and lime Jell-O, a tuna sandwich on home-baked bread, coffee, and special pineapple upside-down cake with whipped cream, in honor of a sister's birthday.

Now that I am no longer querying and probing, the strangeness of this situation hits me full. I am sitting in a monastery, in a sound-proofed room with a gate of bars thrown open, trying to down a hefty tuna sandwich while these hermetical nuns in Medieval costume watch me, smil-

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ing. The focus has shifted to me. They ask about my family, my work, how I live. As I speak about these things, one of them in particular is so synchronized with me, that we end up finishing most of my sentences together. It is an extraordinary sensation. I talk about writing, and she says, quickly, "Of course, that's *your* silence and solitude."

The analogy is apt. Their commitment is to God, yes, but it is also to that which makes them feel most complete, to a way of life which just seemed to be right for them and in which they feel they can best achieve their whole selves. Self-actualization, in Maslow's terms. It does for them, really, what a *true vocation* does for anyone — and they see it as a lifelong process of development and growth, cutting through layers and layers, endlessly refining, drawing even closer to the essence. Their transcendent joy is probably similar to that which anyone immersed in their vocation feels from time to time, those peaks of

sublime pleasure; and their periods of dryness — to anyone whose work depends upon inspiration — are also familiar. Even in their sense of their eternal life to come — the more secular of us think of leaving our words, or paintings, or images, or *what-ever*, in perpetuity.

Now tell us, they say to me, what you are really thinking — this must all have been so strange for you. And don't *varnish*. So I tell them what I expected, and how instead I have found their presence so vivid, their company such a delight. How I feel a great bond with them, and a rare ease in communicating — a cutting through the dross that does not usually happen so quickly, outside. Which is not to say, I add, that they will find me on their doorstep the next morning — I am greatly relieved that they are not out to save my soul.

Perhaps all that remains to be said is that I am no closer to knowing *why* they chose this life than before I met them; so I have spent all these words without bring-

ing anyone else closer to understanding, either. Not one of them described to me her moment of revelation, or even detailed the life-situation that preceded and then accompanied her decision. In the picture of who they are today, however, I feel it does not really matter very much. As one said, there may have been a bad kind of motivating fear, in her initial decision, but even that led to the good. Think of marriage, she added — the reasons you marry, and then how that relationship changes and grows in twenty years' time. And I believe, finally, that their reticence about those specifics springs not from a fear of self-revelation but an innate conviction that the facts of their personal, pre-vocation lives cannot be that important. Even more than that, it must be difficult to remember, seeming to them so long ago — almost like another life, and certainly one that did not have the crystalline quality of this one. ■

—Connie Bruck

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even secure with yourself enough to walk outside and actually let people look at you? If you are going there for the music, who cares, right?

Serocke implies that the Ché Café only hosts certain kinds of bands. Has he ever looked at what shows they put on? The Ché Café hosts a humongous variety of music — including screamo. Also, if you do not like what is being put on, there is the amazing fact that you can use the Ché to set up your own shows. But this takes effort, and if talking to people scares you, this will make you wet your pants. However, there is no need to quantify one of the venues on UCSD as better than any other. With no less than four different venues for music on campus, there is no need to complain about

the fact that some of them may cater to different varieties of music. Why complain about that?

In closing, I would just like to say that anyone who feels intimidated by the Ché should go and see a show. Everyone is welcome. For a list of events go to <http://checafe.ucsd.edu/> and click on "Events." Besides, how much do you want to trust someone who is a "lifestyle marketing rep" for Sony/BMG. That sounds like a conflict of interest (as well as an incredibly sleazy job) to have when you do booking for a venue as well.

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Postmortem Ridiculousness

Every week my friends and I read with great interest your "Sheep and Goats" article. We are especially amused with the huge amounts of money that are collected at these busi-

nesses. Matt. 10:9. And of course the ridiculous responses to the question, "What happens to us when we die?" All the answers are found in the Scriptures. Eccl. 9:5, 10. Acts 24:15. Has your column writer ever been to a Kingdom Hall? At such a place he will find the teachings of the Bible and not the teachings and traditions of false religion. But then again, this would not make for good reading because he would not find anything goofy or silly to write about. I just thought I'd tell you. And by the way, any Kingdom Hall would do because each Hall studies the exact same things whether it's in San Diego or Ethiopia, because they are a truly worldwide organization of brothers.

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On Sunday, April 23, the Port of San Diego will host the 27th annual “Day at the Docks” sport-fishing festival. “We have a very healthy fishery here,” says

Miller. According to her catch-history graph of the past 20 years, 62,713 albacore tuna were caught in 2004. In 1992 only two albacore were caught, and no catches were recorded for 1994 and 1995.

No one cause has been attributed to the albacore’s absence during those years, but one theory is that the water might have been too warm. “If the water is warmer, other species usually come in their place,” Miller says. “Yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, yellowtail, and dorado, also known as mahimahi, are warm-water fish.”

Anglers are expected to know which species of fish to leave in the ocean. In April 2005 a man was arrested for spearing a giant black sea bass — a protected species in California since 1982. These huge fish can live up to 100 years; they range between three to seven feet in length and can weigh over 500 pounds. They are hermaphroditic, meaning they hatch as females and change into males as they mature. Although humans are their only serious predator, giant black sea bass

are not timid around people and have been known to swim right up next to divers. The giant black sea bass’s numbers have been increasing since being declared a protected species.

Another fish that was disappearing in the early ’80s but is making a comeback is the white sea bass. According to projectpacific.org, “The white sea bass population along the southern California coast is currently at very low levels due to overfishing and habitat destruction...since 1984 there has been an experimental program involving hatchery-produced fish intended to help restore the white sea bass stock.” Part of this restocking involves “reintroducing up to 5000 white sea bass into Mission Bay every five to six months.” Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute operates the hatchery.

There are still plenty of catchable fish to be found, such as the sand bass and calico bass. “We’re still getting sculpin, a red rock-fish,” says Miller. “It has poisonous spines, but it’s really tasty. I’ve made sculpin fish tacos; you can filet it like any kind of fish. It’s a light-flavored fish with white meat.”

One of the industry’s biggest challenges has been the increase in the price of fuel. A fishing boat’s fuel capacity will generally range from 500 gallons to 28,000 gallons. “The customer pays the ultimate price in the end,” says Phil Lobred, co-owner of H&M Landing. On an average day-trip, this may result in a price increase of \$10 per passenger.

“This year we set an all-time record on 200-pound tuna. You can fish for many, many years and not drag in a 200-pound tuna.” 2284 tuna weighing over 200 pounds have been caught so far this season, which began October 2005 and ends June 2006.

Most of the huge fish are coming from one of two locations, each of which is at least an eight-day round-trip from San Diego. The first is Hurricane Bank (also known as Larson Seamount), an offshore bank off the coast of Baja California, about 1000 miles from San Diego. The second location is just southwest of Magdalena Bay, north of Cabo San Lucas, and approximately 500 miles from San Diego.

Using a variety of methods, commercial boats have caught tuna weighing almost 800 pounds. But, advises Lobred, “There’s no reel in the world that can hold a fish that big. You’re never going to land a fish like that unless it decides to hop on your boat.”

Catching even a 200-pounder can take its toll on a rod and reel. “Most people think marlin are the fightin’-est fish in the water,” says Lobred. When fishing for marlin (a fish that can weigh up to 1300 pounds), anglers strap themselves to a “fighting chair” that is attached to the deck of the boat and hold on tight as they wait for the fish to tire itself out before they attempt to reel it in.

For tuna, anglers use what Lobred refers to as the “West Coast style, stand-up-and-follow-your-fish type of sport fishing.” As the hooked tuna swims laps around the

boat, “about ten laps,” the angler runs along with rod in hand and “goes over and under everyone else, all the while trying to keep the lines from tangling up.” Lobred adds, “If you’re planted in a chair, there’s no way to do that. Where we fish for big tuna, they’ve got thousands of feet to go down, and when a 200-pound fish is pulling you right along with it, your reel starts smoking.”

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OUTDOORS

The Annual Green-to-Golden Transition of San Diego's wild grasslands normally takes place in late March or early April. This winter season's late and spotty precipitation triggered a late growth of grasses, so the dry-out phase may be delayed until later this month. North-facing hillsides and canyon slopes retain the green color longer, as they are less exposed to drying sunshine.

Locally, most of the wild grasses are naturalized (non-native) annuals, the seeds of which were introduced along with hay and other grains brought in by the Spaniards well over a century ago. Some of the mountain meadows have remnants of native grasses, which remain more or less green almost the year round. These rare native grasslands can be found in certain parts of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and more widely distributed at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve near Temecula.

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this backcountry (and former gold-rush) town with blossoms of white, pink, and lavender. Introduced into the West by 19th-Century emigrants, locust trees have become almost a trademark of California's gold country, from the Mother Lode south to Julian.

Snakes, encouraged by recent warmer temperatures, are emerging from burrows and rock crevices to hunt for prey throughout the county's lower-elevation hillsides and canyons. Gopher snakes, garter snakes, king snakes, rosy boas (all harmless), and three varieties of rattlesnakes — red diamond, speckled, and Southern Pacific rattlesnakes (all venomous) — have been sighted. Close encounters with rattlesnakes are not uncommon wherever residential properties adjoin undeveloped land — a common situation throughout San Diego County.

The Lyrid Meteor Shower peaks this year on the morning of

Saturday, April 22, with the best conditions occurring in the wee hours. The waning crescent moon high in the sky near dawn will brighten the dark rural sky only slightly. Usually the Lyrids produce about 10–20 meteors per hour (as seen from areas far from city lights), but the rate for this shower reached an unexpected 80 per hour in 1982.

Yellow Warblers? Black-Headed Grosbeak? Look for these species during Audubon Society outing to Old Mission Dam, Saturday, April 22, 8 a.m.–noon. Meet in parking lot at Old Mission Dam in Mission Trails Regional Park. Hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. 619-280-7710. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Get Skinny on Red Diamond Rattlesnakes when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads 4.5-mile moderate- to strenuous-hike in Daley Ranch, Saturday, April 22. Hike starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking

lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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Road staging/parking area (at
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(MIRA MESA)

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after San Diego Tracking Team
hosts training, Saturday, April 22,
9:45 a.m.-4 p.m., at Los
Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve
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To reach site, take Canyonside Park
Drive off Black Mountain Road,
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The Waning Crescent Moon
and Venus sidle up close together
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DANCE

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Fantastic Fiddler Makes Danc-ing a Real Joy, contra dance, taught and called to live music Friday, April 21, 8 p.m. (All dances have a beginner's workshop 7:30 — 8 p.m.) JoAnn Koppany caller, Lissa Schneckenburger band. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. \$7 general. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Relatively Real" is cinematically swift, bordering beauty and darkness, pleasure and fear, humor and horror, performed by Lingo Dancetheater, as part of the 2006 East-West Performance Festival, on Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. \$20 general. 619-235-8466. (DOWNTOWN)

Enjoy an Evening of Strauss Waltzes and Polkas at the Viennese Ball. This historical event, started by the late Louis Campiglia, continues with optional period attire. Mary Gerard conducts the San Diego Young Artists Symphony, on Saturday, April 22, 8–11 p.m., at the Balboa Park Club. Tickets and information: 619-235-8067. (BALBOA PARK)

The Lovely Social Dance Form Featured in Jane Austen movies, English country dancing, continues in this series on Sunday, April 23, 6 p.m., with Steve Maranto calling. Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Oak Knoll Plaza (the Academy of Dance), 12227 Poway Road. \$6 at door. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Boldly rising above the apple orchards of Julian, Volcan Mountain's oak- and pine-dotted slopes are swept by some of the freshest breezes found anywhere in San Diego County. Souging through the trees like waves spending themselves against a sandy beach, the springtime gusts bear the astringent dryness of the desert

and the volatile scents of pine needles and dewy grass.

Off limits to public use for most of the past century, much of the Volcan Mountain range has fallen into the public domain today. The earliest parcel to be purchased for public use has become a crown jewel in the San Diego County Parks system — Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve.

To get to the preserve from Julian, drive two miles north on Farmer Road to Wynola Road, jog briefly right, and turn left to remain on Farmer Road. Park along Farmer Road, 200 yards north of Wynola Road. Hike the



Manzanita canopy along Five Oaks Trail

gravel access road going east, and you soon reach Volcan Mountain Preserve's elaborate gateway, a project designed by Julian artist James Hubbell.

An old fire road (now a wide hiking trail) continues sharply up the hill ahead. Presently, you swing right and continue climbing in earnest along a rounded ridgeline leading toward the Volcan Mountain crest. Take note of the lower junction of the new Five Oaks Trail on the right, 0.4 mile beyond the preserve gateway. You will return on this trail.

Climb ever higher on the fire road, taking a breather every now and then to look westward (behind you) over the descending foothills and out toward the ocean — or perhaps over the top of the springtime marine layer.

At 1.2 miles up the fire road from the gateway, note the upper junction of the Five Oaks Trail on the right. Take it, and saunter over to a viewful spot on the ridgetop, where a resting bench invites you to sit (or stretch the muscles in your legs) and gaze downward into the linear gash known as Banner Canyon, where Highway 78 (Banner Grade) twists and turns on its way from Julian to the desert. The canyon owes its existence to movements along the Elsinore Fault, which comes to life every now and again (geologically speaking) with a magnitude 6 or 7 rumble.

The remainder of the hike takes you downward along the same ridgeline you came up, only more crookedly this time on the narrow Five Oaks Trail. outskirts. Then the trail descends through tree-sized specimens of manzanita. Look for the manzanitas ("little apples" in Spanish) — the ripe, red-

VOLCAN MOUNTAIN

Check out the leafy new Five Oaks Trail on Volcan Mountain near Julian.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 62 miles

Hiking length: 3.2 miles round trip

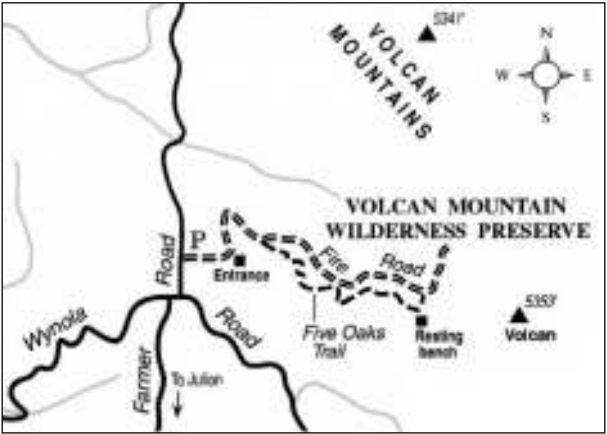
Hiking difficulty: Moderate

Ahead there are pungent whiffs of white sage; nice specimens of sacred datura, whose upturned white blossoms look a little like Easter lilies; and shady (possibly chilly) passages through groves of black oak trees, whose newly-emergent leaves are bright green at the moment.

Farther on and lower, the westerly view includes postage-stamp-sized apple orchards affixed to the rolling plains of Julian's

dish brown berries that look and taste a bit like conventional apples of the tart variety.

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



FILM

"Shultze Gets the Blues," a retired German miner becomes inspired to play zydeco music (in-

stead of polka) on his accordion. Presented in German with English subtitles. Rated PG. Sponsored by MiraCosta College's international languages department. Two showings, Friday, April 21, 1 p.m. at San

Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue, Room 201, Cardiff, and 7 p.m., Oceanside Campus, One Barnard Drive, Oceanside (Little Theater). Free. 760-795-6615. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

"The Memory of a Killer," based on the detective thriller novel by acclaimed Jef Geeraerts, has won five Belgian Oscars. Starring Jan Decler, Deborah Ostrega. Film is San Diego Public Library's "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" series, April 23, 2 p.m., 820 E Street, third-floor auditorium. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Young Men Fall in Love and struggle to reconcile their feelings with rigid morality of pre-WWI England. *Maurice*, E.M. Forster's 1914 novel, starring Hugh Grant and James Wilby, with introduction by Professor Mathew Kuefler. Monday, April 24, 7 p.m., SDSU, Nasatir Hall, Room 100, 5500 Campanile Drive. Free. (SDSU)

"Paper Clips" Chronicles Extraordinary Experiment in Holocaust education. Documentary with Christian middle school in rural Tennessee as setting. Film follows Holocaust Memorial Day observance and is shown Monday, April 24, 6:30–9 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Drive. Free, but reservations required: 619-286-2555. (ROLANDO)

See I'm Not Scared when it screens at House of Italy, Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m. UCSD professor Pasquale Verdicchio introduces, leads discussion. Free. 858-831-1717. In Italian with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"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)

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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 nature, shaping of our communities in series offered Thursdays through May 18, 7:30 p.m., in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106 at UCSD. "Creating a Border Community" chronicled by Teddy Cruz of UCSD's Visual Arts department on April 20. San Diego Museum of Art director Derrick Cartwright offers "In Visible Institutions: The City and Its Museums," April 27. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Meaningful Disturbances: A Process-Based Art" presented by local sculptor Ann Mudge, Friday, April 21, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Last Millennium of Chinese History: Transitions from Culture to

Nation" is subject for lecture series at UCSD by Frederic Wakeman Jr. (a UC Berkeley Asian studies professor). "Qing Culturalism and Mancho Identity" presented on Friday, April 21, 3 p.m., in Weaver Center. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

How Does Your Garden Grow? Julie Schneider discusses gardening with native plants when Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve gather on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m., at Valley Center Community Hall (28246 Lilac Road). Free. 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Three Views on the Middle East" on offer when Lebanese-born artist Doris Bittar, UCSD economics professor James Rauch, and Iraqi-born attorney Nadia Keilani speak for Women's International League for Peace and

Freedom, Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

Invasive Plant Lecture and Hike by Jon Rebman of San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in Oak Riparian Park. \$20 fee includes vegetarian picnic. Required reservations: 760-720-5220 or 760-438-1209. (OCEANSIDE)

Plumeria Expert Sean Miller speaks on Hawaii's "lei flower" for Southern California Plumeria Society on Sunday, April 23, 1 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 102. Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

"Field School, Beyond the Field: Experiences in a Bioarchaeological Laboratory" presented by SDSU graduate student Kelleen Massie for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, April 24. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Introduction to Wine, Part II," expand your knowledge of wine and how it relates to food during class, Monday, April 24, 6 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). \$35. Registration: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

"Anonymous Surfing" discussed by Bill French of Anonymizer for Tri-City Computer Club, Tuesday, April 25, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

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“The 1906 Earthquake — Lessons Learned, Lessons Forgotten” presented by Mary Lou Zoback of U.S. Geological Society, Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Chernobyl 20 Years Later: A Public and Environmental Health Assessment” offered by nuclear power, sustainable energy experts Angelina M. Galiteva and Rochelle Becker, Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

Current Immigration Debate in U.S. discussed by Wayne Cornelius of UCSD’s Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, Wednesday, April 26, 3 p.m., in social science building room 107 at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

“An Update on the San Diego City Schools” and future plans offered by school superintendent Carl A. Cohn, Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Get the Skinny on Loquats and take in a citrus propagation workshop when California Rare Fruit Growers meet on Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., in room 102 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

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 Gangster We Are All Looking For” read from by author Lê Thi Diem Thúy, Friday, April 21, 7 p.m., at Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street). Novelist was born in Phan Thiet, Vietnam, arrived in Southern California in 1978. Free. 858-573-1399. (LINDA VISTA)

“Words and Rhymes,” poets James Bliesner, Jihmye Collins, Jennifer Geran, Bobbie West, Kim Noriega, Kim Schmidt perform for “Entre Nous Showcase,” Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Series highlights “hidden talents of librarians and other library staff members.” Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Comic Russell Peters and guest perform Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$39.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Black Out Concert headlined by poet/spoken-word artist Ant Black, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., at Educational Cultural Complex Performing Arts Center (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). Program includes music by Kevin Sand-

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“20/20 Reflections: A Concert Celebrating 20 Years of Song” offered by San Diego Men’s Chorus in concerts on April 22 and 23 at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue).

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20–\$50. 619-296-7664. (NORTH PARK)

The Bayou Brothers take stage for Fallbrook Americana Music Series on Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets: \$15 for adults,

\$7 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

“Jack Benny: Laughter in Bloom,” one-man show presented by stage/television actor Ed-die Carroll, Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Es-

condido Boulevard). \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Psalmist Hour showcases live music and poetry by Steven Phillips, Cynthia Walker, the Urban Psalmist, Ruselan on Saturday, April 22, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Tickets at door: \$10, \$15. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

The Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

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)

Singing Through History, autoharpist, folksinger, storyteller Adam Miller in concert boasting interactive folk songs, stories for all ages, Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m., during family day activities at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Fantasy Author Dennis McKiernan signs *Once Upon an Autumn Eve*, Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Sunset Poets host poetry reading by group of Palomar College advanced creative writing students on Sunday, April 23, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North



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Novelist Duff Brenna reads from, signs his fifth book, *The Willow Man*, Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., in Griffin Gate at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Free. 619-644-7495. (EL CAJON)

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Canadian Fiddler Natalie MacMaster in concert, Wednesday, April 26, 8 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. \$34. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Open-Mike Poetry Night hosted by local poet, waiter, and *Reader* writer Geoff Bouvier on Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Sign-ups at 7 p.m., readings limited to five minutes. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Western Entertainer R.W. Hampton in concert hosted by

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Women on Fire," Judith Ivey presents her portrayal of "12 women on the brink of self-discovery" on Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$35, \$37. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

SPORTS

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)

Crack of the Bat, San Diego Padres host New York Mets in Petco Park, April 20-23, at 7:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Arizona Diamondbacks arrive for series April 24-26, with games at 7:05 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday,

12:35 p.m. on Wednesday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Watch an "Artist" (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)

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)

"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)

Over 75,000 Books offered during Coronado Library spring book fair, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, in white tents at Spreckels Park (at 6th Street and Orange Avenue). 619-435-0290. (CORONADO)

Antique Show and Sale at Del Mar Fairgrounds (2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard), April 21-23. Hours: 11 a.m.-8 on Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. \$8. 800-943-7501. (DEL MAR)

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Chicano Park Days, April 22 and 23. On Saturday find Aztec Indian dancers, mariachis and other live bands, traditional crafts, and authentic Mexican food from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday offers a traditional Aztec Indian ceremony and Huichal Indian crafts from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Chicano Park is on the corner of César Chávez Parkway and Logan Avenue. Free. 619-563-4661. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Oceanside Days of Art take place at Oceanside Civic Center Plaza (300 North Coast Highway), where artists will display their work from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23. Annual festival also features demonstrations, activities, food, entertainment. Free. 760-433-3632. (OCEANSIDE)

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The 20th Annual Avocado Festival with cooking contests, arts, crafts, games, vintage car show, and food showcasing avocados, Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., along on Main Street (between East Mission Road and Beech Street). Free admission. 760-728-5845. (FALLBROOK)

27th Annual Day at the Docks sportfishing festival, Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at America's Cup Harbor (1500 Scott Street). Onshore displays of fishing tackle and products, marine services, marine art, live entertainment, fishing seminars, catch-and-release fishing for kids. Free. 619-234-8793. (POINT LOMA)

EarthFair, celebrate Earth Day all over Balboa Park at event hosted by San Diego EarthWorks, Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Children's parade, four stages of entertainment, more than 200 exhibitors, hands-on and kid-oriented activities, all showcasing public and private environmental organizations. Free. 858-272-7370. (BALBOA PARK)

Stamp Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY 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 "Aviation in Film." Tickets: \$12 general, free for those ten and younger. 888-215-7000. (EL CAJON)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, April 24, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

Tuber and Cutting Sale held by San Diego County Dahlia Society, Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 858-672-2593. (BALBOA PARK)

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ArtWalk 2006, celebrating visual and performing artists of San Diego and Tijuana, Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, noon-6 p.m. Events are centered in Little Italy (from Beech Street to Fir Street) — artists display and sell their work, musical performances, children's activities. Free. 619-615-1090. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Gator by the Bay, annual zydeco and blues festival returns to Spanish Landing Park (4500 Harbor Drive), May 13 and 14. Live music by nine blues bands, seven Cajun and zydeco bands, Cajun and Creole food tasting and cooking demonstrations, kids’ activities, dance lessons, more. Admission: \$10 adults, free for those under 12. 619-234-8612. (DOWNTOWN)

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“Alice in Wonderland” presented by actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre, April 21–May 7, in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages.

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Jim Cummins and David Lehman Defeat the Masked Man

Finally, he spoke. “Which one of you is David?” Jim looked at me and I looked at Jim, like a pair of outfielders who let an easy fly ball drop between them. Finally I spoke: “Give me the gun.” “Give him the gun,” Jim said, trying to sound as calm as Brueghel’s ship that had somewhere to get to, as we did not. A ball falls somewhere and Jim goes in one direction, while in the other David scurries, as the tying run scores, the sound of exultant cheering fills the stadium, and the hapless pair are traded to the American League. “Give him the gun,” Jim repeated. The man’s hands were shaking. “Drop it.” And he did. Poetry had rendered the gun harmless as a drop of rain on the outfield grass in a dream sestina. Somewhere a bell rings, and a little boy playing with his father’s gun goes off looking for the nearest Goliath, emulating David. The masked man conceded the pot to Jim, holder of a pair of aces. Finally he spoke: “What’s that sound?” “I didn’t hear anything,” Jim said. “What sound?” In the fog you couldn’t see the moon drop like a ball of light. We cuffed the masked man. A pair of jacks trumps deuces but loses to a flush, and somewhere a betting man gets ready to put in all his chips. David clapped Jim on the back. “I knew you’d get the gun.” Finally he spoke: “We’re Yanks. Every man his own gun. We have reviewed our financial portfolios and they’re sound. We have hired Jim to be bartender and David to be bouncer at the sestina bar, where you can drop A hundred bucks on a hand or a line. Welcome to somewhere else I have never traveled.” The people cheered. What a pair of jokers, one girl said, and everyone laughed. The appearance of David and Jim at this climactic moment, guns in hand, struck many as too good to be true. Somewhere they had never traveled past lighthouses on Long Island Sound where in a chilled glass of gin you can taste the single drop of vermouth, and Jim writes sestinas about his exploits with David. David turned to Jim. “What have you got?” “Pair of queens.” “How did we get that guy to drop the gun?” Somewhere you could hear a cheer, an echo without a sound.

Big Hair

Ithaca, October 1993: Jorie went on a lingerie tear, wanting to look like a moll in a Chandler novel. Dinner, consisting of three parts gin and one part lime juice cordial, was a prelude to her hair. There are, she said, poems that can be written only when the poet is clad in black underwear. But that’s Jorie for you. Always cracking wise, always where the action is, the lights, and the sexy lingerie. Poems, she said, were meant to be written on the run, like ladders on the stockings of a gun moll at a bar. Jorie had to introduce the other poet with the fabulous hair that night. She’d have preferred to work out at the gym. She’d have preferred to work out with Jim. She’d have preferred to be anywhere but here, where young men gawked at her hair and old men swooned at the thought of her lingerie. “If you’ve seen one, you’ve seen the moll,” Jorie said when asked about C. “Everything she’s written is an imitation of E.” Some poems can be written only when the poet has fortified herself with gin. Others come easily to one as feckless as Moll Flanders. Jorie beamed. “It happened here,” she said. She had worn her best lingerie, and D. made the expected pass at her. “My hair was big that night, not that I make a fetish of hair, but some poems must not be written by bald sopranos.” That night she lectured on lingerie to an enthusiastic audience of female gymnasts and gin-drinking males. “Utopia,” she said, “is nowhere.” This prompted one critic to declare that, of them all, all the poets with hair, Jorie was the fairest moll. The *New York Times* voted her “best hair.” Iowa City was said to be the place where all aspiring poets went, their poems written on water, with blanks instead of words, a tonic of silence in the heart of noise, and a vision of lingerie in the bright morning — the lingerie to be worn by a moll holding a tumbler of gin, with her hair wet from the shower and her best poems waiting to be written.



David Lehman

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noon, Hermit Cove, 9535 Marritt Road. Call for details: 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

The Ocean World Is Introduced to Children in a specially designed, interactive program series. Each class includes aquarium exhibits and live animal encounters and concludes

with a free-play experience. “H’ Is for Hermit: All About Crabs” is the session offered Sunday, April 23, 9:30–11 a.m., at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, 2300 Expedition Way. \$28 per day (adult/child pair). 858-534-FISH (3474). (LA JOLLA)

“Tots and Tales,” an Interactive Story Time, held April 27 and the fourth Thursday of every month. 10:30 a.m., San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines Street. \$2 suggested donation. 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts

and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John “L.J.” Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the “Sweetwater Soup,” and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the “Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay” exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center’s parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, an exploration of “the aesthetics of feminine constriction through the female undergarment

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of the past, serving as a representation of restricted movement and limited choice” offered in “Ophelia Rising: An Installation by Andrea Singer,” on display through May. Singer uses fashion dating back to the 1770s to explore “woman as a subject of constraint.”

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael

Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden

train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of

the last barns still standing in Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at

5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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Jim and Dave Defeat the Masked Man



Jim Cummins

By Jim Cummins and David Lehman; Illustrated by Archie Rand
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Jim Cummins and I were talking one afternoon about the sestina collection put together by himself and David Lehman. Mr. Cummins was at his desk at the University of Cincinnati where he teaches English and writing. I was at home in California.

Mr. Cummins went to the University of Cincinnati as an undergraduate and the Iowa Writers' Workshop for graduate school, where he graduated in 1973. He studied, he said, "principally with Donald Justice, and secondarily, to some extent, Marvin Bell. But mostly Don Justice."

I asked about the new book's title.

"Oh, *Jim and Dave Defeat the Masked Man*? Well, it's funny, when we first started doing these, David and I were in the midst of a growing friendship. It was fun. When we came to choose a title, the titles we had seemed so, I don't know, *pretentious*. They had little puns in them, but they weren't, not really. Then David wrote the 'Masked Man' sestina [see page 96] as a response to sestinas that I'd written, he and I being not superheroes but CIA operatives on the poetry front. That opened up the whole thing, and David said, 'Why not use it as a title?'"

"Explain what a sestina is."
Mr. Cummins laughed, something that he would often

do in the next 30 minutes. "It's one of those things where you start to explain and it's like a bad joke, but, basically, it's a medieval troubadour poetry form. It's the only one where repetition takes the place of rhyme. Originally, the scenes of the sestina were time, love, loss, with six stanzas of six lines each. Each of the end words of the first stanza repeat in an intricate way throughout. So, you have only six end words all the way through the total of 39 lines, especially through those first 36 lines, and then in the last stanza, it's a three-line envoi, and that envoi includes all the six end words in it. These three end words end each of the three lines. And there's one end word on each of the three lines. It's about repetition and change,

how things come around each stanza. If you're in a sestina and you step into the same river twice, you're in a bad sestina."

"Help me," I said. "If you were going to explain this book to a class of seniors, what would you tell them?"

"I would say that it's not attempting to be over-determined, it's not attempting to give you a theme or a thematic thread, but it does give you a kind of structure. They're all sestinas, after all. It's like going through a pinball machine. You're the ball.

"There's no thread that I can pick up except that the project itself provides the thread. It's like a cathedral where you have the pressure of the arch itself, holding itself together."

"The more complex a form in poetry, the more that form draws out of the poet notions and words that he or she had not previously entertained or would not likely have entertained. Do you think that is true?" I asked.

"That is a truth," said Mr. Cummins, "that you can't explain to people, but it's absolutely true. What I found when I was doing my first book — *The Whole Truth* — which is a sequence of 24 sestinas based on the Perry Mason characters from the old TV show — I actually had somebody call me from an English department asking what 'the whole truth' was. The whole truth is that there isn't one. But what I try to tell people is you wrestle a sestina, and you don't always win. You have some con-

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legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan

from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from

Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy

jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built

in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

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tent, and you're going to pour that content into a form; that form has its own ideas about your content."

I suggested, "It's rather like wrestling between Jacob and the Angel. The sestina's content seeks the Angel's blessing of form."

"Yes. Especially the sestina. The sonnet is much more like a good child."

"The sestina," I said, "seems more complicated a project than the sonnet."

"It's complicated, but I'll tell you, when you get down into the third and fourth stanzas, you have to be light on your feet, you have to shift and go with the way that the poem is developing, rather than the way that you conceived of it beforehand; it's a lot of fun. It can be thrilling. When I was writing my first book, I used to crack myself up on the typewriter. I don't know if that's conceited to say or what, but I used to get a kick out of them."

"Why shouldn't you enjoy

what you do?"

"True. Why shouldn't I?"

"When did you discover sestinas?"

"Two of my favorite poets were John Ashbery, the genius of the age, and Donald Justice."

"Donald Justice — whom everyone forgets."

"I know. It's amazing, isn't it? He's got such a reputation and yet, it's almost like stealth playing: at a certain angle he disappears. But, those two sestina writers in particular — John's poem, 'The Painter,' and then the 'Popeye' sestina and the 'Faust' sestina, those were the three sestinas that I first read after Pound's 'Sestina Altaforte,' which I didn't like. I read those three and I thought, 'Well, I love them,' and then a few years later, I thought, 'What if I took this weird content and put it into this weird form?'"

"When did people start writing sestinas?"

"That's a good question. Nobody ever stopped, but nobody would ever think of having more than one, or maybe two at the most, in a book. Now, Donald Justice did have three in a book, I think. But, mostly the sestina is looked at as way too 'self conscious,' way too — I call it 'Baby Huey.' A sestina kind of walks up to you and doesn't know its own strength, slaps you on the back and causes your dentures to fly out."

"And like Baby Huey, his lips are slightly moist."

"Yes, exactly. That is a sestina. I don't want to think about that, but yes, you're right."

"How did you and David happen to do this book?"

"David and I both love the New York School of Poets, first of all. And, Kenneth Koch and John Ashbery collaborated on a sestina or two. I think Ashbery is someone that people are only beginning to understand. Not that I understand him. There's a big Ashbery conference that's going to be held. David's running it in New York in April. There's a new book — *A New Theory for American*

Poetry: Democracy, the Environment, and the Future of Imagination — out by a man named Angus Fletcher, which explains contemporary poetry in a different way. He uses Ashbery and Whitman. Many people are going to show up and have much to say and read poems."

"How did you happen upon the cartoon setting — Archie Rand's drawings that illustrate the sestinas?"

"My best friend for 20 years was a novelist and essay writer and good poet, Ross Feld. He was from Brooklyn, but he moved here because his wife was a doctor here, and we struck up a friendship and, anyway, he died in 2001, I believe, or 2000. It turned out that his best friend, when they were growing up, was Archie Rand. We were thinking about cover art and I said, 'Would Archie Rand be okay?' because I like his paintings and it would be an emotional thing for me, and I would like that. David said, 'It's

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a great idea,' because Archie had worked with John Ashbery and Robert Creeley on their covers.

"So, we contacted Archie. He not only agreed to do the cover, but then when he read the book, he actually responded to the poems with paintings. We were both so impressed. I was so moved and grateful. It was partly a book to Ross, on both our parts. So that was nice. And, of course, I love the individual paintings. I think he's wonderful."

I asked, "When you sit

down and you say, 'Aha, today is a sestina day,' what typically gets you started?"

"Usually what I do is I write a stanza, and the stanza, if it's going to be a sestina, usually comes out as something close to a six-line stanza, something close, and words I can work with. Sometimes, like with *The Whitman Subpoena*, my first book, I just took a six-line passage out of my favorite six-line passage from 'Song of Myself,' and then set about the work of doing the next five stanzas. So

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largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa

de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Genome: How the Secret of Life Works," continuing through April, explores the human genome, revealing the mysteries of genes, delineating the last two centuries of discovery, and unraveling implications of gene therapy for future of medical science, health

care. Interactive displays, "family-friendly activities" to help visitors understand the genome's function and role in daily life.

The "Olympus BioScapes Photo Competition" exhibit continues through April. Show features photographs of scientific processes using latest technologies — live-cell imaging, fluorescent probes, more — magnified up to 2400x. Images illustrate how

photography has become essential part of scientific investigation.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," running through December, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, ex-

ploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Vikings: Journey to New Worlds* and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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they happen in different ways, but mainly I get that first stanza down and then I develop from there."

"What do you call the writer of a sestina, a sestinatist?"

"I don't know. Richard Howard calls it 'sestination.'"

"Why do sestinas eschew rhyme?"

"I know some people say

that this is not the case, but if rhyme is mnemonic, written so as to help you remember, I suppose that this sestina form was a different kind of memory trick. And, also, evidently, the sestina in the earliest origins, or at the least the pro-sestinas, or the pre-sestinas, were associated with death, or, in some way, loss. So, I guess the answer to that is back there in that milky area, but I just don't know what it is."

"Why is it that form in poetry is once again becoming of interest to working poets?"

"Well, to me, it's because it's powerful; form, to me, has a value that evidently many other people don't feel that it has. Free verse isn't free; you've got to have the echo form or it's not going to work itself, and if you're willful and narcissistic, maybe you can forget that and believe that your own organic form is the powerful and important thing."

"But I think that all those centuries of tradition and authority are behind free verse. Organic

form has a built-in sense that this absolute moment of my expression is the ultimate and important moment. Sometimes, well, a lot of times, you just don't feel that confident about things, or at least I don't, and to access the kind of power that form offers is wonderful. It's a resource like colors of a palette."

"Form," I said, "seems to have an answering strength. It makes demands on you."

"It makes demands on you and it gives you back. That's what I meant about wrestling; I didn't mind the wrestling. The wrestling was a part of the joy of it all because the adversary is your equal."

"One aspect of writing that I like," I said, "is that so often you do not know what comes next."

"I agree with that. This is one crucial reason why I think Ashbery is so amazing, I don't want to write the poetry of will. I want to back off from it as much as I can and let what happens, hap-

pen. Because I know that what happens is going to be arbitrary. It's going to be like the greater Cincinnati area as opposed to Cincinnati, the city. It's like going to come out of the greater Cincinnati area of myself rather than the particular localized area that sits down and determines to write a poem. And I want the greater area."

"You want the farmland."

"Exactly. I want all that to be where it comes from rather than my individual little ego."

Professor Cummins rarely teaches sestinas in his classes. "I don't do any of my work in class. Sometimes the better students will check out their teacher's works, but I would imagine most of them don't even know I publish."

I asked about Soft Skull Press, located in Brooklyn, and the reading Mr. Cummins and several of Soft Skull's writers gave recently. Mr. Cummins said, "There's a woman named Jennifer Knox. I read with her at

"Free verse isn't free."

Harvard last week. It was fun. I was thrilled by her work. She's like an Amazon — six feet tall and she's beautiful, but she's also — pardon the expression — a *shitticker*. Gets right out there and mixes it up. The book that they published of hers is remarkable. I was pleased. It made me feel excited about where things are these days; I was pleased to have a genuine feeling like that about the press."

"What did people say to you afterwards?"

"Oh, gosh. I don't know, now that I think about it. Erica Funkhouser, the poet, was there, and we talked. She was wonderful. I've always liked her work. We talked about what poets talk about, poetry politics. We're both recluses or outsiders; we both

are living in our worlds and trying to write and we don't have a whole lot of connection to the poetry world. So we were talking about that and how that's ultimately freeing. Once you get past feeling outcast, you come to realize how freeing it is. We're not in any cliques is what I mean — and then finally you begin to realize, 'That's wonderful, I can think anything I want to think.'

"Then my roommate from Iowa City from 30 years ago, who lives in Boston and is a historian for the city government there, has written a book about the history of Boston. He came. I look over and here's this guy in a beard whose eyes are twinkling, trying to fool me, but I knew it was him."

— Judith Moore

seum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's

history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a

component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers

visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North

Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on

California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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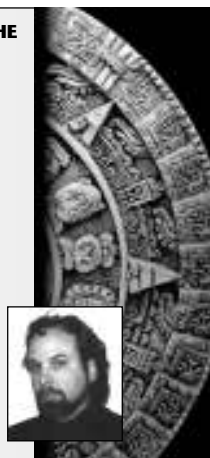
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Whenever something desirable comes to market, the Getty often has first dibs.

As I write this, in early April, newspapers are reporting more troubles in the House of Getty. Greek authorities have just seized ancient artifacts from a villa belonging to Marion True, a former curator of the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, because Greek law requires possession of antiquities to be reported to the government. Ms. True had quit her job when it was revealed she borrowed \$400,000 to buy her villa in collaboration with one of the museum's principal suppliers of ancient art. As if she didn't have enough to worry over, she's also on trial in Rome for conspiring to traffic in stolen artifacts. Quite apart from Ms. True's problems, in the past year Greece and Italy have both brought legal action against the Getty Museum to recover items they believe left those countries illegally. These and other woes — Barry Munitz, director of the J. Paul Getty Trust, resigned in February and is under investigation by the California attorney general's office for alleged misuse of expense accounts — have coincided with the reopening of the Getty Villa in Malibu.

A little background would help. Mr. Getty bought his first piece of ancient art in 1939 and by the early '50s had built the foundation for the finest private collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. (Some of the holdings, most famously a superbly

preserved *Statue of a Kouros* dated 530 B.C. — a *kouros* is a young man — are possibly modern forgeries.) Getty was at the same time collecting old master and modern paintings and in 1954 decided to make all his holdings open to the public in his

Malibu ranch house. In the late 1960s, he wanted to build a separate structure to house his collection and decided to construct a replica of the Villa dei Papiri in

Herculaneum, an opulent seaside home (and, like Pompeii, victim of Vesuvius) of the kind featured at the San Diego Museum of Art's recent exhibition, *In Stabiano*.

Since the original villa was still mostly buried in mud and lava, the Malibu replica was based on speculative designs derived from what had already been excavated. When it opened in 1974, it immediately became one of America's odder destinations: a mock-up of an as-yet-unearthed Roman villa, built in Los Angeles (symbol and reality of speed-demon modernity), that tumbled together antiquities, old master paintings, and modern art, in addition to anachronistic, heavy-handed decorations: French furniture, damask wall-coverings, elaborate candelabra, and fool-the-eye murals. It boasted the stuffed-bird ambiance of Charles Kane's Xanadu.

In 1997, the Getty Foundation closed the villa

for remodeling. (The J. Paul Getty Center, in the meantime, was built on its fortress hilltop in Brentwood to house everything except the antiquities.) When Mr. Getty died in 1976, he left most of his multibillion-dollar estate to the museum, which overnight became the most cash-rich art institution in the world. Whenever something desirable (and absurdly overpriced) comes to market, the Getty often has first dibs. Now, \$275 million later, the villa has finally reopened, though it's now the centerpiece of a much larger campus that includes a parking garage, entry pavilion, shop, amphitheatre, auditorium, and café, all of them modern in design, though the passage to them is a cobblestone "Roman road." The architects, Boston's Rodolfo Machado and Jorge Silvetti, have done more than simply restore the old place. They've reconceptualized the original and worked their own rigorously pristine, modernist changes on it while honoring the appearance and spirit of Imperial Roman architecture. They've installed new floors of mosaic, bronze, and marble; reorganized the "traffic routes" so that you can negotiate your way fluidly through the many galleries; and added 58 windows and 3 skylights. The savvy remodeling welcomes crisp natural light that streams



New entry pavilion

The Getty Villa is open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays and on major holidays. Admission is free, but advance timed tickets are required. Parking is \$7. For directions and reservations, call 310-440-730 (English/Spanish) or 310-440-7305 (TTY) or visit online at www.getty.edu

the interior, as a seaside villa should, into the bright air and mildly salty breezes outside. I also have to say that the villa gleams so majestically inside and out, and is so perspicaciously executed down to

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Goya's Portraits has been organized by the San Diego Museum of Art in collaboration with the Museo Nacional de Arte, Mexico City. The exhibition is made possible by the generous support of Jeanne Jones, Tiffany and Co., the Estate of Mr. Walter Fitch III, the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, the County of San Diego Community Enhancement Program, and members of the San Diego Museum of Art.

Francisco de Goya, *Pedro Romero* (detail), oil on canvas, 1796/98. Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas.

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the smallest details, that it looks built from a kit.

Machado and Silvetti have created spaces that let the art breathe its own energetic life. And what a life it is. I'm not qualified to comment on the authenticity of anything, but the Villa's collection is historically comprehensive, edifying, and, item for item, often gorgeous, beginning with figurines from preclassical Cycladic art of 3000 B.C., flattened and practically featureless, like modernist sculpture by Brancusi and Henry Moore, who both borrowed from that formal vocabulary. The centerpiece of the pre-classical materials is an airy harpist of carved marble whose head is lifted as if in song, appropriate in a preliterate culture where the continuity of knowledge depended on oral traditions. Marion True's suspect villa, by grotesque coincidence, is on one of the Cyclades Islands.

The collection also includes ample selections of works from ancient Greece, Rome, and Etruria. From Greece comes a roundel with the head of Dionysus. (Rooms are organized by themes: Gods, Goddesses, the Trojan War, Dionysus and Theater, Funerary Sculpture, and so forth.) This furious deity, who led his women followers on nocturnal, torch-lit bacchanals,



Temple of Herakles gallery

lurches from his round support, shoulders tensed, mouth half open, silver eyes alight in a bronze head, looking unstopably powerful and deranged. The Greeks expended as much energy and genius on ornaments and household utensils as they did on "fine arts." A water jar displays an owl with precisely scalloped and notched feathers: olive branches on each side recall that Athena (the Roman Minerva), one of whose representations was the owl, gave Athenians the olive tree, a mainstay of their agriculture. The

ornaments always rub against myth or the natural order. A horn-shaped, silver wine cup (called a rhyton) has a handle carved in the form of a snarling lynx.

The Etruscans, a pre-Roman culture that settled along the northeastern margins of the Peninsula around 900 B.C., were said to be a happy people. They fought to preserve and extend their territory, of course, but their statues smile. Everything the Etruscans made testifies to the intensity and exuberance of life. A storage jar decorated with the Homeric scene of Odysseus' men blinding the Cyclops stands about 3 feet high, and the episode pulses with vengeful brio: the warriors pitch all their force into



Outer peristyle

pushing an ember-tipped pole into their captor's eye. And a terra cotta roof ornament (used to mask wooden joints) from 500 B.C. shows a maenad dancing with a satyr. The maenad wields castanets — Dionysus's followers were real noisemakers — and wears a gown that would have been painted splashy vermilion and indigo. She's *stepping out* with the satyr but also giving him the cold shoulder, turning her head from his. And for good reason, since the satyr, with his bulging eyes and drinker's lit-bulb nose, doesn't get the pulse racing.

On the unusually smogless day when I visited, the basilica — a room Romans reserved for private gatherings and worship — was magical. The Getty's, modeled after one found in Pompeii, is covered by ceiling friezes and has a crazy-puzzle marble floor copied from exemplars in Her-

culaneum. Opaque, yellow-onyx panels that look as thin as glass panes let through honeyed light that makes the basilica feel like a sacred place. We've come so far from the stories and mores of the ancient world that the didactic materials provided by explanatory panels and wall labels are essential. They're deftly written to inform us without bullying us into awe. It's impossible to re-create in a museum context any culture's sense of the sacred, but the Getty succeeds better than most. When you look at a vase that shows in exquisite detail the frilled and wiggly drapery of a goddess's gown, you may feel some flashing recognition of the immediacy, the immanence, of deities in Greek and Roman culture. In my recent column about Stabiano, I mentioned the mythic episode when Zeus in the form of a swan raped the mor-

tal Leda. The variations on the motif are endless. (The young Cézanne treated the subject.) A vase painting in the Getty dating to 330 B.C. shows Zeus gently smooching — beak-ing, really — Leda's lips, but the wings that spread wide around that tender gesture are imperious. The god is claiming her, and we're reminded that, however gentle the gesture, the offspring of that union, Helen, would years later become the occasion for a very long and unnecessary war. ■

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GALLERIES

MFA Thesis Exhibition by Adrian French with reception Saturday, April 22, 6–9 p.m., Flor y Canto Gallery, SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. Through April 27. Free. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

“Maple Plywood, Paper, Sand,” title of Yuri Kobayashi’s MFA Thesis Exhibition, opening with reception Saturday, April 22, 6–9 p.m., Everett Gee Jackson Gallery, SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. Showing through April 27. Free. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, 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 Guddenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament” is “latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist.” The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin’s “continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand the human condition.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Color photographs of rural

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

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, “Through a Lens Sharply: Photo Imaginings” by Amy Jorgensen, Barbara Sexton, and Marcela Villaseñor are on view through Sunday, May 28. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, “In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite” — continuing through Sunday, May 14 — is an “extremely rare exhibition of 2000-year-old Roman frescoes.” Exhibit includes 70 objects, including sculpture, stucco reliefs, decorative and utilitarian objects, and 24 frescoes. Roman villas of ancient Stabiae (modern Castellammare di Stabia) are located approximately 4.5 kilometers south of Pompeii; site was well preserved by catastrophic eruption that buried Pompeii and Herculaneum.

“Goya’s Portraits” — through Sunday, June 18 — features selection of approximately ten important portraits, highlighting Goya’s *Marquis of Sofraga*.

The museum’s growing contemporary collection and acquisition strategies are chronicled in “Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000–2005,” on display through Sunday, July 9. Exhibition includes 90 works in wide range of media, dating from 1960s to present, representing a variety of artistic approaches.

“Contemporary Links 4 — James Hyde: Luminous Platforms and Relaxed Seating” features site-specific “domestic interventions” in “Tracking and Tracing” installation. Hyde’s piece features three reading areas with furniture made from materials linking dialogue on abstract painting with minimalist furniture. Through April.

“Horrors of War,” drawn largely from museum’s print collection, includes works by American and European artists from 17th to 20th Centuries, including pieces by Jacques Callot, Käthe Kollwitz, Pierre Daura, Arthur Se-

gal, George Bellows. Closes Sunday, May 14.

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

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

Timken Museum of Art, currently showcased is museum’s latest acquisition, *Lady Mary Villiers*, an early 17th-Century masterwork by Anthony van Dyck, court painter for King Charles I and Queen Henrietta. Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Pipe Organ Concert series next performed by Robert MacLeod, organist at All Saints Episcopal Church and at Congregation Beth Israel Temple. Held on Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ, Scientist, corner of Palm and Allison Avenues. Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

“Choral Spectrum” featuring the Point Loma Nazarene University Concert Choir and guests singing Renaissance to contemporary music, Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Crill Performance Hall,

3900 Lomaland Drive. \$5 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Soirée for Music Lovers with János Négyesy and Friends performed as part of UCSD’s department of music 2006 events, Friday, April 21, 8 p.m., Mandeville Recital Hall, 9500 Gilman Drive. \$8 general. 858-534-3230. (LA JOLLA)

“Divisions Upon a Ground: Baroque Variations and Improvisations,” music of Vivaldi and Corelli. Part of the Baroque Music Festival, Concert III, held in conjunction with Maestro Nikolaus Harnoncourt’s visit for the 2006 Kyoto Laureate Symposium. Marianne Pfau, oboe and recorder; William Skeen, baroque cello and viola da gamba; and Richard Savino, baroque guitar and lute. They perform Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., at French Parlor, Founders Hall, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park. \$10 general. 619-260-4600. (LINDA VISTA)

Last Chance to Learn About the Romantic Era! This final concert of the Light Bulb Discovery Series, which explores great styles of orchestral music, will feature works by Beethoven, Berlioz, and Wagner. Conductor Murry Sidlin leads this exciting concert on Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m. Information or for tickets: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Magical Evening of Viennese Ball presented by the San Diego Young Artists Symphony. Conducted by music director Mary Gerard, they will perform waltzes

and polkas by masters such as Strauss, Lehar, and Suppe, on Saturday, April 22, 7:30–11 p.m., at Balboa Park Club Ballroom. \$40–\$45 with group and special discounts. 619-235-8067. (BALBOA PARK)

Sacred and Secular Choral Music presented by the Point Loma Singers, a select chamber choir from the Point Loma Nazarene University Music Department. Directed by Dr. Keith Pedersen, they perform Sunday, April 23, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

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Comedy in Range

"We saw these very slow moving stars heading north in formation, B-52s."

'Stay safe' or 'drive safely,' says Gary Kramer, artistic director of National Comedy Theatre. "Over here you say that after a party. Over there, it takes on a whole new meaning."

From February 21 to March 18, 2006, Kramer and members of the improvisational troupe's San Diego and New York branches did their fourth tour of military bases around the world. They were scheduled to perform at the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Djibouti, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. Two weeks before departure, the Pentagon added six days in Iraq.

"You won't go anywhere dangerous," an official said, "unless somebody screws up."

"We're just a bunch of comedians who get flown around," says Kramer, "like a big field trip? Next thing you know the prop-wash of a C130's blasting us with desert heat, and we're headed for Iraq."

A second reality check came when soldiers carrying M16 rifles handed them body armor, weighing over 40 pounds per person, and Kevlar helmets. When the plane took off, at about 80 feet in the air, it jerked hard 90 degrees, then dipped its wings vertical, the bottom one almost scraping the sand. Why? Less of a target for rifles and rocket-propelled grenades.

To David Tierney, director of National Comedy Theatre's San Diego branch, sizzling tarmacs

and endless sand, seen through the portholes of a sideways C130 transport, were old hat. Tierney was a Marine in the Gulf throughout Operation Desert Storm. His reality check came 15 years ago. He was stationed near the border, just minutes from Iraqi troops. One night they woke up his unit and ordered them to look at the coal-black sky.

"We saw these very slow moving stars, heading north in V formations," Tierney recalls, "B-52s. 'We aren't saber-rattling anymore,' a sergeant said, 'we're at war.' That was the scariest moment for me."

The NCT performers — Kramer, Tierney, Mike Eserkalm, Kim Chase, and technical director Janet Hayatshahi — toured on a strict military schedule (Kramer: "You can't be that rock band that's two hours late"). They would fly in, do their 90-minute improvisation show, then hang out with the troops and visit hospitals.

Officials for the Pentagon-sponsored tour said they couldn't talk about the war or the President. "We didn't need those orders," says Kramer. "Regardless of what you think, it's not fair to ask a soldier out of the blue, 'Do you want to be here?' No. We were there to entertain and be a sympathetic ear."

"Don't forget," Tierney laughs, "they were armed. Let's not get them hostile."

The group performed in theaters, tents, on the sand. They usually did one a day, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. But the shows, says Kramer, were the smallest part of the tour. "This

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National Comedy Theatre in Kuwait

was so not the Bob Hope Thing."

Audiences, which ranged from 300 to 1000, were "the most appreciative we'll ever know," says Kramer. "We're supposed to be light and funny. It seems like a problem, but it's not. Just help them recall home for a few hours. Make contact with something familiar."

They picked up on inter-service humor: Army vs. Air Force; enlisted vs. officers. Highlights often came when they brought soldiers onstage to ad lib.

Reactions after always surprised the company.

They'd be ready to leave, maybe shake a few hands at the door, but people wouldn't let them. They'd talk late into the evening, sometimes eat and drink with the soldiers.

"It's weird," says Kramer. "They don't know us from Adam but are thrilled we're there. These people are away from home, from everything you find comfortable and enjoying; they're in harm's way and THEY'RE THANKING US!"

Due to security concerns, the itinerary was always "TBD" — to be determined. They rode

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C130s. At one point, they heard they would fly Black Hawk helicopters. When the flight was canceled and they asked why, an officer said, "Turn on the news in a few days."

Soldiers watch only two TV channels in Iraq: CNN and Fox. Three days later a news story announced "Operation Swarmer," a massive helicopter strike, was underway. "So then we knew where our ride went," says Kramer. "It was surreal to be right in the middle of it."

They stayed at huge bases, "like landing in the middle of Pendleton," always had a guide and always felt safe, except that time at Balad.

About 60 kilometers northwest of Baghdad, a soldier at the Balad base was tinkering with a mortar defense unit that looked like R2D2. Two Gatling guns fire 3000 to 4500 rounds of 20mm ammunition per minute. "Thing hasn't worked yet," the soldier fretted.

As the troupe was headed for a performance, they heard a roar, like a giant chainsaw. Turning to the source, they saw hundreds of red tracers flash into the sky. Then, less than a mile off, a puff of smoke.

R2D2 had downed an incoming mortar. "The alert came *after*," says Kramer, "which made it too late to get nervous." The whole time, GIs went about their business. Some never stopped pumping weights in the gym.

"Whaddaya know," said the fretting soldier, "damn thing

finally worked."

Celebrities do "handshake" tours of bases and hospitals in the Persian Gulf. James Gandolfini has done the circuit, as have other *Sopranos* actors ("Omigod," a wounded soldier exclaimed, "it's Tony! Yo, *T!*"). The National Comedy Theatre troupe spent more time visiting chow halls and hospitals than onstage.

Medical centers resemble vast MASH units, clusters of tents, but minus camouflagage and trees, "and surprisingly quiet," says Kramer, "without a lot of hustle and bustle. Men and women sedated, many in pain." Several had been injured by IEDs (roadside bombs). Some were just out of surgery, others going home.

"We aren't a celebrity tour," says Kramer. "We aren't even from their neighborhoods. Plus, I'm a very shy person. This part always made me nervous: go into a hospital, where morale is often low, as can be expected, and you're just Joe Blow. What do you say?"

You improvise. Rather than hold back for fear of offending, the comedians found that sometimes making light of things worked best.

Tierney: "They understood who we were. We were the funny people. This gave us license to riff. No one's talking to them like that."

They hit the guy whose truck hit a camel with, "Dude, what were you thinking?"

Kramer kidded another,

"Hey, man it up and get back to work!

"The minute you start talking to someone, you can tell how far to push the envelope. Occasionally we'd come across people who clearly wanted to be alone — perhaps they were depressed — and we'd respect that."

Good-natured teasing, sometimes even sarcasm "with your fingers crossed behind you," became the ice-breaker. Wounded soldiers talked about their injuries, families, hometown. Mike Eserkaln's wife teaches school in Green Bay. He brought a manila envelope stuffed with letters and drawings from her students.

Tierney struck up a conversation with a kid awaiting surgery — "the youngest possible soldier, just one stripe out of boot camp" — who had to tell someone his story.

While patrolling a heavily traveled road, his fire team was ambushed. Small arms and RPGs lit up the street, "as if they knew we were coming." In an instant his squad and team leaders were severely wounded.

Tierney: "That's his whole chain of command. Replacements must step up. But that's impossible in a firefight, so there's no 'unit' left, only individuals trying to keep themselves and their buddies alive."

The kid caught shrapnel in one leg, and a bullet went in one shoulder and out the other.

He told Tierney about the

ambush, his wounds, impending surgery. "He let it all out. When he finished, he thanked me for listening. That guy felt *genuinely* better after."

Their longest stay was three days at Djibouti, a small country just north of Somalia on the Gulf of Aden. "It could have the worst poverty in Africa," says Kramer. "The whole place looks like a landfill." Also, a large portion of the population — estimates range up to 80 percent — has AIDS.

NCT did their show, visited hospitals, and went off base to an orphanage, where nuns were feeding small children. The nuns immediately put the company to work: suddenly each member was holding an infant, feeding and putting them to bed. "You were *not* prepared for this," says Kramer. "These babies were no one else's babies."

"We felt so helpless that we couldn't do anything *more* for them," says Kim Chase, the group's keyboardist and producer of the NCT New York branch, "such incredibly happy faces when we played with them, immersed in such devastating poverty."

By the end of the tour, the troupe grew accustomed to military flights and "un-stomach friendly" tactical landings. They had to be at passenger terminals at least three hours in advance. This often meant 3:30 a.m. Around 7:00, they'd put on body armor and earplugs and board a C130 with soldiers, civilians, military gear. The flight out of

Djibouti was different: only the troupe and a five-person crew.

The plane flew five hours, from Bahrain to Djibouti, picked them up, turned around, and flew five hours back. Along the way the crew talked and joked with the comedians. "Amazing," says Kramer, "just us and them." By the time the plane touched down at Bahrain, they'd all become like family.

Kramer thanked the soldiers for putting in a ten-plus-hour workday for some no-name entertainers.

"We loved bringing you guys," one replied. "We're used to flying coffins." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Always...Patsy Cline

The Welk Resort Theatre presents this musical about the great Patsy Cline and her friendship with Louise Seeger. Larry Raben directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 11; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AND TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448, OR 888-802-7469.

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The Cherry Orchard

SDSU School of Theatre, Television, and Film presents Anton Chekhov's drama about imminent changes to a country estate. DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, APRIL 28, THROUGH MAY 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

The Constant Wife

W. Somerset Maugham's 1926 comedy turns the tables on the Victorian "double standard," in which two-faced males philander while their wives remain models of subservient rectitude. Constance, whose husband John is having an affair, says that if a woman's financially dependent on her husband, then he's "bought her fidelity." But what if — and the idea dawns on Constance like an electric light in a gaslit world — what if the woman became economically independent? The Old Globe has tamed Maugham's "drama of conversation" somewhat. And a lengthy sag in the long first act begs for a trim as well. The payoffs are worth the trek, however, especially watching John squirm when hoisted by his own, um, petard. Ralph Funicello's all-white drawing room, in which Lewis Brown's London fashions flower like a spring bouquet, is a model of formality. Not all the performances reach beyond the decor, and the cast isn't unified stylisti-

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cally: some do comedy of manners (or mannerisms); others suggest dimensions beyond the script — in particular, Henny Russell’s Constance, who 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 (but pushes her toward a cold, unappealing rationality). J Paul Boehmer rightly plays Bernard as a living Arrow shirt ad, and mustachioed Wynn Harmon, a dead ringer for Edgar Allen Poe, does a fine comic turn as John, waxing most eloquent when the good doctor becomes speechless. **Worth a try.**

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
Some of the sharpest, and funniest, theater criticism around! The framing device — the show’s a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers — doesn’t last two minutes before it disappears. But no matter. Gerard Alessandrini’s latest attempt to “turn the Great White Way gray” ’s a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and amazing performances by Jeanne Montano (who skewers Yoko Ono and *Jersey Boys*) and Valerie Fagan (co-author of *Six Women With Brain Death*, who slanders Sarah Brightman). Male performers Jared Bradshaw and Kevin B. McGlynn certainly hold their own (especially Bradshaw’s demolition of Harry Connick Jr. and McGlynn’s take on a forgetful Robert Goulet, who slaps lyrics from *Camelot* onto *South Pacific*). 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, under the weight of Julie Taymor’s gigantic headgear), and Alessandrini’s spoof on *Chicago* and how to dance the Fosse style (“bowler hats,” “spread your fingers so”) is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt’s cartoony costumes (which often get changed in split seconds). Amid near-constant laughs, the revue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway’s disturbing penchant for “puppet” and “jukebox” theater, and its general dumbing down of

late. All true, yet never put so memorably. **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
Kirsten Greenidge’s pastiche begs for a better second act. Now in its world premiere, the play raises serious questions about the “ideal” and the “normal” — and who defines them for African-American women. But what starts as a quirky comedy, and a very funny scene at the Goodwill, ends up a series of lectures in Act Two: practically everybody waxes into one, from the kids to the adults, and the piece falls flat. To appease a fascist black prof, Ruth will do anything, even steal a child (and wallow in a tub of maple syrup??). In this allegedly disconnected, postmodern world, it turns out, *everyone’s* connected (scratch the surface of much PoMo theater and you’ll find a rage for order). The real disconnection’s between the play’s comic, at times “cute” veneer and the horrors it almost makes light of: a stalker, child-stealing, arguments for racial purity. Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg and a top-notch Moxie Theatre cast can’t find a tone to accommodate both. Individual scenes and performances (Monique Gaffney on fire, Mark Christopher Lawrence, June Christina Rogers) work well, as do Jerry Sonnenberg’s pastiche set, with maybe six or seven playing spaces, and Jennifer Eve Thorn’s costumes. But the sum, especially when tied in a miraculously convenient knot, is far less than the parts.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, 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.

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Late-Nite Catechism
As part of its “Off Nites at NCRT,” the North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises its hit show, an interactive adult catechism class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn’t sound like much. The sister is substituting (it’s the regular teacher’s poker night, don’t tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. The sister’s authoritarianism takes the class to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when she taps a hard ruler against her palm). The results: an evening of almost non-stop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding. **Worth a try.**
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 22. (NOTE: LATE-NITE RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM 2. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 858-481-1055.)

Late-Nite Catechism 2
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My Fair Lady
Cygnet Theatre celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Lerner and Loewe classic with a pared-down version. The company hasn’t solved all the technical problems of shifting from epic to intimate (slides projected on the rear wall also project on the actors, piped-in music), but the performances are winners, and the production offers inventive twists. Ron Choularton plays Eliza Dolittle’s father, Alfred P., as if to his ill manners born. Sean Cox’s ardent tenor rendition of “On the Street Where You Live” stops the show. As do Jeanne Reith’s costumes, especially when a transformed Eliza appears before the ball, radiant as a star. Instead of Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn emblazoned across Cinemascope, Sean Murray’s Henry Higgins and Amy Biedel’s Eliza are much more finite and human — and malleable. Both sing well (and Murray often sings the songs Harrison spoke). In a surprising update, Cygnet 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 Cygnet, *My Fair Lady’s* come a

long way, baby! (Due to popular demand, Cygnet has extended the run of *My Fair Lady*.) **Worth a try.**
CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

National Comedy Theatre
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.

Necessary Targets
Palomar Performing Arts stages Eve Ensler’s drama about women and war. Dana Case directed.
HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH APRIL 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150.

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EXPERIMENTAL THEATER, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THURSDAY, APRIL 20, THROUGH APRIL 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (THE ROMAN FESTIVAL, WHICH IS FREE, BEGINS TWO HOURS EARLIER.) 619-594-5186.

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, 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 playwright-fiancé, might not have been one. Robert Smyth directed.
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, 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.

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rilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

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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 undying memory of Maxine's mother, Evie. In the end, Evie does a metamorphosis far more eloquent than all the playwright's images combined.

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hem 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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Plague in San Marcos! Chimichanga and the Sour Chives recently opened up for Plague of Society at a San Marcos bar. “[Some of the

me.... We just kept playing.”

Guitarist Aaron Ellenberger says the marauding patrons had been drinking.

“We had someone taking pictures.... In one, you can see how this guy in his 60s is so messed up that he [wet] his own pants.” Ellenberger says club employees declined

[such events] are offensive to women as well as perpetuating a racist



A PIMP AND HO HAVE FUN OUTSIDE SD

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the inside track

patrons] were acting up and saying shit as soon as they saw us,” says Plague singer Benjamin Nelson. The gig was his band’s first. They played for about an hour to approximately 60 bar regulars. The musicians didn’t have any trouble until their last song, “Monster Crass” (sample lyric: “Plague of society is moving right next door to thy, / What ya gonna do, save the world? Fuck the world, light it on fire!!!!”).

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WHAT YA GONNA DO, SAVE THE WORLD?

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to stop the confrontation. “I could see the owner in the corner with a big grin; these

were his regulars.... We finished up and got out of there.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

No Ho’s in O.B. “We’ve already talked two [local] venues into canceling all future ‘pimp ’n’ ho’ events,” says SDSU student Teri N., who heads a newly formed women’s coalition named DM (Demand Respect). “We made [clubs] aware that

stereotype.... I wouldn’t say we threatened to protest because it never came to that. I did mention that some of our [protest] signs say, ‘KKK Klub.’” She declined to specify which clubs have agreed to stop hosting pimp ’n’ ho events.

DM’s first protest on March 10 consisted of four women carrying signs outside the “Pimpin’ Hoe Down” held at O.B.’s Portugalia Restaurant (admission was free to costume-wearers). Teri N. says they stopped their demonstration after police threatened to arrest the protesters for not having a proper permit.

Inside the restaurant, “There were definitely lots of cute girls in a kind of crossover ‘ho at the hoedown’ ensemble,” says Shoestring Strap guitarist Dave Lowenstein. “One had a super-tiny red latex minidress on with fishnets, cowboy boots, and a cowboy hat. I wish I had photographic

evidence of that one.” Lowenstein says around 250 people attended, and he doesn’t recall any protesters out front. “That was the first gig we ever did where the bar ran completely out of alcohol.”

Jessica Yuriditsky of ViParty PowerHouse says they’ll host another Pimpin’ Hoe Down at Portugalia on April 29 (Shoestring Strap will play again). “I hope [the protesters] come back for the next one, we could use the publicity,” says Yuriditsky. She stresses that, “It’s hoe — not ho — as in hillbillies, not hookers.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

When One Door Is Closed... Rick Reitano says he’s had it with Encinitas and has put his reggae store up for sale. His father opened Rainbow Country 21 years ago. Reitano took over the Highway 101 store in ’89, when his dad moved to Oregon.

“The streetscape [project] tore up the street and left us in a muddy dirt hole for almost two years,” says Reitano.

“There was a nice, big leafy green tree out front. They plowed it over and replaced it with a palm tree.” Reitano says

Rainbow Country is one of the last holdouts of the Encinitas that thrived during the ’60s, ’70s, and ’80s.

“They want nothing but foo-foo shops up here now.... Everything in Encinitas is Nordy-like. This used to be ground zero as an artsy, laid-back, cool surf spot. Now everyone is really anal.... No one gives a rat’s ass about the old Encinitas except the surfers, and they are just surfers.”

Reitano has a problem with the Downtown Encinitas Merchants Association, which collects mandatory merchant fees and oversees the appearance of downtown.

“They don’t like me. Other merchants accept their rip-off fees. I voice my opinions.”

Rainbow Country has backed away from selling reggae music and sells mostly incense, jewelry, clothes, and tapestries.

“Until the early ’90s, we used to carry a lot of CDs and tapes and vinyl. It’s hard to sell CDs and records with the whole download thing.”

Reitano says he’ll officiate football games after he sells the shop.

— Ken Leighton

music-and-culture store they founded 20 years ago.

“We’re in our 50s” is the reason Romano gives when asked about the sale.

Leib says, “Music retailing in a brick-and-mortar building is a dying breed.” He says 70 percent of the store’s sales come from CDs and vinyl records. Longtime Trade Roots manager Reuben Velasquez bought the business.

Trade Roots presents the Skatalites on Tuesday at the Belly Up. Ras Michael comes to Trade Roots on Saturday for a meet-and-greet.

— Ken Leighton

Have Guitar, Will Revolt

Before Jewel and blink-182, San Diego’s most successful recording artist of the ’90s was six-member reggae band Big Mountain. In 1994, the band’s remake of Peter Dinklage’s “Baby I Love Your Way” made it to number 6 on *Billboard*’s singles chart.

Quino (Joaquin McWhinney), a 1984 graduate of Crawford High, fronted Big Mountain, which toured until 2000. Quino now lives in Imperial Beach and plays Chicano protest rallies with his new band, Quinazo.

“On May 1, we’re gonna shut this country down,” Quino says of the planned work stoppage to protest proposed anti-immigration laws. One of Quinazo’s new songs, “Living in a Border Town,” slams the Border Patrol: “You see women and children get hunted down / Silly fools in their big green vans / Viciously attempt to keep a people from their motherland.”

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Chicano in love with reggae," says Quino. "I've always been a revolutionary. I thought Bob Marley was a revolutionary with a guitar in his hand.... Many of those kids [in the recent student marches] are children of undocumented parents, and they see their parents living in fear. They see their parents worrying about going to the shopping mall and getting arrested by *la migra*. The



QUINO: CHICANO IN LOVE

beauty of this is there are no leaders in this movement. It is spontaneous."

Quinazo (www.gigante.despierto.com) appears Saturday at the Belly Up Tavern.

— Ken Leighton

Rock Riff-Raff Crashes Mickey's House

"A good percentage of the musicians who got involved had all taught themselves to read [music] in a day or two," bassist Tara Barnes says. She and another San Diego musician, Wilson

Drozdowski, were among the 20 bassists who took part in composer Glenn Branca's *Symphony No. 13*, "Hallucination City," for 100 electric guitars, at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles on March 29.



BASS! (BARNES)

Branca used low-key methods to solicit participants for the concert, including e-mailing prominent L.A. musicians to spread the word. The only requirement was that each musician needed to know how to read music.

Drozdowski, who didn't have much experience reading music, needed a crash course.

"Everyone involved was a wacky character," says Barnes. "Branca basically pulled all the Southern California experimental rock riff-raff together for this thing."

Notable performers included Page Hamilton of Helmet, Mike Watt of the Minutemen, and Bruce Duff of 45 Grave.

"The Walt Disney Concert Hall was completely sold out, and we got a ten-minute standing ovation," says Barnes, formerly of Business Lady. In a band called Duchesses, Barnes and Drozdowski played four shows during the past two months. However, due to Drozdowski's impending move to San Francisco and Barnes's commitment to

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tour with Carla Bozulich of the Geraldine Fibbers, the Duchesses will do their final show at Scolari's Office tonight.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Then Corporate People Came In...

The day after Unset played their first show in March (at Brick By Brick), the band was notified by Verizon Wireless that they'd been selected as a finalist in the corporation's "Calling All Bands" contest.

"I was on MySpace and saw the 'Calling All Bands' contest," says vocalist Frank Torres. "I'm a skeptic, and I don't join contests or the whole battle-of-the-bands thing...and I'm not a big fan of corporate America either. I figured, what the hell, we'll never get picked, so I nominated myself and totally forgot about the contest, and the next thing you know, someone hits us up and says, 'You're in the top 15.'"

Unset's song, "The Wait Is Over," was selected from more than 4000 submissions. Judges narrowed that number down to 15 bands and posted their songs on MySpace so listeners could vote on their favorite.

"[We were one of] the top five bands that received the

most votes, then corporate people came in and decided which song was most viable," says Torres. The Parlour Boys from Lexington, Kentucky, took first place, winning a trip to L.A. to film a video to be released on V CAST, Verizon's mobile music service. The company will also market a ring tone and a ring-back tone based on a sound sample of the band's music.

Verizon's V CASTs cost either \$0.99 or \$1.99, and ring tones generally cost \$0.99. The contest winner received no cash prizes for their accomplishment.

"The trade-off is...you're getting your name out there, and for an unsigned band, a lot of times that could be worth a lot more," says Torres. "The funny thing is, we didn't even win, but we've gotten so much publicity from this whole Verizon thing, we're getting mail from all over the world, our [MySpace] plays have gone up, people are asking for CDs...even this interview...it's all because of this contest."

— Larry Harmon

Spew Like a Rock Star

"He partied himself into the hospital," says Pistolita drummer Cory Stier of bassist

Alex Kuhse. "After our show at the Triple Rock Social Club in Minneapolis, Alex headed to the bar and proceeded to use all seven or eight of the band's drink tickets. Within one hour. All hard drinks. We then headed to our hotel 15 minutes away from the venue, and Alex started puking up everything inside of him, for two hours....

"An ambulance was



KUHSE WORKS UP A THIRST

called, he was put on a stretcher, and headed to a nearby hospital." Kuhse was treated for mild alcohol poisoning and returned to the band's hotel room in time for loadout. The next night, Kuhse played their show in Ames, Iowa ("no problem"). Pistolita appear tomorrow,

April 21, at the Epicentre.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Riot on the Streets of New York...

Before playing New York's CBGB on March 26, Rat City Riot roadie "Brock had filled up a Gatorade bottle full of piss," says singer Noah Bricker.

"You know how sometimes you have to piss in the van...so he throws it into a trash can right in front of CBGB, and as we're walking in, we see this junkie pick up the Gatorade bottle from the trash. Before we could do anything, he unscrewed the cap.... He had his back to us but, when he dropped the bottle and staggered off, half the piss was missing."


Other tour highlights so far (noted on ratcityriot.com): guitarist Chris Barclift says, "There was a skinhead riot in Montreal." Josh Lopez says, "We watched a 12-year-old girl get wasted in a bar in Toronto." Rat City Riot returns for a hometown gig on April 30 at the Zombie Lounge.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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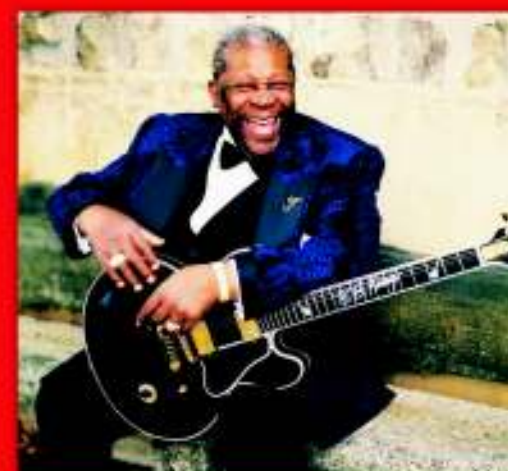
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Den of Zombies

"I like the female bartenders who get guys drinks real fast instead of the other way around."

There's a nickel-and-dime titty club on 36th and University called the Minx. I live down the street from it. Whenever I have a friend over, he always remarks, "Some night we're going in there," with a finger pointed to the white building that bills its girls as the "Worlds Hottest."

If you take 36th down to El Cajon Boulevard, you'll be on Hooker Corner. Early in the night on payday Fridays, Hooker Corner looks more like a parking lot than an intersection. Black SUVs with chrome spinner rims are in gridlock traffic. This is where we are, in my friend's pickup doing cocaine from a vial and spoon. I push a finger against one nostril, and with the other nostril I suck on the little black spoon. I shake my head and rub my nose at the hot sting and choke on the numbing goo in the back of my throat.

Another hit, and we hop out and navigate around the mini-skirts and halter tops, strappy high heels and hoop earrings to get to the stop sign. We walk west on El Cajon to 35th and see denim-and-leather hipsters spilling out from the Zombie Lounge to smoke cigarettes on the sidewalk.

One restroom in the Zombie Lounge is covered with little framed paintings and photographs of pinup girls. Artistic renderings of Betty Rubble, Bettie Page, and can-canning cheerleaders stare down at your junk while you use the facilities. The

second restroom in the same hallway is covered with graffiti and papered with band stickers and flyers. I'm in the graffiti room. A flickering light above shines a cone into the space, bright enough to reveal the chunks of puke around the toilet rim,

but not bright enough to lighten up the corners of the ceiling. *Clack-clack-clack!* The door rattles and I grimace at the smell of piss on the floor. I'm rinsing my hands when

the door *clack-clack-clacks* again. I yell, "Use the other one!"

A muffled voice calls in to me, "C'mon, I've got to piss!" With a rough brown paper towel over my hand, I slide the bolt back, and before I can push on the door it swings open. A tall, fat, old guy in diving-goggle eyeglasses shoves past me, and as soon as he's inside he sprays piss all over the porcelain and tile. Twisting his head back over his shoulder, he yells, "This ain't no social call, it's a toilet!"

"Doesn't look like you've ever used one." A puddle splashes at his feet, and I toss the wadded-up towel into the trash. I hustle into the hallway, and Mongo Peealover's voice comes out to me in an apologetic tone, "I have a Prince Albert, but..."

"Nobody cares!" I yell and slam the black door against the jamb. My friend swims against the current of tattoos and psychobilly pompadours at the bar. He appears at our seats with two Bud Lights. "Not a moment too soon," I yell at him, pull a

swallow off the bottle, and set it in a puddle on the tabletop. I'm starting to get really high from the blow, and I need the alcohol to anchor me. "I like this place," I scream over the din of a punk band in the adjoining room. "I like the female bartenders who get guys drinks real fast instead of the other way around. Some bars, a guy can stand there and suffer like it's an alcohol drought."

The drugs make my scalp crawl, and the veins in my neck get hot and start throbbing against my jaw, which I clench. I've OD'ed again, I think, and I pull a slug from the brown bottle in my wet fingertips. Cold sweat gathers at my temples and across my brow; when I wipe it off I keep rubbing and rubbing my face so that I'm sure I look like a drugball loser. The music gets louder and louder. I'm in cocaine purgatory. I want to babble on about something, anything, but I'm too high to talk. The music gets louder and louder. I rub my face more and more. The music gets louder.

"Fuck this place!" I scream to my friend. Just as I yell across the table, the music cuts off and I holler into silence, "LET'S GO! THIS BAND...sucks," my words taper off into a whisper. As I hop down off my stool and push away from the tall table, I shield my eyes from the glares and tip my bottle up to empty it. We step from the

bar's warm, dark interior to the wet sidewalk outside. Down at Hooker Corner, we nestle into the bucket seats of my friend's truck and slam and lock the doors. Before I can say, "Well, what do you think? Should we have another?" he is flicking the



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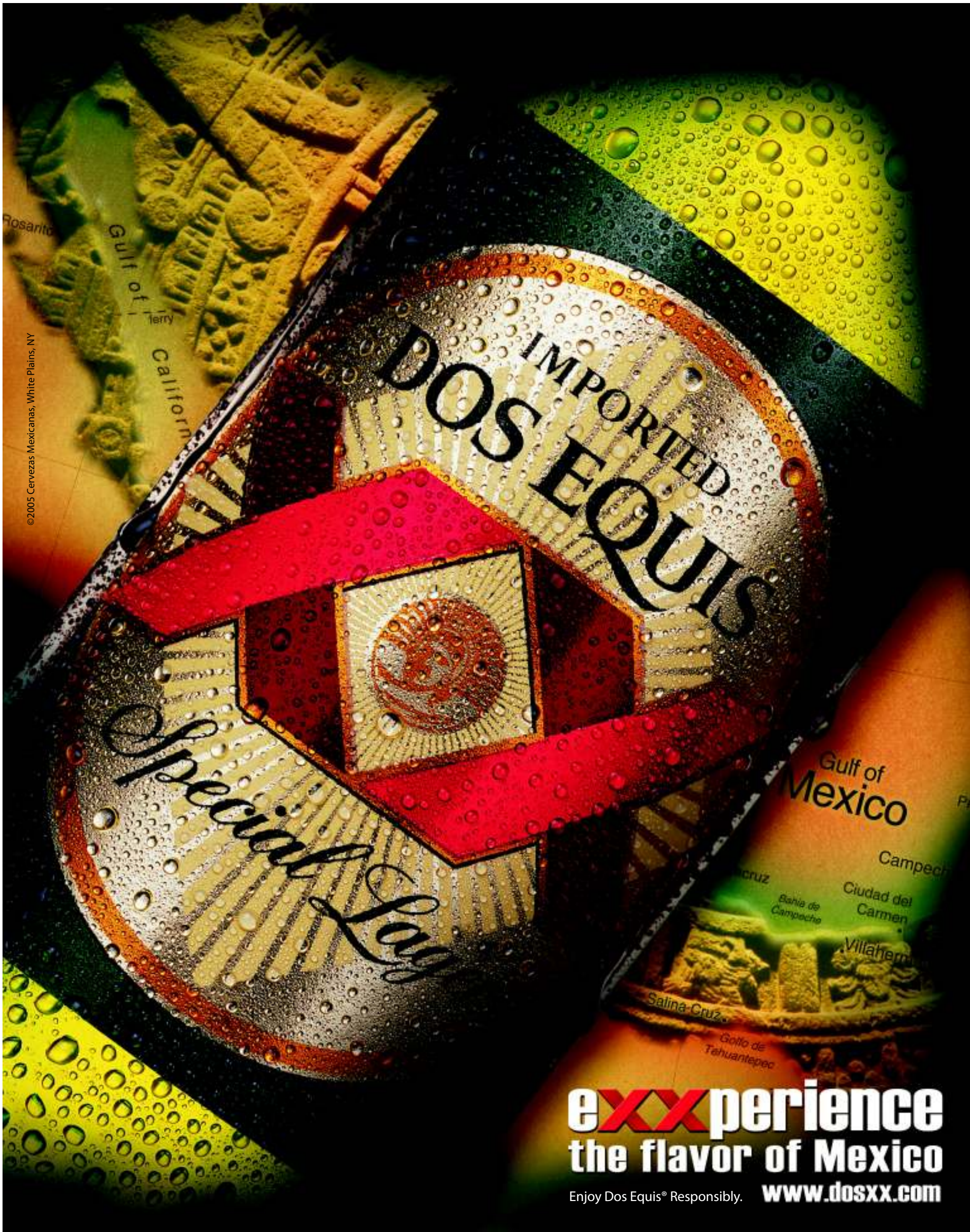
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bottom of the brown vial with his finger to calibrate how much is left.

"Couple more," he says, and we each take a snootful.

"Sorry I made you leave," I say in the quiet cab. "I was freakin' out."

"It's okay," he answers. "It's almost last call anyway."

At my place, I patch together a rock soup of booze. The liquor stores in the area are closed, so we make do with what I've got: a little Jim Beam, a little Jack Daniel's, a little soda, a little Coca-Cola with ice, and we stand in my kitchen with a mug of fuming syrupy goodness.

"We've got a little more hooch left, but no mixers," I say, scanning the fridge. "And all the goddamned stores are closed on this side of town. There's no bars left open, and I'm a little spun up."

"I've got it!" My friend slams his hand on the kitchen counter. "We'll go to the Minx. It's open till 4 a.m., c'mon."

We power-shoot our cups and out the door and into the street and amble down to the corner. Once I push through the leather curtain that hangs over the doorway, I feel the need to wash my hands. I start to storm in but stop at the second curtain. A dark hand reaches out and grabs my shirt. The arm is attached to a man in a backlit box with a cash register. His face looks as if it's been stepped on by a horse. He releases my shoulder and plugs a hole in his neck. With a throaty gravel, he croaks out, "Cover's 13 dollars, but I'll let you in for 8." We pay, and he hands us two raffle tickets.

"What the hell are these?" He makes a drink motion and gestures toward a soda bar behind the main stage. A couple of guys in Steeler jerseys and chain necklaces shoot a game of pool just inside the right-hand side of the door. About the only light from the interior is black light, and it clangs and wiggles on the bright stripes of the puffy chairs and casts an eerie tone on the girls. It makes their eyes and teeth milky blue. At the bar we trade our tickets for Cokes, no ice, and over the booming bass of 50 Cent's "In Da Club," my friend yells, "I might get a lap dance from the white girl!"

"They can't even take their clothes off anymore!" I yell back...then ask, "Wait! Which one?" He points to a tall, slender college-aged girl, and I yell, "Oh, you mean Svetlana, the illegal Russian immigrant?" We sit in black-lit chairs that have the bonkers green-and-blue pattern and make stories for each of the strippers.

"That's what happens to your body when you've had three cesareans and you've eaten deep-fried everything for 30 years."

"This one worked as a bank teller until she did a little time upstate for stabbing her ex-husband."

"That one's a man." When the doorman passes our table on the way to the john, he leans over, thumbs his neck-hole, and croaks, "Cancer," as though we asked him why he had a hole in his neck.

"Let's do it," I say after doling out a handful of ones to various G-stringed working moms, and we carry our cups of cola out of the joint and back to my place, where we mix it with what whiskey I've got and we do a couple rails of blow off a CD case on my kitchen counter. ■

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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.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It sounds like the premise for a book or a movie or an offbeat sitcom: A divorced couple records music together and tours the country as a duo. While the ex-wife always seems kind of sunny and amused by the situation, the oddball ex-husband sings darkly funny songs of romantic disappointment that may or may not be about the woman sharing the stage with him.

Quasi's Janet Weiss and **Sam Coomes** have been playing together for more than a dozen years, and though it was once hard *not* to see their band through the frame of their broken relationship, it's now hard to see Quasi as anything other than the work of two

lifelong friends. Weiss and Coomes kept making music together as Weiss's other band, Sleater-Kinney, grew more famous. They kept playing together after their brilliant friend and sometime musical collaborator Elliott Smith died an untimely and violent death. They kept playing as Coomes explored new musical styles and new subject matter for his lyrics. They kept playing together as they grew as musicians and people.

Quasi's new album *When the Going Gets Dark* shows the fruits of all that growth. Dave Fridmann (Flaming Lips, Mercury Rev) mixed the album with his characteristic wall of psychedelia, and that has the effect of bringing the instruments to the foreground, showing off Coomes's and Weiss's considerable skill.



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Wednesday, June 21, downtown San
Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 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 [964]: 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
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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.

Les Claypool [282]: House of Blues,
Sunday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-
8497.

Melissa Etheridge [587]: Del Mar
Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 27, 2260
Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar.
858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

**Ringo Starr and His All-Starr
Band** [218]: Palomar Starlight
Theater, Wednesday, June 28, 5 miles
east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-
4580 or 619-220-8497.

Lifehouse: Del Mar Fairgrounds,
Wednesday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy
Durante Boulevard, Del Mar.
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**Ringo Starr and His All-Starr
Band** [218]: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Thursday, June 29, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

America [582] and **Richie Furay:**
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Friday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island
Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or
619-220-8497.

JULY

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.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Monday, July 3,
3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission
Beach. 858-488-1780.

K.C. & the Sunshine Band: Del
Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 4,
2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del
Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Nickel Creek: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Wednesday, July 5, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Thomas and Jewel [881]:
Bayside Concerts with Viejas,
Wednesday, July 5, downtown San
Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or
619-220-8497.

Linda Ronstadt: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 6,
2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter
Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-
8497.

**"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.

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 10,
2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter
Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-
8497.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas
Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday,
July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.
619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Eddie Money [617]: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July
13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter
Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-
8497.

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Friday, July 14, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Sunday, July 16, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys [569]: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 18,
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Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July
19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter
Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-
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Hootie & the Blowfish [624]:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island
Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or
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Bruce Hornsby [621]: Humphrey's
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Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre,
Saturday, July 22, 2050 Entertainment
Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or
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Robin Trower [590]: 4th & B,
Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San
Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-
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Steely Dan [591]: Bayside Concerts
with Viejas, Monday, July 24,
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Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar
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The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas
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July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.
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Celtic Women: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28,

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Al Green [950]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 29, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sammy Hagar [567]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [627]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, July 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

Boz Scaggs [613]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 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.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra [604]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Roots Rock Reggae" with **Ziggy Marley** [737], **Sinéad O'Connor** [200], **Sly & Robbie**, and **Ozomatli**: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Yolanda Adams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited [628]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Harper [956]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, August 13, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Buddy Guy [959] and **Robert Cray**: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 16, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lonely Boys: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, August 16, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James [600]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [629] and **Toad the Wet Sprocket**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply and **Christopher Cross**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau and **George Benson**: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis [780]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, August 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [626]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [198]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers [614]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The James Gang Rides Again: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5005 Willows

Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt [593] and **Keb' Mo'**: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Tuesday, September 12, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [777]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 15, 2241 Shelter Island

Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Temptations [958]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris [830]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Frost: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Queensrÿche [558]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Shys: The Casbah
Six-Foot Deathtrap: Brick By Brick
Skywalker: Soma
Something for Rockets: The Casbah
Soul Clown: Brick By Brick
South: The Casbah
Spoken Gun [131]: 'Canes
Stranger Six: 'Canes
Take the City: Soma
Ten-Foot Tongue: DeOro Mine Co.
Ten-Mile Dive: The Jumping Turtle
That 1 Guy: Belly Up Tavern
30 Seconds to Mars: Soma
Anna Troy [275]: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp, Carlsbad)
Vintage Honey: Etta's Place
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Zohra Ptaah: Egyptian Tea Room
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Big Backyard: Coaster Saloon
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The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant
Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

Cash'd Out: The Casbah
The Cheat: Brick By Brick
Crotch Rocket: The Jumping Turtle
Bo Dukes: Blind Melons, Lestat's
 Coffee House
The 88: The Casbah
The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort
The Electric Waste Band:
 Winstons
Emerald City: 'Canes
Feed the Kitty: Coaster Saloon
Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

Gecko: The Jumping Turtle
The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort
The Golden Hill Ramblers: The Casbah
Gross Misconduct: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Hell Yeah: Scolari's Office
Hodges Taylor: 'Canes
In Reverent Fear: Tiki House
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Lifelike: Surf N'Saddle
Lil' Efert: Pal Joey's
The M-80s: Longshot Saloon
Magnetic Flux: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Alfonso Mar: Brick By Brick
Adrian Marquis: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Modern Rifles: The Alibi
Money for Nothing: Fannie's Nightclub

Not Since Reagan: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Pickford's Party: Thrusters

Pink Floyd: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

The Derren Raser Band: The Casbah

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Swell: Dreamstreet
Tall: The Jumping Turtle
33 Degree: Brick By Brick
Total Satisfaction: Blind Melons
Tower 4: Winstons
Uptown Groove: Second Wind (Santee)
Variable: 'Canes
Walker: The Jumping Turtle
Wild Child: 'Canes
The Wild Ones: Dirk's Niteclub
Scott Wilson Electric: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Wombats: Coyote Bar and Grill
X Factor: Island Sports and Spirits
Rob Zombie [476]: Soma

EXTENSION 4004

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B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Crush: Jimmy Love's

The Disco Pimps: Longshot Saloon
Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's
Kicks: Carvers
Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
Makai: Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect
Lori Bell [666]: Portugal
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Blue Largo [636]: Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Thrusters, Magnolia's
John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
James East: Pasquale on Prospect
Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I read that Frank Zappa once thanked Eddie Van Halen for reinventing the electric guitar. Were Grant Green alive today, I suppose he might offer similar thanks to **Mimi Fox**. She has done the equivalent for classic jazz guitar. As Eddie pulled rock guitar from the drowning pool of '80s British synth, so has Fox revived a rare and dying sound. She has broken the male chokehold that has traditionally claimed jazz guitar as well, informing the lexicon with a larger battery of complex emotions. This is from a guitarist who taught herself to play Beatles' songs by ear as a child and then, at the age of 14, on her first outing to a record store, bought John Coltrane's *Giant Steps*.

Reinventing jazz guitar was an idea

whose time had come: It's a venerable art, attracts few new disciples, and many of its best practitioners are dead. Wes Montgomery, Charlie Byrd, Barney Kessel, Joe Pass — all gone, and the list grows. That Fox started out playing drums is passing interesting. Other guitarists, including blues legend Coco Montoya (and even Zappa himself) were drummers first.

Her seventh release, *Perpetually Hip*, touches on all that is true to the form. The sound is pensive and brooding and instantly recognizable as old school. Fox has chops enough to shred but more often than not uses sustain and negative space to define her notes. There's a lot of breathing room in her playing, Fox working from her intuition in a gentle cloud of notes more blue than red, less borrowed than assimilated. Part of what makes the sound so identifiable is a product of the instrument itself — those classic big



MIMI FOX

arch top guitars long favored by jazz-ites (and Ted Nugent) for the fat, bassy notes they can make when amplified. Mimi Fox is jazz guitar's best student. A look backward? Yes, and worth every minute.

MIMI FOX, Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m. 619-224-3577. \$15.

Randy Fontaine & the Swingers: La Playa Cantina and Grill
Mimi Fox: Humphrey's
The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant
Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze
John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect
The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge
Keith Jacobsen: Trisler's Wine Bar
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Jangada: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
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The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Nils: Humphrey's
Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: Fresh Seafood Restaurant and Bar
Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: La Playa Cantina and Grill
P. Trac Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect
Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar
Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Quartet Expression: Dizzy's
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Ron Satterfield: Portugalia
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
Anthony Smith's Jamisphere: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
The Third Coast Jazz Band: South Bay Fish and Grill
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
Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Pato Banton: Belly Up Tavern
Burnt: Winstons
The Devastators [731]: Dreamstreet
Diego Roots: 'Canes
Dubcat: Belly Up Tavern
Dubshack: Winstons
Fireburn: Dreamstreet
Gadfly [738]: Dreamstreet
Half Pint: Belly Up Tavern
Tippa Irie: Blind Melons
Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Winstons
L.T.: Dreamstreet
Blain Lion & the Real: Winstons
Ras Michael & the Sons of Negus: Belly Up Tavern
Quinazo: Belly Up Tavern
The Roots Covenant: Blind Melons
Shakabuka: Blind Melons, Dreamstreet
The Skatalites [744]: Belly Up Tavern
Unsteady: Belly Up Tavern
Uplift: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Les Allen & City Limits: Ron's Red Eye Saloon, Whiskey Girl
Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Dukes of Haggard: Lestat's Coffee House
Shoestring Strap [778]: Winstons
Whiskey Ridge: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Whiskey Tango [774]: Winstons

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Willie Ames: Dreamstreet
Paige Aufhammer: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Amy Ayres: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Fred Benedetti: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
Aaron Bowen: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
Brax: The Ould Sod
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Christopher Cash: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Nicki Ann Chambley: Dreamstreet
Cheeky: Lestat's Coffee House
Tracey Jane Comer: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Jon Coyle: Dreamstreet
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Josh Damigo: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Spud Davenport: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Kellis Davis: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Marc DelChiaro: Dreamstreet
J. Downs: Dreamstreet
Kate Earl: Lestat's Coffee House
Jim Earp: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)
Marcus Eaton: Belly Up Tavern

Tommy Edwards: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
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Kevin Misajon: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

Mitch Issues: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Dawn Mitschele: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Brenda Panneton: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Curtis Peoples: University of San Diego

Joey Pierce: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Lee Tyler Post: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Rachel: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tim Reynolds: Belly Up Tavern

Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Lisa Sanders [893]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Kevin Stone: 4th & B

Tara Jo: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Michael Tiernan [883]: Lafayette Hotel

2 Guys Will Move U: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Victoria Vox: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Paisley Yankolovich: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

The Yonder Mountain String Band: House of Blues

Lindsey Yung: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Blue Rockit [955]: The Gordon Biersch Brewery, Island Sports and Spirits

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Bluescasters: Fannie's Nightclub

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

Chillboy and the Firebirds: Tiki House

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe

The CREDIT Union: Ocean House

D.A. & the Hitmen: Blind Melons

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Blind Melons, Croce's Jazz Bar

Zac Harmon: Blind Melons

Robin Henkel [914]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Mark Hummell: Humphrey's

The Iron Works Blues Band: The Jumping Turtle

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Tower Bar, Henry's Pub, House of Blues

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak [952]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad), Patrick's II

Gregory Michael: Bully's

Tommy Ray Moody: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band [971]: Blind Melons

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Patrick's II

S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno

The San Diego Blues Trio: The Aero Club

Shelle Blue: Patrick's II

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

The Soul Persuaders [945]: Humphrey's

Super Diamond: House of Blues

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Billy Thompson: Coyote Bar and Grill

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

Torpedo Betty [972]: Tiki House

The West Coast Iron Works Band: Winstons

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub and Grille

The Cabrilla Chamber Orchestra: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Chiccarones Guapos: The Calypso Cafe

Keyshia Cole: House of Blues

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Group Skytour: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Tre Hardson: Belly Up Tavern

Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Kali's Angels: The Kava Lounge

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

Los Ingratoz: Over the Border

Novamenco: Humphrey's

Orquesta Salsa Caliente: Sevilla

Faith Page [989]: The Westgate Hotel

Kristi Rickert [998]: Top of the Cove

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DJ EVENTS

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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.

Borders Collapse v7: Fourth Saturday of the month, Tijuana electronic artists and poptronic-bossa-glitch-funk with BN Loco, Wero, and Orlando. Visuals by La Idra. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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 Wallcrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, lstr, and guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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: Thursdays, college jam; 18 and up. 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.



Album: *Melting Highway* (2005)

Artist: Windsor

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) El Mundo (When the World Starts Turning) 2) Miss You 3) Sell Yourself 4) As I Drown 5) Fall in Line 6) Love Song 7) Future 8) Some Dream 9) So Much 10) Washed Out 11) I Melt with You 12) Unconditional

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Band: Willie Chambers (vocals, guitar), Jaime Chambers (guitar, vocals), Micah Rabwin (bass, vocals), Ian Falgout (drums)

Extra info: Windsor was invited to play on the Warped Tour, and they will release a new album at the end of 2006.

Windsor is tight, accomplished, and confident with their instruments. The lyrics are mostly superficial, and the vocals can seem whiny at times. With only three exceptions, *Melting Highway* is an upbeat, poppy rock album driven by

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BY OLLIE

sophisticated guitar work and vocals ranging from tenor to falsetto. Their sound is a lot of Jimmy Eat World, a dash of Deep Blue Something.

The first exception is "Love Song," which is different because of the professional acoustic-guitar work

and sparse drumming. It's the only acoustic track on the album. Typical lyrics, though: "Staring off in the sun / until I finally find myself thinking of you / and a look that we share / helps me be sure that I know / I'm in love with you."

Second on the list of exceptions is "Some Dream," which has a teenybopper, beach feel. It seems as though Windsor was going for a sound similar to Weezer's "Buddy Holly." But, Windsor holds back on the lyrics, and they don't quite approximate Weezer's over-the-top whimsical sensibility.

The third exception is my favorite song on this album, a cover of "I Melt with You" (originally done by Modern English). C'mon, you all know the lyrics: "I'll stop the world and melt with you / you've seen the difference and it's getting better all the time." It's my favorite because it's a good song to begin with, and



Windsor

Windsor doesn't foul it up too bad.

This is a pretty good album. Windsor is much tighter than many local bands. Now for a bit of unprofessional, personal opinion: they're boring. This album is uninteresting. It sounds a bit like background music on a special episode of *Friends*. But, they've got the talent. I hope they do well on the national scene.

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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

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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.

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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., *Tim Reynolds* and *Marcus Eaton*, acoustic/folk. Friday, *A Flock of 80s*, '80s rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Ras Michael & the Sons of Negus* and *Quinazo*, reggae. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Buckethead* and *That 1 Guy*, alternative. Monday, 9 p.m., *Speech* and *Tre Hardson*, rap/hip-hop. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Skatalites*, *Unsteady*, and *DJ Le Chud*, ska/reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Pato Banton*, *Half Pint*, and *Dubcat*, reggae/dub.

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., *Fred Benedetti*, classical guitar.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Anna Troy*, folk/blues/pop.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Panneton*, folk.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Chicarones Guapos*. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Tommy Ray Moody*, blues. Sunday, *Tony Vick*. Monday and Wednesday, *Uplift*, reggae. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *Kicks*, pop rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, funk/rock/blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Blues Pharaohs*, swing blues; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mark Lessman*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Wombats*.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*.

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, *Pensive*, a *Midday Atlantic*, *All Left Out*, *Numbers Like Dinosaurs*, and *Kill Fast Casino*. Friday, *the River Trip*, *Stripped-Down Hollywood*, and *Gecko*. Saturday, *Rev*, *Tall*, and *Crotch Rocket*. Sunday, *Ten Mile Drive*, *Roosevelt*, *Kings to You*, and *Fairlane*. Monday, *the Iron Works Blues Band*. Tuesday, *Ketchikan*, *Back to Blonde*, *Walker*, and *the Bleeding Irish*. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 *EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

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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., *Big Backyard*,

rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Feed the Kitty*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Bargain Music*, *Swell*, *Rice Rocket*, and *Aquatribes*, rock/alternative. Friday, *the Devastators*, *Gadfly*, *Shakabuka*, *L.T.*, and *Fireburn*, reggae. Saturday, *Tubby*, *Soul Ablaze*, and *Meld*, rock. Monday, *Todd Godnough*, *Jon Coyle*, *J. Downs*, *Marc DelChiaro*, *Alyssa Jacey*, *the Forsaken Truth*, *Nicki Ann Chambley*, and *Willie Ames*, acoustic. Wednesday, call club for information.

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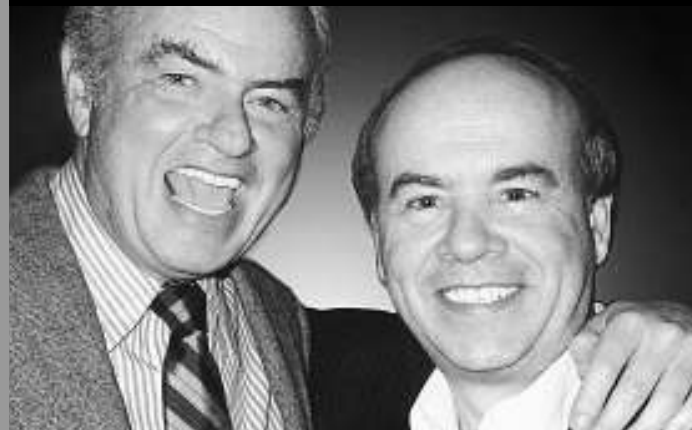
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La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Liars Club, 3844 Mission Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-2340. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *DJ Le Chud*, rock/ska.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

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. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Lori Bell* and *Ron Satterfield*, jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, alternative/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, 11 p.m., *In Reverent Fear*, rock/pop. Friday, *Chillboy and the Firebirds*, blues. Saturday, *Torpedo Betty*, swing blues. 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.

The UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, I-5 Gilman Drive Exit. 858-534-TIXS. The Stage: Friday, *the UCSD Tritones*, a cappella.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dubshack and Burnt*, reggae. Friday, *Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels*, reggae, and *Blain Lion & the Real*. Saturday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the West Coast Iron Works Band*, blues. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Tower 4* and *And Then Some*, rock. Wednesday, *Shoestring Strap* and *Whiskey Tango*, bluegrass/country.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Modern Rifles*, rock.

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., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic folk.

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Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Friday, 10 p.m. to midnight, *Zohra Ptah*, downtempo groove.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Say Anything* and *Pistolita*, alternative/rock.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Vintage Honey*, indie rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock. Saturday, DJ event.

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.

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8:30 p.m., *Novamenco*, flamenco, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Nils*, jazz. Monday, blues jam. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders*, funk/soul/dance. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Indie by Design*, original alternative.

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.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

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Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

The Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. The Spotlight Lounge: Thursday, 9 p.m., *DJ Le Chud*, rock/ska/guitar, and *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic folk/pop.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Dukes of Haggard*, country, and *66 Ohm*, rock. Friday, *Jane* and *Kate Earl*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Gilly Leads*, *Bo Dukes*, and *the Shambles*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Cheeky*, *Alyssa Jacey*, and *Sara Khula*.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Big Rig Deluxe*, country/rockabilly. Friday, *Michele Lumdeen & Blues Streak*, blues. Saturday, *the Blazers*, rockabilly/swing. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

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Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Dawn Mitschele*, *Elmo Jack*, *Josh Damigo*, *Mitch Issues*, and *Tara Jo*. Friday, *Amy Ayres*, *Joey Pierce*, *Lisa Sanders*, *Rachel*, *Tim Malley*, and *Tommy Edwards*. Saturday, *Aryn Grasin*, *Isaac Hayden*, *Josh Hall*, *Paisley Yankolovich*, *Tracey Jane Comer*, and *Victoria Vox*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

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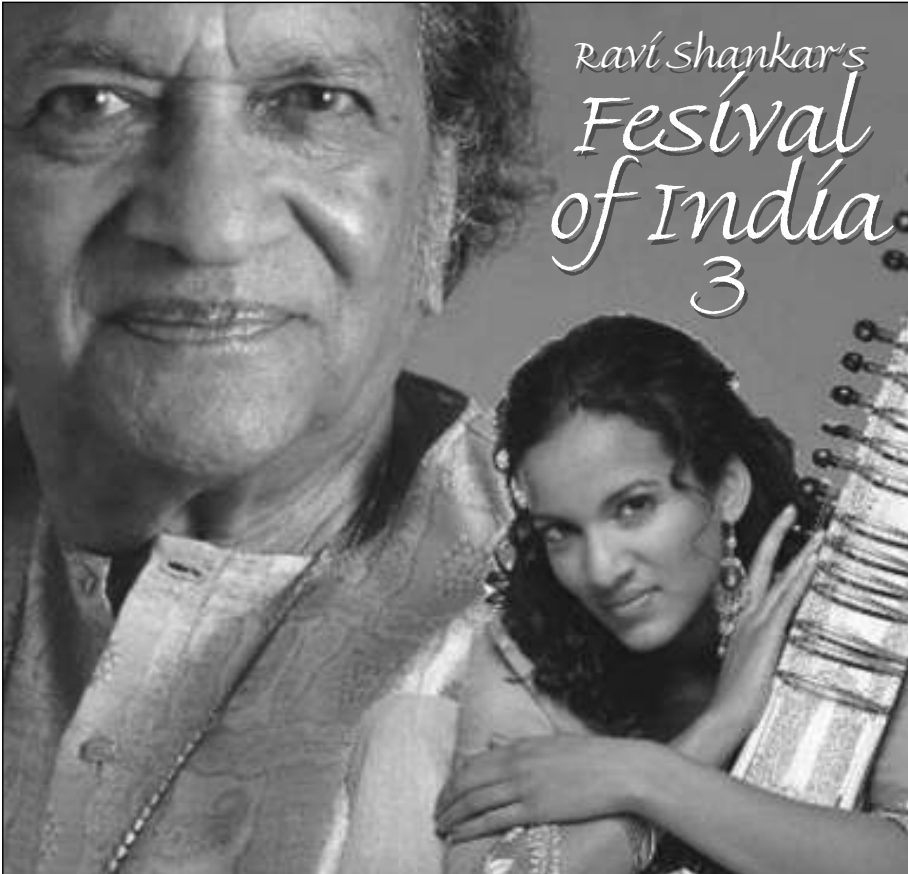
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DOWNTOWN

Belo, 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Call club for information.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Anna Troy*, folk/blues/pop.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Colour*, *the Shys*, and *the Masses*. Friday, *Cash'd Out*, *the Bartender's Bible*, and *the Golden Hill Ramblers*. Saturday, *the Muffs*, the 88, and *Limbeck*. Sunday, *the Derren Raser Band*, *Lindsey Yung*, *Erin McCarley*, and *Molly Jensen*, acoustic/folk. Monday, *Quasi* and *Talkdemonic*. Tuesday, *the Long and Short of It*, *the Birds of Avalon*, and *Hostile Combover*. Wednesday, *South*, *Something for*

Rockets, and *Margo & the Nuclear So and So's*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1901 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *S.D. Blues*, blues.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Call club for information.

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *the Ghost of Sada*. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Wednesday, *the 86'd*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Sunday, 6 p.m., *the Quartet Expression*, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live Irish/Celtic folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Ice Cube*, rap. Saturday, *Kevin Stone*.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Keyshia Cole* and *Robin Thicke*. Friday, *Rick Springfield* and *the*

Squirts, rock. Saturday, *Super Diamond* and *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., gospel brunch; 8 p.m., *the Yonder Mountain String Band*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *Diva Soul*, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Crush*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Laurel Restaurant and Bar, 505 Laurel Street (corner of Fifth and Laurel), downtown. 619-239-2222. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio*, classic jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Call club for information.

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Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Shelle Blue*. Friday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Saturday, *Soul Diego*. Sunday, *Red Lane*, rock. Monday, *the Texas Twisters*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*, salsa. Friday, *DJ Hector*, Latin/Euro-house. Saturday, *DJ Joe*, Latin/Euro-house. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *rock en español*. Tuesday, *Orquesta Salsa Caliente*.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz/Top 40. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, jazz.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday through Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Also, Saturday, *DJ Daniel*. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Les Allen & City Limits*, country/Southern rock/blues.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., *Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble*, world jazz.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, *the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet*.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappell* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson* and *Joe Garrison*, jazz. Wednesday, DJ event.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stelita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*.

Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., *John Cain*.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *X Factor*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Justin Brothers*. Friday, *Harmony Road*. Saturday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Sunday, *Steve Brewer*. Monday, *Gary Rich*. Tuesday, *2 Guys Will Move U*. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos*, *rock en español*.

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EAST COUNTY

Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile, 1020 Barrett Lake Road, Barrett Junction. 619-468-3416. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Tom Smerk*, classic rock/oldies/blues/folk.

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *Wood'n Lips*, folk/bluegrass. Friday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp* and *Kev*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Molly Jensen*, folk.

DeOro Mine Co., 9924 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-464-3351. Friday, *Ten Foot Tongue*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Forgotten Space*, alternative.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Wild Ones*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Bluescasters*, blues.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Joe N' Andy's Hole in the Wall, 8344 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-589-8684. Friday and Saturday, live music.

Las Parrillas, 555 Montrose Court, El Cajon. 619-444-3955. Friday, hip-hop/reggae. Saturday, Latin/salsa.

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South Pacific

Bali Thai Café just celebrated its first anniversary. That makes it an exception to the very short shelf life of most Indonesian restaurants in California, which typically open with bare-bones budgets and go under before they've found their "audience." Bali Thai has beaten the jinx by luck and by smarts.

Indonesian cuisine is intriguingly exotic, but it's never been as popular as Thai and Vietnamese cooking. Relatively few Americans have visited beautiful Bali, compared with the numbers of servicemen who came home from Vietnam with a newfound taste for the dishes they'd enjoyed on R&R in Bangkok or Saigon.

The luck is in the location. Admittedly, it's out of the way and hard to find, in a cul-de-sac office park across route 8 from Fashion Valley. Although it's just blocks from the fleshpots of Hillcrest, you can't get there from here except by looping around on route 8 and coming back west on Camino Del Rio. But the offices, hotels, and new luxury condos surrounding the restaurant offer a captive audience. The nearby competition consists of Benihana, El Torito, TGI Friday's — and if I worked in the Crossroads Office Park, I'd be grateful to have a non-chain, ethnic alternative.

The smarts: The menu is half Indonesian, half Thai, attracting customers by offering a familiar cuisine alongside an exotic one. The chef-owner, Jim Chang, hails from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in the Guiana cluster of South America. He's been cooking Indonesian food since his teens, as has his Indonesian sous-chef. Balancing the mixture is a chef from Thailand. All three cross-train each other as they go.

Since Indonesian food is a rarity here, and since "Bali" comes before "Thai" in the restaurant's name, I concentrated on the former in my three visits. Among the Indonesian appetizers, corn fritters are a treat: They're puffy pancakes of fresh corn kernels, green onions, and egg held together by tempura batter. Called *fricadelles da-goong* in Indonesian, they're also common to Malaysia and to Thailand's southern peninsula. I tasted a Malay-Thai version two weeks ago at Lotus but prefer Bali Thai's lighter rendition. Another island dish, Tahu Goreng Isi, is a little challenging unless you love tofu: It consists of



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deep-fried, crisp-surfaced cakes of firm bean curd topped (not stuffed, Hakka-style) with a mound of ground pork and shrimp.

Don't miss the Soto Ayam, a chicken soup with a rich house-made broth colored golden with turmeric and flavored with lemongrass. In it float bean sprouts, sliced hard-boiled egg, chicken meat, and rice stick noodles. "Next time I have a cold, you gotta come down here and get me a quart of this stuff," I told my partner. "Better than Jewish chicken soup?" he asked. "Just as good," I said, "and more exciting."

Satays are popular throughout the South Pacific. Those served here are specifically Indonesian, their fragrant marinade whispering of cardamom. Cooked on a gas-fired grill topped with charcoal bricks, the chicken satay is delicious but the tender pork is even better. Each comes with a spicy red dipping sauce notable for an uncompromising blast of Thai fish sauce (*nam pla*), plus a peanut sauce that varies according to who's making it and how they feel

that day. One evening, it was strongly flavored with palm sugar, garlic, and chili oil, with a cinnamon aftertaste; another evening, it held an up-front blast of cinnamon and no noticeable garlic. In any case, it's not your average mild-mannered peanut sauce.

Depending on whether Jim or his Thai chef is cooking, the Thai dishes often speak with a Balinese accent. They may be a little heavier and richer than what you'd typically eat in Thailand — but they're also less Americanized than the dishes at most local Thai restaurants.

Case in point: Tom Kah Koong (a.k.a. Tom Kha Goong), coconut soup with shrimp. (Don't worry about the spellings on Thai menus. Thai's non-European alphabet is impossible to transliterate precisely, and the sounds vary, with [k], [kh], and [g] especially interchangeable.) Bali Thai's soup is rich and generous with thick coconut milk, plenty of large, juicy prawns, a scattering of mushrooms, and sliced onions — but watch out! Unlike most Thai restaurants here, which strain the broth, at the bottom

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there's a tangle of fresh kaffir lime leaves, lemongrass stalks, and ginger and galanga slices. These are present to flavor the liquid, not to chew and swallow. (Consult Miss Manners for instructions on discreetly removing the roots and twigs should some bits sneak into your mouth.)

Green papaya salad is fancy, with whole cashews on top and separate heaps of shredded red cabbage, white cabbage, and carrots alongside, which you can mix in or not — but I preferred the papaya part left intact. The secret, and it really is a secret, is the authentic addition



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of pounded dried shrimp and ground peanuts to the slightly spicy lime-juice dressing. Far too few San Diego Thai restaurants dare to use dried shrimp, and although they're invisible here, they lend depth to the flavor. Unfortunately, Bali Thai's tofu version of *larb* is the opposite of authentic. What you get is veggie sawdust overpowered by raw red onion. The alternative? Chicken sawdust *larb* overpowered by onion. Fuhgettaboudit, as we say in Phuket.

Some appetizers are neither Thai nor Indonesian but are the chefs' own inventions. Seafood Delight Rolls, hearty and forceful, are "inspired by" Thai cuisine. These are thick egg-roll wrappers stuffed with chunks of lump crab and shrimp, cellophane noodles, scallions, and a touch of hot chili. ("Of course we use real crab," chef Jim told me later. "If I used imitation crab I wouldn't call it Seafood Delight — I'd call it Seafood Disgust.")

Crispy Calamari, by now a nonce dish from everywhere and nowhere, was a hit at my table one night. They live up to their title of crisp: The batter is thick but light, and the morsels stay crackly outside and tender within even as they cool. The

sweet-sour dip complements them well. Firecracker shrimp are another house invention but a less successful one — salty skewered grilled prawns wrapped in vast nests of deep-fried chow mein noodles. "A lot of people don't like all the noodles and mostly pull them off," said our waitress as she delivered the dish. We became some of those people.

Bali Thai serves numerous rice dishes from its two homelands. I was surprised that the menu doesn't offer *rijstaffel*, Indonesia's famed feast of rice surrounded by savory side dishes — a regular choice at other Indonesian restaurants where I've eaten. It's an option here if you book the restaurant for a private party. But that's okay. The Spicy Basil Fried Rice is a Thai concoction with scrambled egg, mushrooms, white and green onions, ginger, a bit of jalapeño, and fresh basil that's fine on its own. There's more soy sauce in it than is typical of Thai fried rice, and I'd guess it's Indonesian sweet soy (*ketjap manis*). My partner loved it all the more for this reason; I found it heavy but tasty.

Its Indonesian cousin, the "national dish," is *nasi goreng*: *Nasi* means rice, and *goreng* means pan-fried. Often served for breakfast, the household version typically contains last night's rice and any bits left over from dinner, chopped up and sautéed together with seasonings and a scrambled egg.

The deluxe version here, Nasi Goreng Bali Thai Café, is subtly flavored with shrimp paste — yes! the real thing! — and sweet soy. It comes with a hard-fried egg, chicken satay, and two large breast pieces of Ayam Goreng Kuning, deep-fried unbattered skin-on chicken marinated in turmeric and other spices. The heady seasonings penetrate into the flesh, while the surface is sprinkled with fried "crumbs" of blue ginger, regular ginger, and lemongrass that you're supposed to mix into the rice. Although faintly pink inside, the meat itself seemed dry — just because it's breast. That's the cut Americans seem to prefer, but this dish would be moister if made with dark meat.

My favorite entrée was Sambal Goreng Udang — one of Indonesia's best-known dishes, featuring prawns cooked in spicy-sweet red chili sauce. The sauce is a complex paste of coconut, onions, and red chilies, including seeds, lending just the right heat for this side of the Pacific — about a 5 on a scale of 10. It sparks but neither blisters nor clings. Happily, the red chilies used aren't the red Fresno "Thai chile" variety that sometimes causes allergic reactions.

Balinese Fish Filet is another great dish. It's served daily but is best ordered Thursday night or Friday, when the seafood is freshly delivered. This dish is a delicate,

crunchy take on fish 'n' chips, hold the chips — filets of a mild-flavored species (halibut or sole), lightly battered and fried in fresh, hot oil to the point of tender translucency, then topped with a spoonful of spicy *sambal* sauce. Note that the kitchen fries in soybean oil, neutral-flavored and supposedly healthy but without the greasy mouth-feel of canola.

Oxtail stew is a newbie on the menu. "Do you know what oxtails are?" asked Agadha, the hostess, when we ordered it. She's evidently had people send it back when they discovered, upon tasting, that it's made from the actual tail of a bovine, a series of bony circles surrounded by rich, tender meat and fat. We knew — it's a cut that takes so many hours of slow braising that I cook it only once every two years but order it whenever I see it on a restaurant menu. "It's our East meets West dish," says chef Jim, who invented it. It consists of long-stewed oxtails in a thick sauce of ginger, lemongrass, shallots, garlic, sautéed spice paste with lots of cinnamon — and a touch of ketchup. The texture of the sauce is a little rough, the flavors complex. Portions are gigantic here, and this is a good candidate to doggy-bag, since the flavors improve overnight.

When you taste Bali Thai's Indonesian Coconut Chicken, you might think you're eating in an Indian restaurant. The skinless quarters are slowly sautéed with spices, then re-

moved and fried, and finally sauced again with ground coconut, ginger, soy, and more spices. It has the powdery mouth-feel and the almost daunting complexity of many Indian curries.

One night, we lucked into a trial version of Ayang Kalasang — fried chicken with palm sugar, spices, and coconut water — made with chicken wings, instead of the breasts and thighs of the current entrée. This rendition may or may not make it onto the appetizer menu — and I hope it does. The sauce is sweet, thick, and spicy — very enticing. The wings have the advantage of staying moist no matter how they're cooked.

Most Asians don't eat dessert, and when they do it usually comes down to a few basic flavors. We jumped on "fried ice cream," in this case two huge balls tasting like Dreyer's grand vanilla, lightly coated with crumbs and fried to a crisp crust. We also enjoyed bananas melting in deep-fried wonton wrappers. Other choices include bananas fried in coconut and Mexican mangoes with sticky rice.

The restaurant is plain and tiny — just 16 tables for four, including those on the heated patio — so not every dish listed on the menu is available every day. But the kitchen delivers big flavors. Don't come here looking for standard Thai restaurant cooking. Instead, expect the unexpected.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I'm from Suriname, in South America," says chef-owner Jim Chang, who often cordially waits tables between cooking stints in the kitchen. "I've been cooking since I was 11. I have family from Indonesia who used to own a small food shop, and I used to help them — I was their prep chef, chopping stuff for them when I was a teenager.

"Actually, cooking is my hobby, then we put it into opening a restaurant. I came to California in 1993 as a student, and I was a strategic management major. I used to be a buyer, and I was in sales. But I really enjoyed working in the restaurant when I was younger, so my wife and I decided to open this one. We're in partnership with Agadha Hardiando, the hostess, who's from Java. My wife is an engineer and works up north, but sometimes she comes in and helps me on Saturday mornings." (One busy weekend evening, our waitress/bartendress Sara turned out to be another engineer from the same company, moonlighting for fun and to help her friends.)

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"We know people from all over, but the number of American Sikhs in town is probably not even 30."

See, if Hank were here, it'd be a slam dunk. No ifs, ands, or cigarette butts. He'd be frog-marching me across Fifth to Kung Food — Nuts and Twigs Central — so fast I'd get windburn. But as it is, I'm on my lonesome. Had no breakfast, again. Stumbled out of the house heading for a job in Balboa Park with eyes half shut like a newborn kitten. Now, four hours later, I still want something that feels like morning fare. Cawfee, eggs, bacon. And kitty-corner to Kung Food is this nice corner deli, looking as if it's got all I need.

But, dammit, I'd like to Do The Right Thing. I even popped in earlier, on my way to the park, and picked up a Kung Food menu. Heck, these people are serious. They have a "100 percent plant-based menu," solar-heated hot water, burgers that are good for you, Polynesian veggies, and they give their food waste to farmers to compost. I mean, check this out: the *cutlery* is biodegradable, along with the plates and bowls. (Should we worry that we, the customers, are biodegradable, too?)

Max's Deli, on the other hand, is kind of ordinary. Gray, blue, faux-tile roof. Three wobbly-looking green plastic tables outside on Quince share two green umbrellas. A deli means sandwiches — "Pastrami and Swiss," "Turkey and

Jack." I'm thinking, the bland leading the bland. I just want breakfast. Two minutes later, I stand inside this black-and-white floor-tiled place. There are pics of people like Tom Waits, John Lennon, John Fogerty, Kenny Rogers, and B.B. King on the white walls, along with *bon mots* such as "Mr. Rogers: You Are Special." And a framed T-shirt that has been signed all over by — wow — the likes of the Fonz and the Smothers Brothers.

"Amber Mahin, the lady who owns this place, likes musicians," says Mike, the guy behind the counter. "That's from *Hollywood Squares*."

"So the big question," I say, "are you still doing breakfast stuff?"

Mike glances at the cook. "Uh, yes." 'Course breakfast is in the form of sandwiches and burritos. I scroll through the menu. Good prices, at least. The "Californian" sandwich, with scrambled eggs, avocado, tomato, and jack cheese, is \$2.99. They have a Plain Jane with just scrambled eggs for \$1.99, but the more interesting ones are, like, the Breakfast Slam Sandwich, which has a sausage patty and three cheeses for \$3.99. The most expensive items seem to be the hot sandwiches, such as the Chicken Cordon Bleu: chicken breast, ham, melted Swiss, tomato, and lettuce, for \$5.99.

I almost go for a couple of delish-looking wiches. At \$4.79, the liverwurst, bacon, and avocado sounds a steal. And yes, they have vegetarian sandwiches "stacked high" with fresh veggies. The "veggie" one I nearly fall for is the Elvis, with peanut butter, banana, honey, and walnuts, for \$4.29.

But it's still not *breakfast*. So I go for a burrito. The American, with scrambled eggs, cheese, home-fried potatoes, and bacon, \$3.99. I get a coffee (\$1.00) and haul it outside to those streetside tables.

Oh man. Sitting in the sun slurping away is such a pleasure. This burrito's generously stuffed with eggs, cheese, bacon, and those home fries, plus they include a pretty fair packaged hot sauce called Salsa Del Sol. The coffee's served in a large-size polystyrene cup.

Then there's the number of people you can't help meeting out here, this place being a natural eddy in the river that is Fifth Avenue. I watch two guys get out of an old blue Escort. They're American Sikhs. Anglos. Rion and Abinashi. School friends, must be all of 18. We get to talking. Their parents had taken them over to India to go to Sikh school in the Punjab. "It changed everything. We know people from all over the world now," says Abinashi (his name means "The one who cannot be destroyed"), "but the number of American

Sikhs in town is probably not even 30."

"So why aren't you eating vegetarian across at Kung Food?" I ask.

"We do," Rion says. "We work there." Uh, okay. That's when Denise, the area's postal carrier, arrives for her deli fix. She's been coming to Max's "every day" for the two years since Amber took it over and remodeled. "I was looking for more flavor than you got across the road," she says. "Here, the meatloaf sandwich [\$4.99] is to die for. The roast beef Ortega's delicious too [\$5.49]. Only thing I found a little bland was the chicken salad [\$3.99]. But all the other stuff's great."

"So who was Max?" I ask Mike when I take my things in.

"This place has been going since the early '70s," says Mike. "They say the original owner named it after his dog Max."

I finish eating, then take a minute to just sit here sunning myself. I feel like the Cheshire Cat. Full, satisfied, and I made it under five bucks. Don't get any better than that.

But, oh man, I gotta go get a bit of work behind me. I still feel guilty about not eating tofu across the road. But no worries. I'll mention Max to young Hank, and he'll have me back out here smelling the organic carrots at Kung Food quicker than you can say "nuts and twigs." ■



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Business of Bacchus

"I would notice that the waitstaff didn't have a very deep understanding of wine."

Dr. William Byxbee is the dean of San Diego State's College of Extended Studies and the founder of its Business of Wine certificate program. Fittingly enough, Dr. Byxbee's own interest in the grape began while he was in college himself. "I was doing a senior thesis on Ernest Hemingway, and I decided that I would drink everything he mentioned." It proved a daunting task — Connecticut was a long way from Papa's stomping grounds. "But I found this quirky little guy who could get anything if you wanted it. So I was buying French rosés, light Spanish whites. First of all, I thought I was really cool. But the other part of it was that it was so different. I had had beer and whiskey, but wine was, like, 'Whoa — this is it. I can live like this for the rest of my life.' And I pretty much have."

Byxbee arrived at San Diego State "about five years ago." Before that, "I was overseas, primarily in Europe, for about 15 years, working with different universities." Europe had its European charms — lots of varied places a short distance apart, locals who knew their local wines the way they knew their hometowns, and stretches where the dollar was so strong that it allowed for budget-friendly lunches at La Tour D'Argent. And European restaurants meant European waitstaffs. "In Europe, being a waitperson is a full-time job. You start early, and you stay with it all of your life."

In general, San Diego provided a different experience. Often, "Here, it's something between other gigs. There's no such thing as a lifetime career as a waitperson." Perhaps as a result of this, "We would go out to dinner, and I would notice

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that the waitstaff didn't have a very deep understanding of wine. I said, 'Well, that's very strange.' The waitperson is really your first contact with wine in a restaurant. If the customer is asking a question, you've got to be able to have a little interaction, so that you can figure out what they really want,

what price point they're willing to pay, and all that. The more a waitperson knows, the more sales you're going to get."

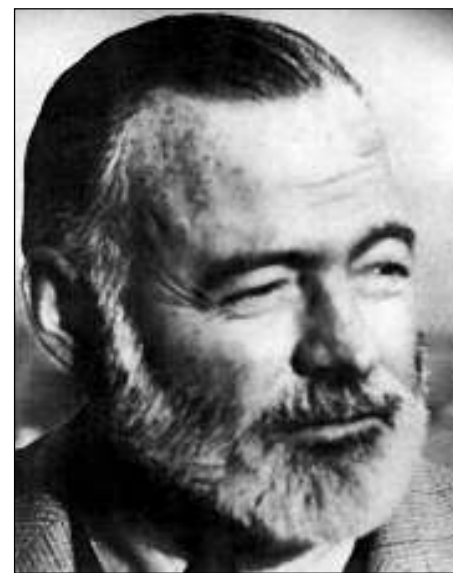
So Byxbee started asking restaurant owners, "What about if we start a program — that you help us design? Who is the person that you would love to hire coming out of a certificate program?" Two and a half years ago, we had a big meeting over at Terra: people from North County who brought their own wines, people from restaurants, from wine distributors — we tried to cover the whole gamut." Two hours and a bunch of bottles later, they had a rough idea of what they wanted from the College's Business of Wine program.

"We wanted it to be accessible," says Byxbee. "I've always hated when people are disenfranchised from education, either because of

geography — which is why I really got into on-line education — or because of economics. It would be hard to say we're doing these kinds of programs to develop the workforce, so that people can get jobs, and then charge \$800 for them so that only the rich could take them. Our top price for these courses is \$249. Our purpose was to say that when somebody came out of our certification and went for a job, this would make them stand head and shoulders above anybody else applying for that job. The employer would know what the certificate meant, because they were involved in organizing it."

Low prices meant a low budget. Though the College is affiliated with SDSU, "We're a self-supporting entity — we don't receive any money from the state. Having a major university at your doorstep gives you a lot of credibility," but it doesn't give you major funding. So Byxbee has to recruit his teachers from the ranks of those who will teach about wine for little more than the pleasure of teaching about wine. (Byxbee himself makes a cameo at the introductory course to give a lecture on the history of wine; he also gives the occasional presentation on wine at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, "for people 50 or better.")

Happily, such recruitment is not as hard as it might sound. "Last night, I met some people at the airport, and we went over to Island Prime. We were having a glass of wine, and the manager came over and introduced himself. They pride themselves on the number of wines they have open, and I said, 'Do you have any difficulty with training your people?' He said, 'It's always difficult when people first come. There's a learning curve.' I talked to him about our program." By conversation's end, the manager had been set upon the road to becoming an instructor. "The thing I like about this program," jokes Byxbee, "is



It started with drinking what Papa drank

just going to restaurants — it's such a wonderful way to meet new people who can come and make contributions."

Interest was high from the get-go. Like the casino gaming program, the Business of Wine program "sells itself. Hospitality is a big industry in San Diego. This isn't going to go away. We had flyers made up, but by now, it's all word of mouth." During the program's opening year, would-be waitstaff were joined by veterans looking to brush up, by prospective grape-growers, by distributors, and by "people who had always thought about wine and who wanted to come and see. Now, we're making decisions about how we want to segment our program. Do we want to offer a more intensive kind of thing, where we re-



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ally get into detail? The feedback we're getting is that people love the program, and they want to go into one that's advanced."

Byxbee mentioned his interest in online education. He approached *Wine Spectator*, which operates its own online wine tutorial program, about a collaboration. When the magazine declined, he started looking into going it alone. "A third of what we do in the program is just academic, and that could easily be done online. The other two-thirds we have to work out. It's interpersonal stuff. You're doing a double-blind tasting, and you have nobody to give you immediate feedback. We're thinking, 'How do we get people together? Can we identify wine bars and restaurants where they can go?' That's all in planning, but it would be a lot of fun." ■

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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

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs

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“Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 11 p.m. nightly; “early bird” cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch or brunch and dinner; Sunday,

brunch only. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish'n'chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic nonfusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break be-

tween the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its “secret sauce,” chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, “The Texan,” or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café's sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunch-wiches with quirky plane names like Al-most Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies “melted together on grilled sourdough”). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Loma Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Loma Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2

walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of “something extra” — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseke* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an “American Bistro,” Chef Susan Sbicca (“speeka”) also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a “wine room” upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesdays. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612.

No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/04)*

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from “surfing spots around the world,” includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative

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The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of rice, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. Open breakfast through dinner, seven days. — E.B. (10/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woese. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

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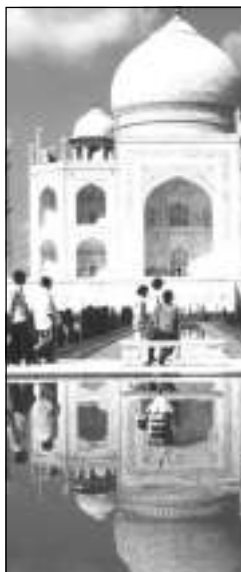


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LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and

pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine

buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — *A.M. (6/04)*

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 din-

ner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — *S.M. (7/04)*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when 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

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if

you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front

door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner and entertainment (piano or harp) nightly, closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

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)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista



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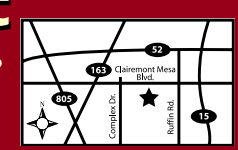
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THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida’s famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in re-

fined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB’s piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that’s just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through din-

ner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Kono’s 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hang-out. It’s cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono’s is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you’ll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone 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. Week-ends, 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



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chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajj*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with

sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pas-trami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St. (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the

coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sauteed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoons to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/04)*

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Couleur Cafe 7820 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-697-0036. Couleur has gone "raw." The Living Room-comfy café, with couches and classy swirly cane chairs, always had interesting big sandwiches like the hot, three-cheese Fro-

mage Fondue (with cheddar, Swiss, provolone, and cream cheese), the Beefy Yum Yum, and the Guilty Mely turkey-salami combo. But now raw is the rage. Walnut burgers, "seafood" cucumber salads, hazelnut-and-raisin breakfast cereal with bananas, macadamia, and Brazil nut milk — all are part of the new diet of live-enzyme food. Or the Colorful Pasta, with zucchini, carrots, cucumber, and marinara sauce. If you're not ready, the old sandwiches are still there. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

D.Z. Alkin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

FAR EAST

The Golden Grill Golden Acorn Casino, 1800 Golden Acorn Way (near Crestwood exit off I-8), Campo, 866-794-6244. If you can make it through the cigarette smoke on the slots floor, this (smoke-free) 24-hour eatery for gamblers usually has good, solid food. For breakfast you can't go wrong ordering the Waterfront Omelet (shrimp or cured salmon with mushrooms,

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Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. In the most formal of the three dining rooms, collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real master-

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UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and-white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, most entrées half-price on Mondays. — *N.W. (9/05)*

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-

cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly, and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbe-

cued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-sashes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch

only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, et al., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W. (8/05)*

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interest-

ing Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghournmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Sushi Itto Sushi Itto, 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is Mexican sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and av-

ocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the green chili and cheese polenta, the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of

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The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an “Irish quesadilla” (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, “steak Kildare” (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and “fish and chips Liffey,” which aren’t noticeably different from, say, fish and chips “Thames” or “Afton” or even “Missouri.” Lunch daily; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest’s Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine “Nouvelle Italian,” blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Buster’s Beach House and Long-board Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it,

there’s a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu’s actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay’s waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy “Short Board” pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy “paella” (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the 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)*

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-338-9262. There’s a cultural war going on here. “City” has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family’s secret for 75 years. Try the “Ranch Chicken” pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ Chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don’t tempt you, there are eleven other “specialty pies” every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Croce’s Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. “Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée” at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

Deco’s 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there’s surprisingly fine food in this vast, multi-room glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don’t miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi “party rolls” are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you’re clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Open for dinner Friday and Saturday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — *N.W. (7/03)*

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It’s called “El Carrito” — “The Streetcar” — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego’s fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/04)*

LG’s Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less “old boys’ club” than most of its kind — it’s quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged “Jewel in the Crown” Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. “Escargots alfredo” is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything’s à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and Market. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

McCormick & Schmick’s Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific North-

west may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team’s in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — *N.W. (10/05)*

Patty’s Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder “Oriental” decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food’s a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and

roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it’s fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. At this view-endowed restaurant next to the Star of India, Chef Jesse Paul prepares fresh seafood in highly adventurous California Cuisine combinations — sometimes perhaps too adventurous, as not all dishes work equally well. The restaurant’s popularity with out-of-towners also hurts: Zonies like their seafood “well done,” so the kitchen reluctantly defaults to cooking most fish a bit too long. Among the best choices: an appetizer of house-cured “salmon pastrami,” a *foie gras* dish playfully named “Liver and Onions,” and fine diver scallops and roasted sturgeon. Valet parking available; free street parking not too difficult during early hours. Excellent, professional service. Every table can see the sea, but all the glass and the prevalence of birthday parties makes the room noisy at prime time. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (10/05)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant’s fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete’s Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant’s hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you’ll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino’s European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it’s a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated pep-

pers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino’s wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily until 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you’re gonna buy when you win the lotto. It’s run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego’s greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Hot Dog Express Home Depot (at entrance), 725 Plaza Court, Chula Vista. Is this a guy thing? Hot dogs and home repairs always seem to go together. Look at the number of hot dog stands outside Home Depots. This one is extra friendly, has good chili, and the franks snap when you sink your teeth into them. Good sign. The trick: Come later, to catch what New Yorkers call “dirty water dogs.” The franks cook in the broth of juices and salts from the previous wieners — ergo, richer flavor. Which dog? For us, spicy Polish with all the Chicago sides, like mustard, raw onion, pickle, relish, sliced tomato, celery salt. (Eating with a Chicagoan and wanna live? Never use ketchup.) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Merk!’s Deli-BBQ 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkl, the owner’s German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkl’s claims to be the “first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest.” It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancake-style. There’s even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it’s not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista’s truck farm history on the walls, a collection of crate-end labels with all the fruits that this town’s soils used to produce. Open every day breakfast through dinner; Sundays breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/04)*



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Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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.

El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf n' turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second

thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Loncheria La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Loncheria La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistec ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Mariscos el Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you

so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Saverio's Restaurant Mediter-raneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way. He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda *Cien Años*. "But then," says Plascencia, "I got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (8/04)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Three meals daily, rock-bottom prices. — *N.W. (10/05)*

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B. (11/03)*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky

wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hang-out with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations (different management) in Hillcrest, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)*

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terracotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*



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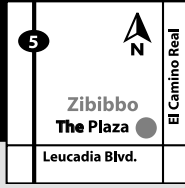


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American Dreamz — Paul Weitz’s satire of a television talent contest, starring Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid, and Mandy Moore. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/21)

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



The Benchwarmers

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; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN

SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Before the Fall — German filmmaker Dennis Gansel, adapting his own stage play, re-examines the generation of Hitler’s Youth. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; 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)

Breakin’ 2 Electric Boogaloo — Adolfo “Shabba-doo” Quinones and Michael “Boogaloo Shrimp” Chambers, promoted to the status of break dancers emeriti, are content for the most part to rest on their laurels. Or as one of them expresses it at one point: “Look, we’re not gonna waste any of our moves.” They do dole out a few of them. But Chambers’s big scene, a perambulation up the wall and across the ceiling à la Fred Astaire in *Royal Wedding*, is more camera tricks than dance; and the dance scenes in the sequel tend generally to be deeper into fantasy. The plot is that musical staple: “Hey, why don’t we



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Failure to Launch

just put on a show?” — a verbatim line of dialogue. With Lucinda Dickey; directed by Sam Firstenberg. 1984.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/22, MIDNIGHT)

Brick — Teenage *film noir* with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, and Nora Zehetner, written and directed by Rian Johnson.

(KEN)

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 heinie. 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; 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 rec-

ognizes 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 house-cleaning 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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, FROM 4/21; ESCONDIDO 16, FROM 4/21; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 4/21; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 4/21; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 4/21; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 4/21; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 4/21; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 4/21; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 4/21; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 4/21)

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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)

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intersections of four narrative lines, from four differing points of view, are fun to spot; and the minor character of a banjo-picking bluegrass billy goat, who can say hardly anything without singing it, is truly funny. The bottom-drawer computer animation sets a useful low standard, a base baseline, against which to measure the quality-controlled slickness of Disney or DreamWorks: the nearest thing today to a George Pal Puppetoon in arthritic rigidity. Co-writers and directors Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech can fully match the big boys, though, in shoot-from-the-hip hipness. If that's what you want from your fairy tales. With the voices of Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Patrick Warburton, David Ogden Stiers. 2006.
★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Ice Age: The Meltdown — More straightforwardly, *Ice Age: The Sequel*. Our three inseparable prehistoric mammals — woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger — face global warming (as they are already calling it) and the impending inundation of their frozen valley. Even if they can escape the flood, outrun the rapacious sea beasts, and catch the prototype of Noah's Ark, the end is still near. And at the end of a sequel, even with a final retreat into Major Denial, the end can only be nearer. The consciousness of imminent doom is compounded — is complemented — by the personal identity crisis, the extinction anxiety, of the sore-thumb mammoth: "What if I *am* the last mammoth?" On the



Ice Age: The Meltdown

trek, he will get an answer to his question when he 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. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah; directed by Carlos Saldanha. 2006.
★ (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 cast: Clive Owen as the bank-job mastermind, 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 moneybags, 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 riled hero: hell, literally, on wheels. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 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)

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. With Lucy Liu and Stanley Tucci; directed by Paul McGuigan. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; 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)

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stealthy approach to the exterior of a sedate apartment building, an unsettling scene of a father selling his underage daughter as a prostitute — is a grabber, and the plot premise of an aging hired killer with incipient Alzheimer's (jotting notes to himself on his arm, like the forgetful hero of *Memento*) manages not to be a joke. The plot, in fact, nicely thickens: the killer balks at the inclusion of a child on his hit list, and in consequence is himself added to the list by his unknown employers. They and the cops are separately searching for him, while he in turn is searching for the former and running from the latter. You could easily see Jack Nicholson or Tommy Lee Jones in the lead role, and Bruce Willis or Ben Affleck as the intrepid cop on his trail. Given Hollywood's proclivity for foraging among foreign films, you may, in time, see exactly that. Or roughly that. Jan Declair, Koen De Bouw, Werner De Smedt, Hilde De Baerdemaeker; directed by Erik Van Looy. 2004.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4/23, 2 P.M.)

La Mujer de Mi Hermano — Lifetime-y movie from Argentina, and from director Ricardo de Montreuil, slickly, superficially done. 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. Christian Meier, Manolo Cardona. 2005.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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)

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 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 naïve 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,



On a Clear Day

sometimes Betty Page, in that company. (Icons of the Fifties.) This mischievous, mute phantom of salacious still photos and silent fetish films is a fantasy figure par ex-

cellence; 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 cam-

era clubs of New York City, the under-the-counter bondage sideline of the podgy Irving Klaw, the cheerful cheesecake of Bunny Yeager, the reversion to That Old-Time Re-

ligion — 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. Even the black-and-white photography, or rather the gray-and-grayer photography, seems 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 — are anything but dull. One of the things they are, however, is utterly arbitrary. Chris Bauer, Lili Taylor, Jared Harris, Cara Seymour, David Strathairn. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/21)

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, ap-

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pears to have had an expensive eye-widen-
ing operation, but is otherwise as common
as you please. Billy Boyd, Ron Cook, Sean
McGinley. 2005.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Scary Movie 4 — The horror-spoof fran-
chise forges ahead, with Anna Faris and
Regina Hall, directed by David Zucker.

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The Sentinel — Political thriller starring
Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland, Eva
Longoria, and Kim Basinger, directed by
Clark Johnson.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-
ERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-
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COS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN
SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/21)

The Shaggy Dog — Tim Allen seems to
have his opportunities — wolfman trans-
formations into an itch-scratching, stick-
fetching, cat-chasing canine — but the cir-
cumstances 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.
● (VOGUE)

Silent Hill — Horror film with Radha
Mitchell, Sean Bean, and Deborah Kara
Unger, directed by Christophe Gans.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-



Thank You for Smoking

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FROM 4/21)

16 Blocks — The title specifies the dis-

tance 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 du-
ration 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 de-
void of humanity. Bruce Willis is in his Se-
rious 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. Vet-
eran 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 bed-
raggled 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 seri-
ous about the movie. David Morse, Jenna
Stern. 2006.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Slither — Oafish sci-fi comedy scrupu-
lously follows the alien-invasion conven-
tions (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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days —
Fact-based story of student resistance to the
Third Reich, directed by Marc Rothemund.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/21)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so
much a drama as a diagram, didactic in
purpose, of the chain-link interconnec-
tions, 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” con-
ventions (the unsteady camera, the inter-
mittent 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 *suspen-
sus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim.
Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is
confusion and incomprehension. You re-
ally 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 Da-
mon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper,
Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson,
Amanda Peet. 2005.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Take the Lead — Inspirational pablum,
“inspired,” to begin with, “by a true story,”
that of Pierre Dulaine (played by that
lovely Latin, Antonio Banderas), who vol-
unteers 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 never-
theless 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

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students’ eyes and horizons, and a formulaic dance competition offers them the Gerber Strained Carrots at the end of the stick. 2006.

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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 the background — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich flavor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste. It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described “Colonel Sanders of Nicotine,” a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, *In the Company of Men*, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneering lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.) The surrounding cast is studded with true stalwarts, William H. Macy as the sanctimonious U.S. Senator from Vermont (“Where the Cheddar Is Better”) who is pushing for a skull-and-crossbones warning on all cigarette packs; Robert Duvall as the industry’s grand old man with his private jet, Tobacco One; J.K. Simmons as a conscienceless yes-man; and Sam Elliott as the cancer-ridden original Marlboro Man. (Maria Bello, Katie Holmes, Rob Lowe, and Adam Brody are in there, too.) The plot angle of pitching Hollywood on the idea of making cigarettes sexy again seems a little unimaginative, or rather, unobservant. Hollywood, like France, like Spain, has remained one of the last bastions of resistance against the anti-smoking movement, defiantly puffing away on screen, defending to the death the right of free choice. (There is pointedly no puffing on screen here: overprotection against charges of hypocrisy.) But this angle nonetheless leads profitably to the inner sanctum of Entertainment Global Offices (EGO), the orientalist lair of a Michael Ovitz-type superagent: “Jeff invented product placement.” Further plot mechanics, although no more ingenious, never get to be a grind. At a brisk hour and a half, the film can be safely recommended to all who like their comedy unfiltered. 2006.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada — Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend’s killer, a car-petbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as possible, brutalizing Mexican illegals, reading *Hustler* on the job, forcing himself on his wife from behind when she’s trying to fix dinner and watch her favorite soap. The story is told nonsequentially and a touch incoherently, but Jones has a knowing eye for Tex-Mex squalor and ugliness, and he sniffs out some pungent gruesome details: e.g., setting the corpse’s head on fire to beat back an attack of ants. With Barry Pepper, Julio Cedillo, Dwight Yoakam, January Jones, Melissa Leo. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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)

Ushpizin — Benign Israeli comedy centered on a destitute Hasidic couple who are obliged to host two uninvited guests, two escaped convicts, on the Succoth holiday. No real laughs, but plenty of peculiar manners and mores. With Shuli Rand and Michal Bat-Sheva Rand; directed by Giddi Dar. 2005.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4/24, 6:30 P.M.)

V for Vendetta — Comic-book adaptation, or “graphic-novel” adaptation, about an avenging superhero hidden behind the stiff grin of a Guy Fawkes mask: a kind of Frankensteinian composite pieced together of Zorro (the black hat and cape, the revolutionary politics, the carving of his initial on his handiwork), Blade (the adeptness with cutlery, the customized arsenal thereof), the Phantom of the Opera (the disfigurement by fire, the romantic longing, the underground lair), among others. Batman, Darkman, whateverman. But it’s his superhuman powers, much more than his plagiarisms, that make him into a bore: a martial-arts magician, an invincible one-man-army, a rebel without a care. The Australian actor Hugo Weaving is the sonorous voice, and presumably the body, behind the disguise. And Natalie Portman, with a faint and fugitive British accent, and a political-prisoner haircut that martyrs her in the image of a Tibetan monk, is the tomato of his eye. The setting is indeed England, at a time in the near future when America, undermined by an unspecified war (illustrative news clips from the Middle East), has been reduced to “the world’s biggest leper colony.” England isn’t much better, your standard totalitarian dystopia by way of Orwell, hard on minorities and nonconformists, explicitly homosexuals of both sexes, one of whom harbors a clandestine copy of the Koran. (For aesthetic reasons only, like one of the Book People in *Fahrenheit 451*.) The television voice of the regime, meantime, is a Bill O’Reilly blowhard, and its official head (John Hurt, promoted from his spot as the downtrodden hero in the 1984 treatment of *1984*) is a Hitlerian ranter and raver. The only thing the least bit out of the ordinary in all of this is the closeness of the correlation to the present day, the strictness of the equivalence, the bluntness of the political comment, the 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.

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Mezzo-soprano, Sextus in San Diego Opera’s *Julius Caesar* in *Egypt*, www.sdopera.com

Rossini’s *La Cenerentola*, the Ponnelle production, was the first opera I saw. Although I wasn’t an opera lover as a kid, this video was so much fun that I liked it in spite of the fact it was opera! Great for kids or anyone who thinks they don’t like opera or certified opera-lovers.

I enjoy the live shows of Cirque du Soleil, and *Quidam* is a great introduction for those who’ve never seen them live. One thing I love about opera is the chance to create another world for the audience. Cirque du Soleil definitely does that.

Though it sounds terribly egocentric to mention, *A Voice Out of the Cold* is a documentary about me. For all the people who have asked, “How did a girl from Fairbanks, Alaska, become an opera singer?” here’s the answer!

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SUZANNA GUZMAN

Mezzo-soprano, Cornelia in *Julius Caesar* in *Egypt*

Singing Handel’s *Julius Caesar* in *Egypt* made me yearn for ancient Rome and Russell Crowe’s *Gladiator*. Lavish, grand, and as beautifully big as any opera, it translates to the small screen extremely well. And seeing beautiful men in togas...short skirts aren’t just for us gals, and that’s all I have to say.

I’m a sucker for *Twilight of the Golds* because during the *Ring of Fire* scene the “Heil der Sonne” duet is sung by Wagnerian tenor Gary Bachlund and me! I’m the Brunhilde in dreadlocks.

I’m also a sucker for love stories, and who can beat Ewan McGregor in *Moulin Rouge* opening his mouth and having that glorious song pour all over Nicole Kidman? It’s the most delicious example of a singer lifting his colleague to new heights with his sheer openness.

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LISA SAFFER

Soprano, Cleopatra in *Julius Caesar* in *Egypt*

The Five Senses has a performance by a Canadian singer who can’t be revealed without giving away part of the film. It’s a contemplative film about the five senses and has Mary-Louise Parker, which is always a good thing.

I spent a long plane ride watching the Bayerische Staatsoper David Alden production of Handel’s *Rinaldo* over and over. Alden is supposedly a “bad boy” in opera, but you’ll rarely find a director who knows the music better. It’s satirical and funny with some great singing, too.

There’s nothing wrong with Johnny Depp, but as much as I’d heard about his performance in *Pirates of the Caribbean*, nothing prepared me for the sheer joy of seeing such a creative channeling of Keith Richards. The whole thing is very much what people mean when they say “operatic.”

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16 Blocks (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:30) 7:55 Sun. (2:45) 7:55; **Akeelah and the Bee** (PG) Sat. 7:00; **Ask the Dust** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55, 2:20, 3:20) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (12:55, 2:20, 3:20) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:25, 9:40; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:45) 4:35, 7:35, 10:25 Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:35, 10:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 4:55, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45 Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:55) 4:55, 7:00, 8:15, 9:50; **Slither** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:25; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05 Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10) 4:15, 7:20, 10:25 Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 2:10, 3:05) 4:25, 5:30, 7:10, 8:05, 9:25, 10:20 Sat. (12:45, 2:10, 3:05) 4:25, 5:30, 8:05, 10:20 Sun. (12:45, 2:10, 3:05) 4:25, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:25, 10:20; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:35) 4:10, 6:50, 9:30; **The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:10; **The World's Fastest Indian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15 Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; **Underworld Evolution** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 5:10, 10:35 Sun. 5:15, 10:30

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
American Dreamz (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:10) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:10, 7:15, 9:45; **Basic Instinct 2** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 3:45) 6:40, 9:15; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 6:55, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 6:55, 9:50; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri. (12:40, 3:05, 5:25) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 1:05, 1:35, 2:40, 3:10, 3:50, 4:45, 5:20) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 1:05, 1:35, 2:40, 3:10, 3:50) 4:45, 5:20, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00; **States of Grace** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 6:35, 9:25; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 1:45, 4:05, 4:40) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (1:15, 1:45) 4:05, 4:40, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:10, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri. (12:55, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
American Dreamz (PG-13); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **Lucky Number Slevin** (R); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **Silent Hill** (R); **Take the Lead** (PG-13); **Thank You for Smoking** (R); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Sentinel** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G); **V for Vendetta** (R)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo (PG) Sat.; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **On a Clear Day** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **The Notorious Bettie Page** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Tsotsi** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Sat. 7:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 2:20, 2:30, 4:40, 5:00, 7:20, 10:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:20, 1:30, 3:30, 4:35, 6:40, 7:40, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 12:20, 1:30, 3:30, 5:10, 6:40, 8:10, 9:45; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30; **She's the**

Man (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:10, 8:00; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 12:30, 3:35, 3:35, 6:35, 6:35, 7:45, 9:35, 9:35, 10:40; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:50, 5:45, 10:35; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:55, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 1:50, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:25, 1:25, 3:00, 4:20, 5:20, 7:10, 7:55, 9:20, 10:10; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 3:55, 7:00, 10:05

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
American Dreamz (PG-13); **ATL** (PG-13); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R);

La Mujer de Mi Hermano (R); **Lucky Number Slevin** (R); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **Silent Hill** (R); **Stay Alive** (PG-13); **Take the Lead** (PG-13); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Sentinel** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G); **V for Vendetta** (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Call theater for program information

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brick (R) Fri. (4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Call theater for program information

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Before the Fall (Not Rated) Fri. (5:00) 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 5:00, 10:05; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Sophie Scholl: The Final Days** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri. (1:50, 2:35, 4:30) 7:10, 7:45, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 2:35, 4:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45; **The Notorious Bettie Page** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40)

7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Bugs!** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00; **Greece: Secrets of the Past** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Island of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Sat. 7:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:40, 5:25) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:25, 7:55, 10:35; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:45, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:45) 4:50, 5:20, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:45) 6:45, 9:50; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:05, 4:30) 6:55, 9:45 Sat. (12:00, 2:05) 4:30, 9:45 Sun. (11:40, 2:05) 4:30, 6:55, 9:45; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:15, 9:50, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30) 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:15, 9:50, 10:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (11:30, 11:50, 2:15, 2:35, 5:00, 5:20) 7:45, 8:05, 10:30, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 11:50, 2:15, 2:35) 5:00, 5:20, 7:45, 8:05, 10:30, 10:50; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 12:10, 2:00, 2:30, 4:20, 4:50) 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 12:10, 2:00, 2:30) 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:25; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:40) 7:05, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:40, 7:05, 9:25

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Friends with Money (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 5:10, 7:20, 9:40; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:00, 9:30; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 8:20, 10:25; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:25, 8:00, 10:45; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:05, 10:40; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:35; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:25, 9:25

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road
American Dreamz (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:10, 9:40; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 7:45, 10:05; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 11:35, 1:30, 2:05, 4:05, 4:25) 7:05, 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; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15) 4:10, 6:55, 7:45, 8:15, 10:15, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00, 4:10) 4:30, 5:15, 6:55, 7:45, 8:15, 10:15, 10:30; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 1:55, 4:00, 4:55) 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 10:50; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:50, 10:35; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:05) 7:35, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:05, 7:35, 9:45; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 6:45, 9:10; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50) 9:15



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El Camino Real/
Del Mar Heights
858/646-9420

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760/942-5544
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FASHION VALLEY 18
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760/599-8221

AMC
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Santee

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Hoodwinked (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 9:40; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 11:25; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 11:10; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45

South Bay

Chula Vista

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Sat. 7:00; **ATL** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 6:00, 10:45; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 9:30 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **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; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00 (3:45) 8:30 Sat.,-Sun. (3:45) 8:30; **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 Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
American Dreamz (PG-13); **ATL** (PG-13); **Failure to Launch** (PG-13); **Friends with Money** (R); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R); **Lucky Number Slevin** (R); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **Silent Hill** (R); **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 Sentinel** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G); **V for Vendetta** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Sat. 7:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 10:05; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:10, 2:40, 4:35, 5:05) 6:55, 7:35, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:10, 2:40) 4:35, 5:05, 6:55, 7:35, 9:40; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:20) 7:45, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:45, 10:45; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri. (2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:40; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 12:15, 12:40, 2:05, 2:35, 2:55, 4:30, 4:55, 5:20) 7:00, 7:25, 7:55, 9:35, 10:00, 10:25 Sat. (11:50, 12:15, 12:40, 2:05, 2:35, 2:55, 4:55) 4:30, 5:20, 7:25, 7:55, 9:35, 10:00, 10:25 Sun. (11:50, 12:15, 12:40, 2:05, 2:35, 2:55) 4:30, 4:55, 5:20; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 4:55) 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00, 2:00) 4:15, 4:55, 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:05, 7:10, 9:55; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40) 6:50, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:40, 6:50, 9:30; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (12:10, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 9:45; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:20

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 10:00; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 8:00; **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)
American Dreamz (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:15; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05 Sun. (12:35, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30, 9:40 Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00 Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:20; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 1:15, 2:40, 3:40) 5:00, 5:50, 7:25, 8:25, 9:35, 10:35 Sun. (12:20, 1:15, 2:40, 3:40) 5:00, 5:50, 7:25, 8:25;

Silent Hill (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:55, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (1:30) 4:55, 7:45; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:20, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:20, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10, 10:15 Sun. (1:25, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 8:00; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:35, 7:05, 9:15 Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:35, 7:15

Escondido

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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Fallbrook

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
American Dreamz (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00

Poway

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
American Dreamz (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; **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. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **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; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. 10:15 (1:00, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00 Sat. (1:00, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:00; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00

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)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Sat. 7:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:45, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:00; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:05, 2:05, 3:35, 4:35) 6:50, 9:30; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:25, 10:10; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:45) 7:45, 10:25; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:40) 5:45, 8:30; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (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, 9:55, 10:40 Sat. (11:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 2:35, 3:25, 4:20, 5:10) 5:50, 7:35, 8:15, 9:20, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 2:35, 3:25, 4:20, 5:10) 5:50, 7:0; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 1:20, 3:50, 4:25) 7:00, 7:30, 10:05, 10:45; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:10, 5:15) 8:00, 10:50; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:55, 4:10) 6:55, 9:25; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:55; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:20, 10:15

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. 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35 Sun. 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45 Sun. 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25 Sun. 11:30, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15

Del Mar

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Sat. 7:00; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45 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; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sat. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 10:00 Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 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. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 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)
American Dreamz (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; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) 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; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) 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

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); **Silent Hill** (R); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Sentinel** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G)

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Neil Young: Heart of Gold (PG)

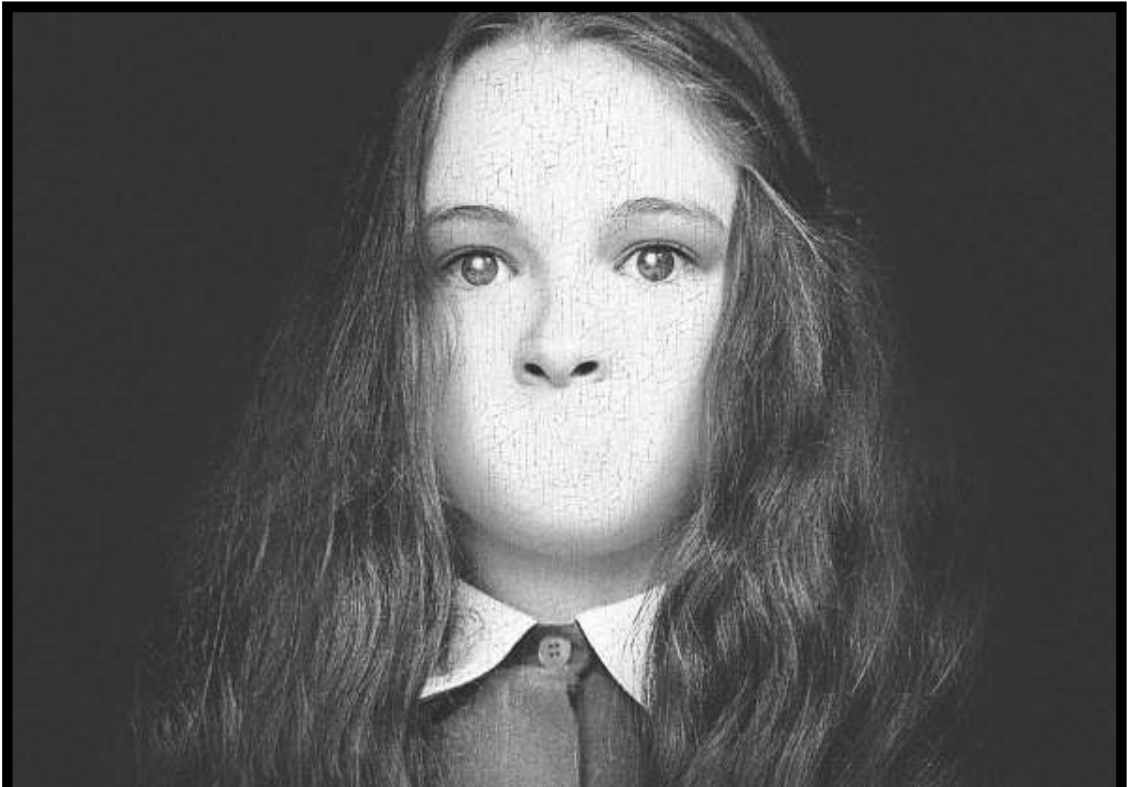
La Costa

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
American Dreamz (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; **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. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) 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; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) 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

Oceanside

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:25, 12:00, 1:55, 2:30, 4:25, 5:00, 6:55, 7:25, 9:25, 10:25; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 6:20, 10:05; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15, 11:45, 1:40, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 9:00, 9:35; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:55, 3:55, 6:40, 9:55; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 12:05, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00, 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 7:05, 7:35, 10:00, 10:30; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10

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racterísticas del niño autista", comentó Susana Nieves, fundadora del Centro Educativo.

De acuerdo a estadísticas de la Sociedad Americana para el autismo, por cada 166 personas hay una que padece de autismo, enfermedad neurológica que frecuentemente pasa inadvertida, "ya que no es una cuestión de salud física sino mental", comentó Nieves.

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Después de las marchas promigrantes de las últimas semanas, en el Condado de San Diego se registró el primer crimen de odio contra mexicanos en la comunidad de Jamul.

Autoridades detectaron un incendio en el Restaurante Mariachis Mexican Bar & Grill ubicado en el 12868 de Campo Road en los límites entre El Cajon y Jamul.

"Esperamos sinceramente que el motivo no sea a consecuencia de los actos a favor de migrantes, pero no tenemos idea de quien pudo hacer esto, nunca hemos tenido problemas antes, esta comunidad es muy pacífica", aseguró Daniel Ontiveros, propietario del lugar.

"Este incendio tiene las características de ser un crimen de odio", mencionaron las autoridades.

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Lleno de perros

Omar Millán

Más de 80 mil perros en Tijuana deambulan en vías públicas porque fueron abandonados por dueños irresponsables.

Este fenómeno está generando, problemas en la salud pública y mal aspecto a la ciudad, dijo Marco Antonio Tapia Miranda, jefe del Centro Antirrábico Veterinario del Municipio.

La Dirección Municipal de Salud estima que en Tijuana hay 200 mil caninos, tanto en hogares como en la calle.

"Es un problema los perros en las calles. Más del 50 por ciento de los perros que están en vías públicas antes tuvieron dueños. Regularmente la gente saca a sus perros a que hagan del baño en la calle.

"Esto está generando lo que llamamos 'fecalismo ambiental', un perro deja su excremento alrededor de 50 a 100 gramos por cada evacuación", explicó Tapia Miranda.

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Tuvieron que pasar dos mundiales para que el guardameta Oswaldo Sánchez llegara a una edición como titular, algo que es su sueño hecho realidad.

Primero Oswaldo Sánchez tuvo que soportar ver como segundo arquero en Francia 98 todos los encuentros y cuatro años más tarde en Corea y Japón, fue el suplente detrás de Oscar "Conejo" Pérez.

Hoy las cosas son completamente distintas y desde que terminó el Mundial hace cuatro años todo el mundo sabía que sin duda la titularidad en Alemania, si otra cosa no sucedía, le correspondería a él.

A pesar de todo ha tenido paciencia, porque muchos consideraban que hace cuatro años pasaba un mejor momento que "Conejo" Pérez, pero la decisión de Javier Aguirre no fue a su favor.

"Falta por cumplir algo, pero son tres mundiales de estar ahí, 12 años de esperar y hay veces que la gente no reconoce esas cosas, ahí estamos luchando con mucha ilusión", dijo el portero titular del equipo Tricolor.

Para el guardameta mexicano de 32 años de edad, ser parte de Chivas es un orgullo, ya que es la base de la Selección Nacional.



Crea controversia

El obispo de Mexicali, José Isidro Guerrero Macías, consideró que el libro El código Da Vinci y su película, representan la más grande calumnia y blasfemia contra Jesús el hijo de Dios y la Iglesia Católica.

El obispo mexicano se calificó de ficticio el libro del autor estadounidense Dan Brown, cuya película se estrenará próximamente en México, "al católico que le inquieta esa película, va a misa y comulga, entonces mejor que haga mucha oración".

En entrevista, señaló que para los católicos del mundo ese libro es la mayor blasfemia porque pone a Dios con todas las tentaciones, "y poner al hijo de Dios en la cama

con una mujer e hijos, es una calumnia que va contra la divinidad".

En el marco del fin de las celebraciones cuaresmales en esta ciudad, el Obispo de la diócesis mexicalense expresó que la blasfemia contra Dios no favorece la paz y el alma por lo cual es un pecado considerado gravísimo.

Aseveró que si hay algún católico interesado en leer el libro y el ver la película "es su problema", aunque debe quedar claro que es ficticio.

Recomienda no ver la película pero si los católicos deciden verla, deben tener claro su criterio, porque la palabra de Dios revelada hace dos mil años fue para educar y formar a las familias.



Esperan noticias

En el día de su cumpleaños familiares y amigos se reunieron en la tumba de la joven que el mes pasado fue asesinada brutalmente en el área de El Cajon.

Heather Nabil Mattia hubiera cumplido 23 años el domingo de Pascua, fecha que pudo haber sido una celebración alegre como cada año, pero en su lugar el dolor, las lágrimas y la pena siguen invadiendo a sus seres queridos.

A un mes y quince días de que los jóvenes de origen iraquí Heather Mattia y Faris Eiso fueron acorralados en la licorería Granada en El Cajon, la policía de esa localidad guarda un hermetismo total en torno al caso.

En tanto, entre llanto de dolor la familia Mattia y toda la comunidad Caldeana iraquí de San Diego claman justicia para que la muerte de estos dos jóvenes no quede en la impunidad.

"Pedimos justicia, esos asesinos siguen libres mientras mi familia está destrozada, no tenemos un momento de sosiego, y la policía no dice nada no nos dan ninguna esperanza", señaló Evelyn Mattia, hermana de la víctima.

De acuerdo a la desencajada y abatida familia Mattia los detectives si contestan algunas de sus llamadas pero sólo para decirles que siguen investigando algunas pistas, sin embargo no les dicen nada en concreto.

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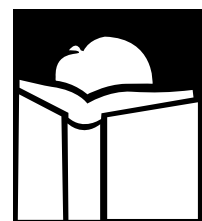
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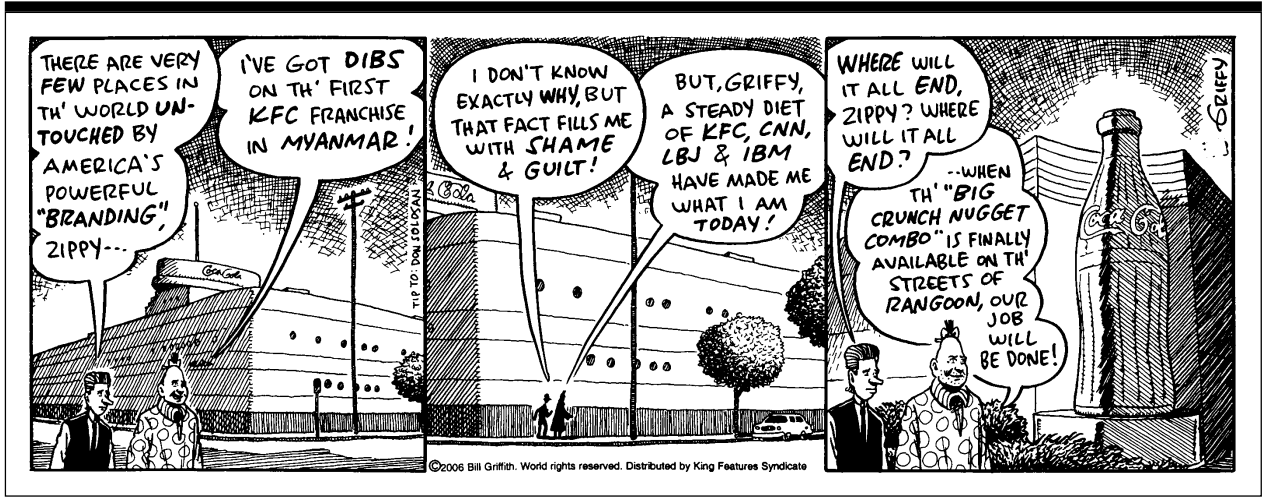
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Beatrice Mesgane

Assistant

Downtown

No. It'd probably be more stressful [if I knew the exact date]. If I were diagnosed with a disease, then, yeah, I'd want to know when I was going to die. A constant positive mental attitude and positive creation without focusing on the negative [is what I recommend.] Live in the moment.



Tyler McCaugh

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Sure. I've already been told that I have six months to live. I have heart problems; I've known for a couple of weeks. By volunteering, I feel like I'm giving back to the community and just trying to live longer, keeping my health up. They could be wrong, but I'm trying to live healthy. I have plenty of friends who are helping me; I don't have any family. My friends are really cool to me and they're pretty much family. Keep your head up and it'll get better. Stay clean, off of drugs.



Nicole Dekoto

Architect

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No, not at all. I don't want to stress about it; I just want it to happen when it happens and not have to think about it. Maybe with a disease it'd be different because there could be a cure, or maybe there's something you can do to extend your life. I've done the Europe thing, so I'd probably want to return to Spain [if I knew I only had a short time to live]. Maybe one more trip to Spain...some sangria. I'd want to see Tokyo, Indonesia, maybe Shanghai...hopefully there's somebody special in my life, and I'd like to take that person. I say live your life like every day is the last because you never know when it's going to be.



Zef Sanchez

Construction Foreman

Clairemont

Yes and no. I think if it were going to be unexpected, then I'd prefer to know in advance because I think the worst situation would be not being able to say goodbye to your loved ones. You hear people say, "The last time I talked to him, I forgot to tell him I love him," or you argue about something stupid and that's the last thing you remember. A lot of life is little things like arguments and getting wound up about this or that and that's okay because you're living. I'd want to know when my death would be because on the other hand, I'd know how much life I'd have left to live.

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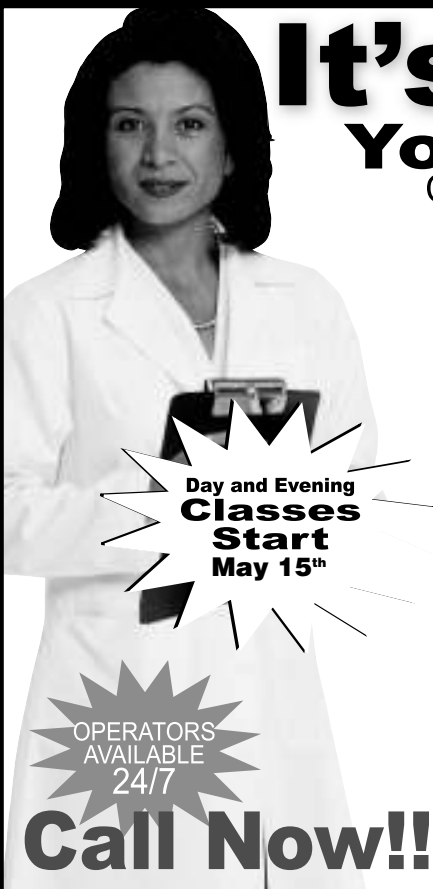
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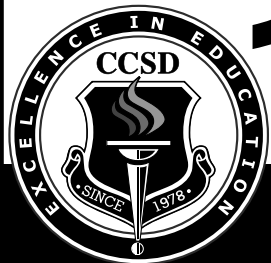
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Across

- Set alight
- Ameliorates
- Drain
- "... had a farm, ____"
- SeaWorld attraction
- Up to, briefly
- Reddish-brown flier
- Coach Parseghian
- Admirer's poem
- Diaper, in Britain
- Black-and-orange flier
- Clergyman
- Squishee seller on "The Simpsons"
- Prefix with dynamic
- Is ____ (probably will)
- Lymphocyte found in marrow
- Wild blue yonder
- White-headed, brownish-black flier
- Juilliard deg.
- Ladies' companions
- Not spoken
- "Into the Blue" actress Jessica
- "... ____ shall die"
- Author Jong
- Gray-and-white flier
- Vespers preceder
- Skiff propeller
- Afore
- Make a well-known obscene gesture (or a clue for solving this puzzle's themed answers)
- Opposite of FF
- TV actress Tyler
- Shady spot
- Vietnam War-era org.
- Has a novel experience?
- Weighty novels

Down

- Golf peg
- Saudi export
- "V for Vendetta" actor Stephen
- Smoke, slangily
- A student's place
- First name in cosmetics
- "That feels so-o-o nice!"
- Droop
- Sony Music competitor
- Muslim sect
- Paper clip alternatives
- Landing place for private planes
- Monthly magazine since 1953
- Wedding vow
- ____ loss for words
- Actress Gabor
- Blistex target

- Natl. Pretzel Mo.
- "Must've been something ____"
- Arrived quickly
- Some newspaper essays
- Consider, with "over"
- Wilkes-____, Pa.
- Words of posthumous praise
- Err
- Unadorned
- Social skills
- Bowled over
- Elizabeth Vargas anchors it
- Geometric fig.
- Put frosting on
- Keg opening
- Keg contents
- Equally distant
- Itty bits
- "Go team!"
- Prevaricate
- "This ____ stickup!"
- Grad sch. goal
- Family nickname
- "Big Blue" company
- ____ v. Wade
- Rx writers

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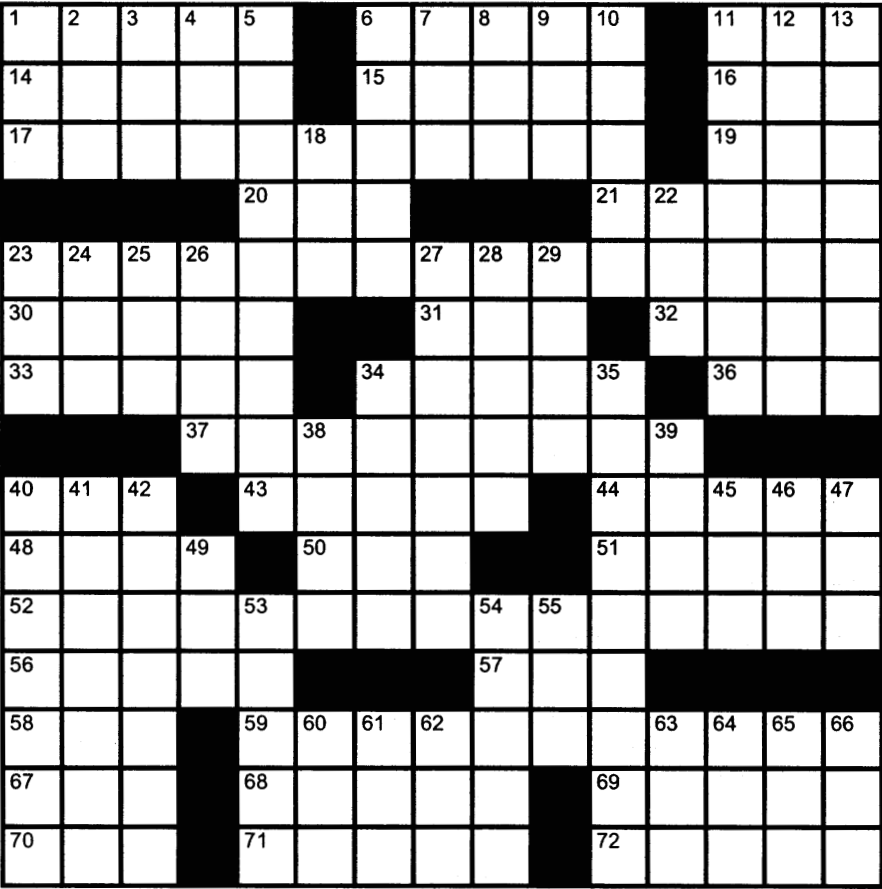
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KEARNY REUNION, Class of 1986. 7pm-12am Saturday, July 22, Courtyard by Marriott San Diego in Old Town. More information <http://reunion-specialists.com/reunion.php?reunion=232>, <http://www.kearnyreunion.com>.

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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

LADY CHARGER FANS, I'm looking for girlfriends to hang out with and watch the games, married or single. Alternate homes, food, drinks, charger fun. (5/3) ☎50389

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MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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tual, enjoys life, spontaneous, healthy, non-smoker. (5/3) ☎50940

VERY ATTRACTIVE, Blonde/green, youthful 60s, slender, educated, loving, kind, your best friend, artist, healer. Seeking educated, refined, gentle, soft spoken gentleman, best friend, soul-mate. (5/3) ☎50951

PRETTY, TALL, TRIM Fun, romantic artist! Quality, classy, educated, fifty. You, very handsome, secure income. We like antiques, shopping, movies, each other. Prefer Mediterranean types. (5/3) ☎50949

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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

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

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

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LEFTIST, 52, 5'9", son (17), natural, blues-opera, hiking, camping, dog beach. Seek progressive, 50ish, easygoing, renaissance man to complicate/complement my simple life. (4/26) ☎50938

BEAUTY AND BRAINS, Without the strain. This unique, childless, black beauty seeks a strong, yet gentle white cutie. Unencumbered, humble, humorous, with diverse interests included. (5/3) ☎50947

ATTRACTIVE DESIGNER, Romantic, passionate, dark, sexy, likes traveling, dancing, great dining, ebony. Seeks Ivory, tall, fit, clean-cut, honest man, nonsmoker. No dogs or drugs, 40-49. (4/26) ☎50920

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

PRETTY REDHEAD, Great smile, curvaceous full figure. Seeks romance, affectionate, sense of humor, established, positive attitude, loves family, friends, baseball and fun. Wants relationship 50+-. (4/26) ☎50931

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, love outdoors, financially secure homeowner. Seeking professional nonsmoker, 40-45, male. (5/3) ☎50946

EUROPEAN LADY, Nice looking, educated 50, 5'5", blonde, educated, with huge travel experience in Europe. Look-

ing for soul-mate, good looking, educated, to travel together North. (4/26) ☎50926

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

BOYFRIEND WANTED, Aspires marriage/kids. Cute, blonde 32, seeks attractive 28-35, white male, goal oriented, financially secure, nonsmoker. Prefer never married. Tattoos are a plus! (4/26) ☎50935

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

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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

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

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, Gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (comp)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/non-religious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (5/3) ☎50956

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA, 5'11" 130lbs, romantic, loving, caring, easygoing, 53. Searching for honest, romantic, loving, possible military or police officer, 40-60 for serious relationship. (4/26) ☎50917

TALL, WHITE, Sexy, handsome man 30-45 sought by very sexy, beautiful, petite black lady. Please be relationship oriented, financially stable, kinda zany, must love children. (5/3) ☎50950

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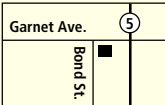
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28, 5'10"+, no facial hair. I need fun! EMT'S=A+. (5/3) ☎ 50955

BLACK, PROFESSIONAL, TALL, Fit, 45-55. Me Caucasian, tall, 44, attractive, likes compassionate, sexy, fun, movies, plays, dining, travel, gym, serious relationship. (5/3) ☎ 50945

REDHEAD, PETITE, 56, Classy, intelligent, attractive, passionate, open-

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ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks

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PRETTY MUSIC TEACHER, 5'2", 115lbs, enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, yoga. Seeking gentleman 5'10"+, interested in his spiritual growth, active, enjoys similar interests. (5/3) ☎ 50962

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, Sweet, cultured. Enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Wants to meet a nice, white gentleman, ages 30 and up. Nonsmoker. No drugs. (5/3) ☎ 50942

ATTRACTIVE ADVENTUROUS, European lady 50ish curvaceous body, down to earth. Enjoys outdoors, tennis, mountains, beaches, travel, dancing. Seeks attractive man 5'10"+ nonsmoker. (5/3) ☎ 50953

YOUNG 63 YEAR, Warm, blond. Seeking young 60-70 gentleman for friendship and maybe long term relationship. No smoking, good sense of humor, love to dance. (5/3) ☎ 50954

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

LATINA, 40s, Independent, sincere, romantic. Seeking Caucasian male 40-52 for a possible long term relationship, let's enjoy life together, serious gentleman only. (5/3) ☎ 50943

INTELLIGENT, GRACEFUL, Caring, sensitive 57 lady. Seeks companionship of cert 50-62 educated, sense of humor, caring, handsome for creative activities and possible long term relationship! (4/26) ☎ 50937

EBONY AND IVORY, Younger man, older woman, I'm 40, 5'6, 130, sexy, fit. You under 40, white or Hispanic, fit, social, outgoing, ready for fun. (5/3) ☎ 50960

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

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

MEMPHIS GIRL LOVES San Diego. Attractive blond, brown-eyed girl, 38. Seeking love and romance. Let's explore San Diego's treasures. (4/26) ☎ 50934

APPEALING, SHAPELY, Green eyed, 40-something, confident, professional woman. Seeks secure, honest, good-hearted professional male, 40-58. (5/3) ☎ 50941

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

SEEKING USMC OFFICER, 40-60, never married. You will appreciate a loyal, talented, never married, beautiful exotic, intelligent lady who is USMC at heart. (5/3) ☎ 50944

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

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

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GIRLFRIEND WANTED For all around good guy, biker. Are you 30-46? I'm looking for you. Let's enjoy life together, call me. (5/3) ☎ 50373

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

DIVORCED CAUCASIAN, Gentleman homeowner semi-retired mid-60s would like to meet age appropriate Caucasian lady for dining movies all the arts and a nice relationship. (5/3) ☎ 50380

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, Active, healthy, very active, to meet lady for all the fun things to do that can be best when done by two. (5/3) ☎ 50376

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

SINCERE MAN, 57, easygiong, Seeking nonsmoking lady for companionship. I enjoy working out, movies, dining out, quiet times together, affection, reside 619 area. (4/26) ☎ 50327

A GOOD CATCH, Attractive single white male 45, adventurous, spontaneous, easygoing, sense humor, healthy, secure, outdoors, beach, barbecues, walks, poker, dining, concerts, Las Vegas weekends. (5/3) ☎ 50360

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

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

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

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (5/3) ☎ 50371

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

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 185lbs. Seeking mature, assertive, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful woman, respect, devotion, pleasing you always the most important thing. Long term. (5/3) ☎ 50368

WIDOWER, CAUCASIAN, Homeowner Bay Park, active, fit, well groomed, 5'7" 170lbs, share glass wine, dancing, dining, walks, movies. Seeking affectionate lady companion under 65, long-term-relationship. (5/3) ☎ 50374

AMERICAN/ITALIAN, 51, Athletic, biking, tennis, hiking, arts, foreign films, karaoke, wine tasting, real estate investing. Seeking Filipina, 38-55, very attractive, slim, athletic, North County. (4/26) ☎ 50328

858 WHITE GENTLEMAN, 56, 5'9" 174lbs, clean shaven, handsome, well groomed, great qualities, romantic, loving, supportive, intelligent, secure, likes boating, music, dancing and more. (5/3) ☎ 50385

KONNICHIWA, 49, 5'10", nice eyes, adventurous and charming. Seeking enchanting Japanese lady. Weekend. Murrieta. (4/26) ☎ 50343

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, Older woman sought by tall, attractive, white male, 54, I'm financially/emotionally secure, easygoing, warm, affectionate. Enjoy dining, romance, closeness, love, intimacy. (4/26) ☎ 50352

SEEK TO GROW Through relationship. Enjoyably, mutually, spiritually, emotionally, safely, opening our hearts, sharing our truth, deepening communication, experiencing oneness, having fun, humorously, 5'6", slim. (5/3) ☎ 50377

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 43-51, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, commitment. (5/3) ☎ 50366

MALE WHO ENJOYS Traveling, dining out, and movies. Looking for lady who enjoys same. (4/26) ☎ 50353

50, BLACK, 6'2", Seeks healthy vibrant woman for love. Race unimportant. Be intelligent, beautiful personality, and believe in the stars and happiness. (5/3) ☎ 50388

SEEKING CUTE Woman. Me: steady occupation, secure, sincere, honest, great job, desire average hottie. Me artist, also you model passionate, great let's meet ASAP. (5/3) ☎ 50386

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

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

HISPANIC OR BLACK Female wanted. Single white male, 46, hard-working, easy-going, silly guy, wants someone to go to beach and do fun things this summer. (5/3) ☎ 50365

NARCOLEPTIC, SENSUAL, Sensitive Pisces, 57, 6', 160lbs, fit, bald, vegetarian, beer drinker, nature lover, spiritual interests. Nonmaterialistic, intelligent, open minded, fun. You: Evolved, unconventional. (5/3) ☎ 50387

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

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

I LIVE IN PACIFIC BEACH, I am a huge sports fan, football, soccer, boogie boarding, etc. I would like to meet a loving Asian lady. (4/26) ☎ 50348

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

AVERAGE LOOKING, Caucasian. Seeking smart, sensual, articulate woman. Romantic friendship, enjoying art, music, film, museums, travel, swimming, blending traditional values/creative ideas. I'm 50, 5'11". (5/3) ☎ 50375

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WANT TO MEET, Curvaceous attractive lady 37-50 who's sexy, affectionate and like to have fun, I'm black, very attractive, 42, 6', 220lbs in excellent shape. (5/3) ☎ 50381

SOUL-MATE WANTED. Monogamous, attractive African American male 49 5'7" who enjoys life, laughter, romance, cuddling, holding hands, outdoors, music, movies. Age/race open. (4/26) ☎ 50355

65 ATTRACTIVE ROMANTIC, Seeks special lady for dining, hugs, walks, talks. (4/26) ☎ 50354

SENSE OF HUMOR, HONEST, intelligent, open-minded, passionate, adventurous, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey, Enjoy rock music, movies, nature, coffeehouses, stimulating conversation. Seeking like minded. (4/26) ☎ 50335

UP TO DATE GENTLEMAN, Late 70s enjoys bridge, dancing, theatre, music. Seeks sincere, lady 70-80 with similar interests. (4/26) ☎ 50356

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

ATTORNEY, ATTRACTIVE, 58. Seeks compatible female for companionship, fun, travel, quiet times, I am 5'8" 160lbs, brown hair and eyes, no baggage, take a chance. (5/3) ☎ 50364

HOPELESS ROMANTIC. Seeking fit, attractive lady for meaningful, fun relationship, 40-51, enjoy pampering you. Boating, skiing, workouts, guitar, song and dance. I'm fit, early 50s, 5'11", 225lbs., handsome white man. (5/3) ☎ 50390

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SUPER SIZE, Older lady wanted for casual dating, fine dining, must be openminded and good sense of humor. Please be between ages 35-50. (5/3) ☎ 50379

SPORTS MINDED, Seeking female, 45-55, who likes all sports. No drinking no

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GREAT LOOKING, 6'1" 210, widower, successful, businessowner, homeowner, financially secure, educated, well groomed, healthy, virile, fit. Seeking attractive, sensual, shapely lady, 50-65, fun, romance, trips. (5/3) ☎ 50369

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

LATINO MAN, Fit, slim, 5'8", 50, college educated. Seeking Latina woman 5'3"+. (5/3) ☎ 50383

FIREMAN, WHITE, 45, Fit and frisky. Seeks attractive, classy, quality lady for fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have some fun! (5/3) ☎ 50378

I'M 50, Attractive, loyal, killer sense of humor and I seek a reasonably attractive, content woman (any race) who needs to be needed. (5/3) ☎ 50382

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

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

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

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

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with

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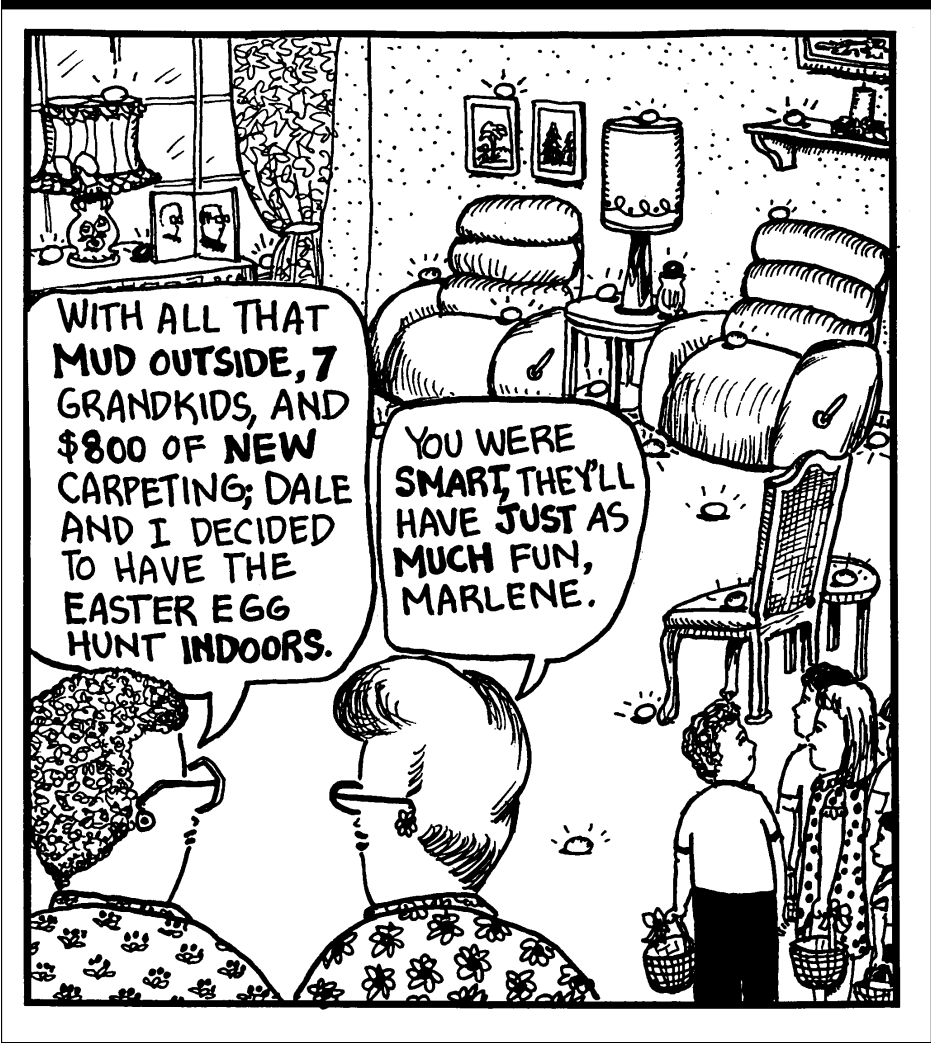
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room, 1 bath, from \$1205. Call us for our "fabulous specials." Dishwasher, microwave. Tennis, basketball. Theatre, pool, gym. Garage \$75. \$300 pet deposit. Monday-Saturday, 8:30am-5:30pm, Sunday, 10am-5pm. Coral Bay Park, 3309 Cowley Way. 888-500-0471. www.sdreader.com/rent/1070.

CLAIREMONT. 1 bedrooms, \$950 and up. 2 bedrooms, from \$1200 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and peaceful? All bedrooms big enough for king size beds. Walk to all your needs. Patios and garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Coral Bay Canyon, 3309 Cowley Way. Call us for our "fabulous specials." Designer 1 bedroom starting \$1035. 2 bedrooms starting \$1205. Pets welcome (deposit required). Cool breezes, Olympic size pool, gym, movie theatre. Garages, \$75. Toll free: 888-500-0471. www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with garage. New carpet/paint. Yard. Available 4/20. 4183 Chippewa Court. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

CLAIREMONT. Cozy 1 bedroom furnished apartment. All utilities, digital TV cable and DSL Internet included, parking, quiet. \$785/month. 858-279-4487.

CLAIREMONT. \$1225/month. Cozy and nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer/dryer hookups. Nice patio and yard. Off-street parking. No pets. 619-276-6745.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with view of bay. Dishwasher. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cat OK. 2920 Clairemont Drive. 619-276-5937. www.rasnyder.com.

CLAIREMONT. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace, dishwasher, pool, Jacuzzi, 1-car garage (can fit kayak) and a carport. 2915 Cowley Way. Agent, 858-560-1178.

CLAIREMONT. \$1495. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, includes 1-car garage. Small pet OK! Section 8 welcome! 3033 Jemez Drive. Agent, 858-560-1178.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, fenced yard, near all. Pet under 5-lbs. OK. 3715 Coconino Court. Agent, 858-560-1178.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, security, central air and heating, underground parking, 1-year lease, 4742 Seminole Drive. Please call 619-469-0031.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1195-\$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony/porch. Gas stove, refrigerator. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Gated. Near all/ golf course. 619-285-3822.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1000/up. 2 bedrooms. Carpets. Appliances, newly refurbished. Laundry facilities. Off-street parking. Near all. Pet? 858-455-5956.

COLLEGE AREA. \$250 off first month, look-and-lease special! 1 bedrooms from \$795. Air conditioning. Pool. Barbecues. Gated access. Laundry. Parking. Near bus, shopping, freeways! Cat friendly. Saturday, Sunday by appointment. 6, 9, 12-month leases. Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Road. Call 1-800-433-6120. www.pacificliving.com or www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

COLLEGE AREA. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, assigned parking. Awesome 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage, pools, spas, fireplace, laundry hookup, walk-in closets. Taking reservations! 619-284-5285, www.talmadgecanyonpark.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Central Air. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Microwave. Gated entry. Parking. Laundry on site. No pets. 4828 Art Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

COLLEGE AREA/LEMON GROVE. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry on site. No pets. 3553 College Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

COLLEGE AREA. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, refrigerator, stove, laundry. Fee. Free search at www.sdr rentals.com. 858-324-1780.

COLLEGE AREA. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, refrigerator, stove. Fee. Free search at www.sdr rentals.com. 858-324-1780.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Cat OK. Refrigerator, stove. Fee. Free search at www.sdr rentals.com. 858-324-1780.

COLLEGE AREA. \$800-\$825. Spacious 1 bedrooms. Kitchen pantry, ceiling fan, upgrades, on-site laundry, pool. Close to shopping, bus. 6295 Stanley Avenue. 619-255-0758.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath mint condition, close to shopping and transit. 4775 Seminole Drive. Avail-

able 5/6. 858-688-0287 or 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet neighborhood. Close to SDSU. Move-in special-- 1/2 off first month's rent with 9 month lease. 6165 Montezuma Road. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$825. Remodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms. Near shopping. Pool. Air conditioning. Parking available. Laundry. Barbecue area. Pets considered. 3635 College Avenue. 619-582-3993.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$795. Move in special! Large 1 bedroom, air, pool, laundry, gated, parking. 4445 Marc cellena Road. Small pet. Section 8 ok. 619-261-8246; 619-281-1506.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$750. Ask about move in special. Large, 1 bedroom apartment. Near all. Laundry, parking, gated, 4420 Estrella Avenue. Manager #6. 619-253-2290; 619-281-2063.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$740. 1 bedroom. Pool, on-site laundry, off-street parking. No pets. Central location. Nice area. Call for details. 4333 College Avenue. 619-287-8380.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2-story condo, patio washer/dryer, 1097 square feet, pool, jacuzzi. 6761 Amherst #D. Agent 858-483-2844.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750-\$775. 1 bedroom. Near shops. Laundry room. No pets. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. \$1300. Brand new everything! Granite counter tops, cherry cabinets/blinds, stainless steel appliances and more! 4336 College Avenue. 619-793-4010.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. 2-story apartment. Brand new carpet and vinyl throughout! Fresh paint throughout! Storage garage comes with unit! Don't miss out! 6003 Streamview. Manager, 619-370-2119.

COLLEGE AREA. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Totally remodeled. Large kitchen. New appliances and granite countertops. New carpet. Off-street parking. Near shopping. 6036 Estelle. No pets. \$1050. 619-683-9274.

COLLEGE. Extra large, bright 1 bedroom. Secure courtyard entry. Newly painted, all appliances, dishwasher, A/C, laundry facilities, assigned parking. \$675/month, garage extra. 619-583-3270.

COLLEGE. Move-in special. Spacious 1 bedrooms, \$820. Gated building, pool, air conditioning, laundry, parking. 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248 or 619-850-6197.

COLLEGE. Move-in special. Spacious 2 bedroom townhouse. \$1200. Gated building, pool, air conditioning, laundry, parking. 4601 63rd Street. 619-229-9248 or 619-850-6197.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO. \$615. Large studio cottage. New paint, new carpet. Quiet area. 858-292-6046.

CORONADO. \$1095. Dogs OK! Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment home with laundry facilities on site, parking available with small fee, within walking distance to ferry landing in Coronado. Check with the leasing consultant for a list of approved breeds and other requirements. 141-1/2 D Avenue. 858-270-5500. www.msrbrowar.com.

DEL CERRO. \$1195. Great 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Unfurnished condo. New paint/ carpet, overlooks pool, upper unit. Available now/858-565-6420.i

DEL MAR. \$1400. 1 bedroom condo with loft, garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool/spa, west of 5, near beach, no pets. Available 4/1/06. 858-945-8198.

DEL MAR. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, on-site laundry, appliances, ceiling fans. Lush courtyard. Gated parking, no pets/smokers. Available now. 619-857-3569.

DEL MAR. \$1525. Townhouse-style 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, west of I-5. Garage, community pool. 2582 Del Mar Heights Road #2. Available 5/1. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Live west of I-5! Low \$500 deposits! 1 bedrooms from \$1249. 2 bedrooms from \$1480. 3 bedrooms from \$1820. Ocean views! Patio, balcony. Pool. Tennis court. Sports, picnic areas. Parking. Near entertainment, shopping. Pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.solanahighlands.com, 1-888-637-8571. http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. \$1395. 1 bedroom, 1 bath plus loft with immediate availability. Features high vaulted ceilings, corner unit, spiral staircase to loft and private balcony. Dishwasher. Pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Fitness center. Laundry. Near freeway/beach. Cat OK. Ocean Crest, 873 Stevens Avenue. 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. From \$1795. 1552 Camino Del Mar #601 (almost oceanfront) and 616 Solana Circle. Some ocean views. Interior laundry. Pets OK. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at www.ILoveDelMar.com. Kohn & Burke, Inc., 858-755-8580.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhomes from \$1500. Crown molding, small community, heated pool, on-site laundry, assigned covered parking. Close to shopping, fine dining, beach, race track. 766 South Nardo. 858-755-0533. solanapointe.rasnyder.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$2200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Bay views. 1000 square foot ultra large balcony. Granite counter, stainless appliances. Glass walls. Pool, gym, etc. ukiyo_ei@yahoo.com. 619-274-1900.

DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE. Real warehouse live/work loft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking included. Spacious, private 3-unit building. \$2700 month/lease. Appointment, 619-994-6991.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. \$925. Large 1 bedroom upstairs. Appliances, private balcony, coin laundry, elevator, parking, entry intercom system. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available now. 215 West Grape. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. \$850. 1 bedroom, top floor. Appliances. Coin laundry. No parking. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 5/14. 119 West Fir. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, Marina, \$1750. 1 bedroom with loft, Park Row Condos, 1057' plus patio, remodeled, washer/dryer, vaulted ceiling, pool, spa, clubhouse, security gate/guard. 619-993-3838.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms, \$450/ up. Studios, \$650/up. Near Gaslamp District. Very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management. 619-231-2385. www.sdreader.com/rent/2097.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, \$450-\$625, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B, Hughes Management, 619-239-3808. www.sdreader.com/rent/2099.

DOWNTOWN. Economical furnished rooms, \$400-\$500, best price, save money. Conveniently located on C Street trolley line, near restaurants, free cable TV, shared bathrooms, on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, elevator service, no pets, 636 C Street (between 6th and 7th). C Street Inn, Hughes Management, 619-234-4165. www.sdreader.com/rent/2098.

DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, \$400-\$500. Heart of Gaslamp. Shared bathrooms. Community kitchen. Free cable TV. No pets. 843 4th Avenue. Windsor Hotel. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Attractive rooms. Shared bath. Utilities included! Near City College! \$400-\$595 per month. Weekly rates from \$125! 719 14th Street, Villa Victoria. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385.

DOWNTOWN. Gaslamp area. Move-in special, \$280. Community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Heart of Gaslamp, 5th Avenue, near ballpark. 2-car parking. Balcony. Granite. Stainless appliances. Bay windows. Gym. \$2195. 619-846-9712.

DOWNTOWN. Union Square, new 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft, private rooftop deck. Upgrades, large kitchen, pergio floors. Top corner unit, park views. \$2250/month. 858-864-8656.

DOWNTOWN. Furnished. 1/2 off first month. \$1550/month. Wood floors, elevated ceilings, fireplace, 32" LCD television. Close to trolley, 1 parking space, Jacuzzi. 1225 Island #105. Call 619-471-1755; 619-956-6050.739.

DOWNTOWN. 1/2 off first month! Loft style 2 bedroom. 1008 estimated square feet. M21 building, third floor. Courtyard view, wood floors. All new. Fitness center, 2 underground parking spaces. \$1800/month. Call 619-471-1755; 619-956-6050.739.

DOWNTOWN. San Diego's first hip hybrid hotel. Sleep small. Dream big. Stay the day, week, month. Single room, \$215 per week. Double room, \$225 per week. Rest. Lounge. Connect. Play. Eat. Watch.

Shower. Laundry. Live. 500 West Hotel, 500 West Broadway. www.500westhotel.com. Toll free: 1-888-895-0875 or 619-234-5252. www.sdreader.com/rent/2114.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Free wireless Internet! Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. \$175, weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new rooms near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from \$150/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmed-sd.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$650/up. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, carpet. All utilities included. Laundry, street parking. No pets. Close to Balboa Park. 1758 6th Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

DOWNTOWN. \$1600. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath located in a historical building with charm and class walking distance to Horton plaza, Little Italy and more. Enjoy roof top entertaining with city views. Perfect for the urban lifestyle. Parking included. Pets ok. 619-574-0558. www.SanDiegoRealtyGuide.com.

DOWNTOWN. \$1450. Brand new, 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Section 8 ok. 1 parking, gated controlled access. Nonsmoking, no pets. 5030 A Street. 858-597-6100 x315.

DOWNTOWN. Retail plus attached studio. \$3000. Studio with separate entrance, cherrywood cabinets, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, marble floors, private patio, storage room. Kismet, 619-254-3925.

DOWNTOWN. \$2400. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 3rd floor. Laundry, 2 parking spaces. Close to Gaslamp and ballpark. 330 J Street. Uptown Properties, 619-297-7368.

DOWNTOWN. \$775. Huge 1+ bedroom in vintage building. Just restored downstairs unit, 10 blocks from water, authentic hardwood floors, fresh paint, new tile/appliances. 619-230-0998.

DOWNTOWN. \$1095. Loft/1 bedroom. Hardwood floor. Completely renovated building. Air conditioning. Full kitchen, and bath. Parking available. 1055 Sixth Avenue. No pets. 619-261-4793.

DOWNTOWN. \$2250. City Front Terrace. Large 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. Private patio, laundry, parking. Doorperson. Pools. Jacuzzi. Fitness room. 500 Harbor, #117. Agent, 619-297-7368.

DOWNTOWN. \$1900. 2 bedroom luxury condo. 16th floor bay views. Month-to-month only. Granite countertops, stainless appliances, valet parking. Glass walls., rooftop pool, etc. ukiyo_ei@yahoo.com. 619-274-1900.

DOWNTOWN. \$825. Dogs OK! 1 bedroom apartment home with laundry facilities on-site and plenty of storage space. Great location, close to everything San Diego has to offer! \$300 gift card at move-in. 843 13th Street. 858-270-5500 x29. www.ms

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Aqua Vista. \$1950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with all appliances. Pool, spa, exercise room, valet parking. 425 West Beech Street #208. Leasing Unlimited. 760-436-7273.

DOWNTOWN/SAN DIEGO. \$795 rent. \$600 deposit. Studio with new paint, stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors, on-site laundry. Close to Balboa Park. Easy freeway access. 2311 4th Avenue. 619-804-3325, 619-795-6441.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, beautifully remodeled kitchen and bath, hardwood floors, washer/dryer in unit. Available now. Must see! 1045 E Street #1. Agent, 858-560-1178.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$995. 1 bedroom. 700 square feet. Secluded. Walk to Petco, Gaslamp. Near all. 8-unit colonial brick. No pets. 941 Date Street. 619-670-7484, 619-917-3121.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$775. studio. Limited access building. Charming, quiet, residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Beautiful, spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den condo/loft. 1,253 feet. Granite counters, stainless appliances. 2-parking. Non-smoking/pets. \$2300. 619-398-1543.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$675 and up. Studio. Clean, nonsmoking building. Hardwood and ceramic floors. Charming built-in storage. Laundry, 1-cat ok. On trolley line; 830 Park Boulevard (12th). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. New furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, 1 parking, gym. No pets. 550 15th. \$2100, utilities included. Amir 858-433-0805.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1195 and up. Unique lofts, located in the heart of East Village. 985 G Street. TPPM, 619-750-9642.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP New 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den. Spacious loft. Gated parking. Hardwood floors. All appliances. Views of Petco Park. Pets OK. \$2400. 858-829-3366.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1400. Loft living-heart of Gaslamp District. Live/work. Gorgeous historical building. Walk to Horton Plaza, Petco Park, House of Blues, Seaport Village, Convention Center, bay. Air conditioning. Cable/Internet ready. Controlled access. Pets welcomed! On Broadway, 1023 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1333. <http://www.sdreader.com/rent/2109>.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Move-in Specials. Live/Work Lofts in the heart of The Gaslamp from \$1,100! Roof decks with barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Seven locations Downtown. Select pets OK. Visit loft leasing office: 315 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Lofts starting \$1950/month. Walking distance to Petco Park. Approximately 1200-square-foot, top floor, bay windows, Pergo, appliances, washer/dryer. Pets considered. Available now. 858-663-6626.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo with designer touches. This 1 bedroom has a den (can be used as second bedroom). \$1950/month. Cyndi, 619-890-7204.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. 1913 Historic landmark. Old World Charm and modern convenience. Secure private entrance, high-speed Internet capability, restored woodwork/hardwood floors. Designer kitchen/bathroom. Clawfoot tubs, decorator fireplaces, closet organizers. Laundry on each floor. Computer alcove. Off-street parking. Fabulous views of city, bay. Large, bright units. Beautiful porches, patios, fountains, gardens. Near Gaslamp, PetCo Park, 1 block from Balboa Park, restaurants, golf. No pets. 1 year lease. \$995. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright, corner studio, \$795; 1 bedroom, \$995. Ideal location, charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front Street, near Beech, Call 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Corner Ash/Union, great views, 1 bedroom lofts, \$1,195-\$1,395. 17-foot ceilings, stainless appliances. Pets OK. 858-459-6731, sharna@thebillboardlofts.com, www.thebillboardlofts.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$995-\$1550, large studio; and unfurnished 2 level lofts with parking available. \$2100, furnished luxury loft with bay views, parking. Call 619-255-0526. www.sdurbanliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Unique, industrial lofts starting at \$1150. Located in Little Italy. 2034 Kettner Boulevard. TPPM, 858-336-3190.

DOWNTOWN/RENAISSANCE. Marina District. Top-floor, panoramic harbor/bay view, beautifully upgraded, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Shaded washer/dryer, 2-car garage, concierge. Available now. \$3200/month. 619-813-0458.

DULZURA. \$1200. Country-style living! Newly remodeled. Large 2 bedroom. Washer, dryer. Lots of room for horses, pets. Beautiful mountain views. Available now! 619-807-0359.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove, refrigerator. Vinyl. Small fenced yard. 1-car garage. No pets. 5016 Orange Avenue. Agent, 619-298-7724.

EL CAJON. \$700 and up. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Amenities, A/C, laundry on-site, pool, recreation room, parking. Lushly landscaped, near all. 294 Balantyne. 619-440-3044.

EL CAJON. \$750. 1 bedroom. Ask about move-in special. Clean, quiet, off-street parking. Pool, barbecue, play area, laundry room. gated. Central air and heat. Section 8 welcome. 346 South Mollison. 619-312-0606.

EL CAJON. Award winning community! \$845. Extra large 1 bedrooms. \$999. Extra large 2 bedrooms. 6-14 month leases. Ceiling fan. Linen closet. Garbage disposal. Sparkling pool. Clubhouse. Barbeques. Pet friendly with deposit. Large dogs welcome! Dog exercise area. Assigned parking. Evergreen Gardens, 291 Jamacha Road. www.sdreader.com/rent/2113. Call 619-442-9935.

EL CAJON. \$750. 1 bedroom spacious apartment in quiet 11-plex. Dishwasher, air, gated parking, on-site laundry, picnic area. Section 8 OK. 222 Lincoln/Main. 619-447-6437.

EL CAJON. Fabulous 7 Motel. Furnished rooms starting \$199 per week. Parking. Pool. Cable. Maid service. Laundry. 24 hour security. 1527 East Main Street. 619-442-0457.

EL CAJON. \$750-875. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. New carpet, paint, balcony or yard. Nice. Parking, laundry. 449 South Mollison. See manager #7. 858-488-2299.

EL CAJON. \$975. \$400 off 1st month's rent! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled apartment with dishwasher, washer/dryer, storage, private garage, large lawn and more. No dogs. 960 East Chase Avenue. 619-244-9882. www.SanDiegoRealtyGuide.com.

EL CAJON. \$1250. \$600 off 1st month's rent! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath with private garage. Dishwasher, washer/dryer on site, storage, patio, across from park and more. No dogs. 1040 Bostonia Street. 619-244-9882.

EL CAJON. \$725-\$925. 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms. Pool, laundry, parking on-site. Month-to-month lease. 1019 Peach. 619-588-4773. Ask about move-in special.

EL CAJON. \$760, 1 bedrooms. \$1270, 3 bedrooms. Community complex. Gated pool, Parking. Air conditioning. No pets. Central location. 933 Peach Avenue. Call 619-447-9193.

EL CAJON. \$1200-\$1300. Condo style living. Spacious, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome. Laundry hookups, central heat/air, quiet, gated, private patio, lush garden, 8 unit complex away from busy streets. No pets. Military discount! 858-353-6112.

EL CAJON. \$755. 1 bedroom. Quaint, small community. Great floor plan. 340 Orlando Street. TPPM, 858-818-9939. www.northwindsapts.com.

EL CAJON. \$850. Deluxe 2 bedroom apartment, air conditioning, fans. Pool. New paint, carpet, appliances. Nice patio. Off-street parking. Laundry, quiet, gated. 619-925-7657; 619-442-6800.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, \$725. Large apartments in quiet complex. Air conditioning, pool and secure parking. Month-to-month lease. 1362 East Main Street. Jason 619-334-3151, 858-200-9408.

EL CAJON. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with fenced private yard! Brand new everything! Laundry hookups. Single-story complex. Must see! 1100-1154 North Mollison Avenue. Manager, 619-283-2144.

EL CAJON. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Lincoln-Washington Apartments. Very large units, pool, on-site laundry, covered parking, in great location. Clean and quiet. 685 South Lincoln Avenue. Agent, 619-444-8191 or 858-560-1178.

EMERALD HILLS. Huge 3 bedrooms from \$995. Mint condition. Completely remodeled. Garage/off-street parking. Washer/dryer some units. \$500 deposit. Section 8 ok. 619-512-0091.

ENCANTO. 1/2 off first month's rent! \$825, 1 bedroom apartment, deposit \$800. \$925, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, deposit \$900.

PICTURE STORY



“Lamb chops on the hoof,” reads the opener to the caption on the back of this 1925 print. Here’s the rest: “One reason why there are so many vegetarians is that a great many people

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society

object to the slaughter of animals for food purposes. This picture shows lambs awaiting the axe to be converted to chops etc., at San Diego California.”

— by Robert Mizrachi

Remodeled with ceramic tile. Air conditioning. Security gate. Near Valencia Elementary School. Section 8 OK. Small pets OK. 5492 Imperial Avenue. 619-266-1701.

ENCINITAS. Furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, washer/dryer. Steps to Moonlight and town. \$1925/month. Call 760-753-6575.

ENCINITAS. \$1285. 2 bedroom. Small complex. Assigned parking. Patio. Laundry. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets/smoking. 760-929-1950.

ENCINITAS. \$1300. Upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Parking. 1 block to Swami's. Available 5/5. 1049 3rd Street. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

ENCINITAS. Duplex. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 975 square feet, off-street parking. Pets OK. 1054 Golden Road. Available 4/18. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

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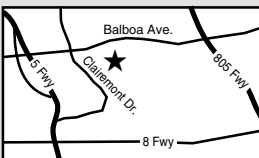


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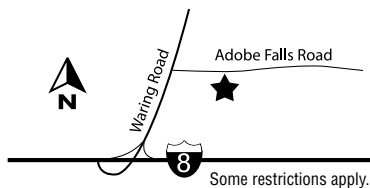
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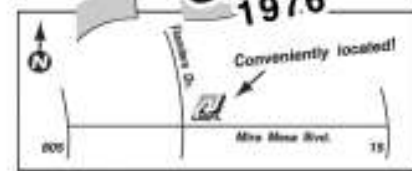


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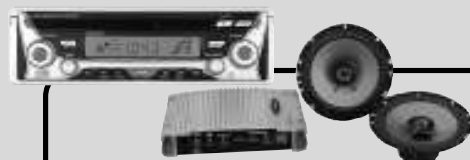
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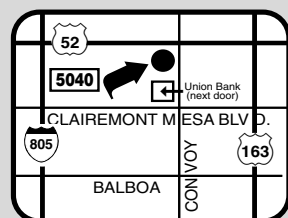


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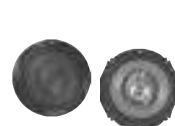
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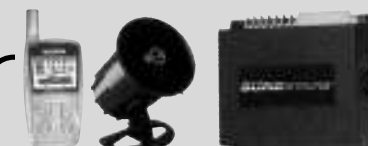
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- Lubricate chassis
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- Tighten & inspect belts
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— Are We Safe? In a two-day period in March, alarming reports revealed that “dirty (radiation) bombs” easily entered the country in car trunks in tests, that one-third of U.S. civilian nuclear research reactors were insufficiently secure, and that concerns were heightened about the 2000 shoulder-fired missiles said to be unaccounted for in the world’s arsenals. On the other hand, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that the fishing village of Dillingham, Alaska, at least, is secure, now that a \$200,000 Homeland Security anti-terrorism grant has paid for 60 “downtown” surveillance cameras (with 20 more to come). Dillingham (pop. 2400) is about 300 miles from Anchorage, with no roads linking it to anywhere.

Compelling Explanations
— In testimony in March, Douglas Dyer explained how it was just bad luck that his married girlfriend got shot twice, fatally, in the middle of her back by the rifle he was holding. Dyer said he had originally intended to kill himself, but when she grabbed at the gun to stop him, it fired into her hand. Then, as she ran out a door, he followed and bumped the door open with the gun, causing it to fire and accidentally hit her flush in the back. As his body flinched from the shot, banging into a wall, the rifle again accidentally fired, putting another bullet in the center of her back. (The Rockland, Maine, jury apparently didn’t believe a word of it and convicted him of murder.)
— Brian Blair is now a Republican county commissioner in Tampa, Fla., but before that was a professional wrestler for 20 years. He now says it wasn’t the dropkicks, pile drivers or neck breakers that ended his career, but rather tripping over a tray of dirty dishes at a Carrabba’s Italian Grill in Tampa in 2001, which he said injured his head, shoulder and knee, and his lawsuit is still pending. (His previous lawyers resigned in March.) Blair wrestled for four months after that injury, but said the matches were the less-strenuous “tag-team” contests. Also, hospital records show a blood-alcohol

reading of 0.089 90 minutes after the incident, though Blair told the *Tampa Tribune* he had only had a sip.
— At the Nov. 14 meeting of the governing board of Provincetown, Mass., Selectwoman Sarah Peake raised a formal objection to the continued presence of the historical painting that graces the board’s meeting room, though it is of a previously uncontroversial scene of Pilgrims voting on the Mayflower Compact. Peake’s objection (according to a November report in the *Boston Globe*) is that there are no women in the painting.
— Super-Compelling: (1) John Melo’s lawsuit demanding resentencing was rejected in March by the Middlesex County, Mass., Superior Court. Facing a term of “10 years,” Melo had complained that a couple of “Feb. 29’s” were included in that time, and since a “year” is usually 365 days, he should not be serving 366 days during leap years. (2) According to Georgia’s *Hartwell Sun*, state Sen. Nancy Schaefer, speaking at an “issues day” event in February, said one reason illegal immigrants find work in the United States is because “50 million” abortions have caused a U.S. labor shortage: “We could have used those people.”

Unclear on the Concept
— Ms. Zulima Farber became the New Jersey attorney general in January even though her public record shows 13 speeding tickets, three license suspensions, and two bench warrants (for failure to appear in court regarding the tickets). Farber acknowledged “embarrassment” at the record and joked that it might take “psychoanalysis” to learn why she did those things. (However, a psychoanalyst interviewed by the *New York Daily News* rejected the suggestion. Farber, said the doctor, just “needs a spanking.”)

Ironies
— The Christian Diocese of Mizoram in north-east India, which was established by Welsh Presbyterian missionaries who worked the area from 1840 to around 1960, announced in March that

it would send a missionary back to Wales because it was clear that the Welsh are in serious spiritual decline. “The Mizos,” said Rev. Zosang Colney, “have a burden to do something for their Mother Church in Wales,” since fewer than 1 in 10 Welsh regularly attend services.
— What Goes Around, Comes Around: (1) England’s Norwich Union insurance company reached a settlement in January with its employee Linda Riley over her workplace injuries. Riley had tripped over a pile of claim forms in the office. (2) Protesters filed a lawsuit against New York City recently, raising familiar complaints about police behavior: that NYPD harassed peaceful demonstrators during a 2004 rally, herded participants into pens, and intimidated speakers and supporters with threats. However, the plaintiff in this lawsuit is the police officers’ union, whose members were protesting the slow pace of contract negotiations with the city.
— Not Your Father’s Hell’s Angels: Police were investigating the Hell’s Angels chapter in Stockholm, Sweden, in February after 70 members claimed government benefits for being “depressed.” Police said the gang had largely abandoned its reliance on shootouts and bomb attacks and moved into crimes like tax fraud.

Least Competent Criminals
— Outstanding Police Work: (1) A 40-year-old man in Cedarburg, Wis., was arrested on suspicion of DUI when police noticed the severed hose of a gas station pump sticking out of his car’s fuel door. (It belonged to a Kwik Trip station.) (2) Daniel Nordell, 52, with a history of DUI, was arrested in March when police saw him driving through downtown Waupaca, Wis., in reverse (because he said the other gears wouldn’t work). (3) A 44-year-old man was arrested for DUI in Australia’s Northern Territory in March after he asked a police officer how to get to the hard-to-miss Uluru (Ayers Rock, the huge, 1000-foot-high rock formation that appears red in sunlight), which was about 300 feet in front of him, illuminated in his headlights.

Driving While Nude
— Recent drivers who decided, for reasons known only to them, to get naked before taking the wheel: (1) A woman, her toddler and her mother (all naked), Norwood, N.Y., sitting in a parked car (February). (2) John Persico, Providence, R.I., smashed into several cars naked (February). (3) Natalie Peterson, 23, Roy, Utah, shucked her clothes after an argument with her aunt (March). (4) Eric Wayne, 57, Pocono Township, Pa. (An officer who knows him said Wayne “tends to get a little weird” when he’s been without sex) (arraigned in March). (5) A man and woman, ages 59 and 70, Cologno al Serio, Italy (joyriding nude) (March).

Updates
— Maxcy Dean Filer made “News of the Weird” in 1989 for his legendary relentlessness in that, after graduating from law school, he failed the California bar exam 46 times, finally passing in 1991. He now practices in Compton, Calif., but last year was put on probation for failing to file a particular document, and was scheduled to take an exam in March on ethics and professional responsibility. Though exams have not been good to Filer, the result of this one has not been reported.
— Crime Really Doesn’t Pay: In July 2005, “News of the Weird” reported Jared Gipson’s extremely bad idea of trying to rob Blalock’s Beauty College in Shreveport, La. The 20 students and teachers inside (almost all women) beat him to a pulp with curling irons, hair dryers, chairs, a table leg, and their fists (leaving him with 21 cuts that had to be stitched). In March 2006, Gipson, 24, was sentenced for that attempted robbery, and as a recidivist, got 25 years in prison (and might have received more except that several of the women asked the judge for leniency).

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—CLASSIFIEDS, April 22, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

When the world looks like worn, habitual images, we have trouble seeing. At their worst, shopping centers are that way. All over the country there are small shopping centers like the ones we find along San Diego’s Midway Drive and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. They resemble each other to the point that they annihilate any sense of place: they are everywhere and nowhere. At best, they are cloyingly ingratiating, like Seaport Village: calming, soothing, reassuring, and totally mindless. Their banality anesthetizes our perceptual capacities.

—“FACADES,” Alberto Lau, April 23, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

No one is sure how Oriental white-eyes escaped from the hummingbird aviary of the San Diego Zoo. The zoo speculates that the

birds flew out of the birdhouse as its double doors were open for a stroller or wheelchair. The year was probably 1973, but it could have been 1974. One thing is certain: a male and a female escaped.

Broods of little white-eyes were hatched. The young ones mated with abandon, resulting in a problem for the county department of agriculture.

—CITY LIGHTS: “SING A SONG OF CAPTURE,”

Brae Canlen, April 24, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

Mayor Maureen O’Connor and her husband Robert O. Peterson took heat last month after it was revealed that the city’s First Couple was one of its heaviest water users.

With the easing of the drought, interest in O’Connor’s gardening habits has diminished, but she and her husband aren’t leaving water conservation to chance at a home they are preparing to build near the San Diego Yacht Club, in Point Loma. According to landscape plans on file with the city, the most predominant feature of the home’s front entry will be a towering, multi-armed saguaro cactus. Two drought-resistant strawberry trees and four desert-hardened Mexican palo verde trees will flank the saguaro. Agaves, ocotillo plants, and small yucca trees are the only shrubbery.

—CITY LIGHTS: “MAYOR MOVES TO CREATE DEATH VALLEY-LIKE WASTELAND IN POINT LOMA,”

Matt Potter, April 25, 1991

Ten Years Ago

I grew up in our nation’s capital, 14th Street, Southeast, Foggy Bottom. I landed in San Diego years later and looked for places that felt like “home.” When my daughter was born, we moved to City Heights; from there Logan Heights, Encanto, Southeast. Living in “minority neighborhoods” where we were the “minorities” was neither intimidating nor strange to us.

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—“JIMI HENDRIX TOLD ME NOT TO SCREAM,”

Anonymous, April 18, 1996

Five Years Ago

While I fixed Jack and the girls cheeseburgers for dinner, I munched on baby carrots and celery sticks. I drank V-8 juice to try to fill up my stomach.

“What’s wrong, Mommy?” Rebecca asked.

“I’m angry,” I said.



San Diego Reader, April 23, 1981

“Why?” Rebecca asked.

“Is it something I did?” Jack asked.

“No,” I answered.

“What is it?” Angela looked worried.

“I’M SO-O-O-O-O-O-O-O HUNGRY,” the words spilled out of me in an animalistic howl I hadn’t intended. “I JUST WANT TO E-E-E-E-EAT.”

Everyone stopped eating. Jack came down to the end of the table and took over with Ben. The girls stared at me.

“Sorry,” I told them, wiping tears from my eyes.

—KID STUFF: “GAPING MAW,” Anne Albright, April 19, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

I've been dating this guy for three months. He's my age (28), and I really like him. I have trouble finding nice men to go out with, so this guy is refreshing. He's still married to a woman he's been separated from for almost three years. He hasn't tried to lie about it — he's been totally upfront from day one. He jumped into a dumb marriage when he was too young (his description, not mine). He and his wife were together two years. She lied to him about being on the pill and got pregnant on purpose and had a baby right after they got married, even though they'd agreed to wait on kids for a while. So he has a small daughter with her. She already had a kid when he married her because she had a baby at the end of high school. The marriage between the guy I am dating and his wife broke up when she started seeing someone else on the sly. Now the guy she started seeing is living with her

and she is having HIS baby. So she is on her way to having her third kid by a third dad. The man I am seeing says she disgusts him. He pays for her apartment and gives her money and takes care of his kid half time. He says the reason he hasn't gotten divorced is not that he still cares for his wife but that the whole stupid mess makes him intensely depressed and he doesn't want to think about it. Also, he hates lawyers. My friends say it's a bad sign that he's taking so long to divorce this woman and that he hasn't even made one phone call to a lawyer to start the process. I've been hinting around that I'm not comfortable dating a "married man," and I'd feel much better if he got officially divorced. But I like him and don't want to lose him. I do eventually want to marry, and I am only interested in serious relationships. My friends say this guy will never divorce his wife. I think he will if I give him time.

STICKING IT OUT IN POINT LOMA

Dear Sticking It Out,

I can see why your friends are skeptical. Three years is a long time to stall about getting divorced. Start having some serious talks with this man as you continue to date. Get to know each other better. Make it clear that you are not going to wait indefinitely, and that if he wants you in his life he should start taking steps towards legal separation with his wife. No one looks forward to the expense, heartache, and general pain-in-the-ass

aspects of divorce. But he's a grownup, and these things have to be faced so he can get on with his life. And so your relationship can progress — if that's what you both want. See if he's willing to work out a timetable for dealing with this, and then see if he can follow through. If he and his wife agree, divorce details can be hammered out through arbitration rather than lawyers. This can be cheaper and easier. I'm crossing my fingers that with some gentle, loving support and encouragement, he'll move on getting divorced, and that your sticking it out doesn't turn into just being stuck.

Dear Saffron,

Here's something I find wildly annoying: Chain e-mails. I get so many, mostly from so-called friends! I am self-employed and use e-mail for business. I spend many hours every day online answering client e-mails and filling orders. When a friend sends me one of these stupid, time-wasting e-mails instructing me to pass on some happy message about love, spiritual enlightenment, or good luck to five or ten other people, I lose it. These messages are accompanied by pleas ("Don't break the chain!") or mild threats ("If you break the chain you'll have a week of bad luck!"). I don't have time to respond to these pointless e-mails. Yesterday my friend had her nine-year-old daughter send me one! Without alienating my friends, how can I get

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I got a call from my old friend Julia the other night. She was on her way to a triathlon swimming class and, after a short aquatics-themed chat, we lapsed onto memory lane. All our funny creations, labors of love only childish brilliance can think up. The “Aunt Ruth Song,” an ode to a particularly nasty relative; The Beer Slipper, an old wingtip found on the street and, hoisted aloft on a bamboo stick, became a minor deity; *The Katherine Show*, a theatrical roasting of a gal-pal who had done me wrong. We were the stars of our own stage, coherence and sensibility be damned. We were six and we were fierce.

I remember Julia as the dark-eyed, bushy-haired girl who showed up at my kindergarten class one day in overalls and an off-the-shoulder shirt. We became friends. Our parents became friends. We moved up the ranks of our elementary school together.

Julia and I were not always friends, though. Sometimes we downright hated each other, fighting bitterly or giving the other the cold shoulder. But not for long. It was a strange relationship, sisterly in the sense that we were competitive with one another. There was no reason for it, but we did it, subtly and not so subtly. We were locked in a battle of one-upmanship, getting the other’s goat time and again. Over after-dinner coffee, Julia summed it up perfectly. “God,” she said, “you could always say the one thing that could make me so mad! And I could do it to you, too. And we *did* it.” We grinned at each other, remembering this, our unabashed meanness toward one another. Thinking about it now makes me cringe, but not from guilt. She could make me fly into a teeth-gnashing rage, and I could get her so angry she’d turn red down to her neck. It’s not as though any debts went unpaid. It’s a funny memory to smile at, but Julia was right, and her comment alluded to more than just sucker-punch jabs at each other’s ego. We were, though perpetually locked

in pre-teen female-friendship competition, grounded equals, which was worth something in and of itself. And, reminiscing over food and drink, I realized what it meant to us now. Our mutual bad behavior was testament to something bigger, to our understanding and ultimate ease with one another, one that allowed us to be terrible and horrible as well as good and kind. With the angsty middle-school years behind us, our equality had moved beyond teasing and posturing and proved to be something else entirely: a lasting, tough-as-nails bond.

It took me a while to realize this, but Julia saw everything. She saw my life both before and after my mother died, saw my father and I when we didn’t know what the hell we were doing, trying to reassemble our lives with a gaping, tearing hole ripped in them. She went ice skating with my mother and me, played in the back-yard clubhouse my father had constructed out of scrap lumber from the basement and brightly colored latex paint, and watched hours of *Carmen Sandiego* with me on her carpeted floor. She was at my birthday parties, and I was at hers. And there she was amidst the chaos that was the years without my

mother. She ate my dad’s attempts at cooking, called to check in, passed me notes in class, and traded lunches. She played the recorder with me at my mother’s memorial service and she played without a hitch. I can’t say this about many people, and I am thankful for it beyond all possible description. It’s strange to say, I know, but Julia serves to remind me



that there *was* an old life. She was a part of it. It’s a great relief to know that someone *knows* me, knows that *part* of me, when everyone else who enters my life will never have seen it.

I’d like to say that we remained in steady contact, but we didn’t. Like most teenagers, we had our plates full dealing with ourselves, let alone dealing with another person. After our eighth-grade graduation and the perils of high school, Julia and I drifted apart. At different schools — hers private,

mine public — we were busy forging our ways — hers self-actualization, mine self-confidence — and didn’t speak until last December, when Julia called me up (or did I call her?) out of the blue, and we ended up talking for hours. We agreed to meet for dinner at the favorite Japanese restaurant of our youth and proceeded to have one of the best meals — food and

conversation-wise — of our lives. Part of me knew it all along, but part of me was relieved, and, as we put on our coats to leave, it occurred to me why. I shook my head; *duh*, I thought, *we’re older now. Of course it’s not like it was before.* I almost laughed, honing in on my overriding, specific little worry; I thought she was going to call me “Muffin-head” again.

The phone was burning against my ear, and Julia was running out of time before her class. “Ok, I really HAVE to go now,” she said, after finishing a giggle, one that is the same squeaky, bubbly, merry sound it’s been for all the years I’ve known her, “But let’s talk Friday. Call me Friday.”

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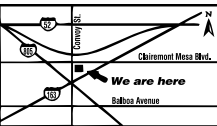
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ROBBERY

Location: 6117 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 10:51 p.m. on 4/9/06

Report: Carlsbad officers responded to the Red Roof Inn motel for a report of a robbery. The clerk reported that



three Hispanic males entered the lobby. One of the suspects told the clerk "This is a robbery" and displayed a dark-colored automatic handgun. The armed suspect took an unknown amount of money from the cash register and all three suspects fled on foot.

The primary suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 25, wearing a dark-blue-colored sweatshirt and shorts with white knee socks. His face was partially covered with a dark colored bandana.

STOLEN CAR PURSUIT

Location: Camino Del Prado and Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 7:58 a.m. on 4/5/06

Incident: Sgt. Lowe saw a suspicious vehicle [silver 1996 Dodge Intrepid]. He conducted a DMV check...which revealed the vehicle was stolen on April 4, 2006, from Orland, California. After other officers arrived at Sgt. Lowe's location, he activated his emergency lights and the suspects failed to yield. Sgt. Lowe then activated his siren and suspects again failed to yield and the pursuit started.

The pursuit went from Poinsettia to northbound I-5. The suspects exited onto Cannon and went eastbound to Paseo Del Norte where they were involved in a minor traffic collision.

They drove thru the Company Stores parking lot and back onto Paseo Del Norte to Palomar Airport Road and went westbound. From Palomar Airport Road, the suspects got onto southbound I-5. Their speeds were in excess of 90 mph.

The suspects exited I-5 at La Costa Avenue and went westbound to Carlsbad Boulevard. The suspects yielded on Carlsbad, north of La Costa Avenue, and were taken into custody without incident.

ELDER ABUSE

Location: 22A Viejas Grade Road, Alpine
Time/Date: 1:00 p.m. on 3/30/06

Résumé of Incident: Investigators from the El Cajon Police Department's Financial Crimes Division served a search warrant...at R.S.'s residence. The search warrant was served after a three-month investigation involving a 91-year-old victim of a fiduciary elderly abuse crime. R.S., over a period of several months, took \$11,000 of the victim's money by use of her credit cards and bank accounts. At the time of the crime, R.S. was working for a care facility, caring for the victim who was a hospice patient. Even though the victim died of natural causes in November, 2005, the suspect continued to take money from the victim's bank account.

The search warrant was served at her residence in order to recover stolen property that was purchased with the victim's money. Property [that] was recovered included an engine...already mounted in a car.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 1286 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon
Time/Date: 10:20 p.m. on 3/28/06

Résumé of Incident: The victims had just secured the business [The Boardwalk] for the night, when four

black male adults, all wearing masks and gloves, one of whom was carrying a handgun, confronted them. The victims were forced back into the business and told to open the safe. The suspects stole an undetermined amount of cash and some personal property from the victims. The victims were bound and left inside the business as the suspects fled the scene. The victims, who were not injured during the robbery, were able to break free and call 911.

COCAINE SEIZURE

Location: [500] East H Street, Chula Vista

Time/Date: 2:45 p.m. on 1/31/06



Investigation: Detectives observed a male, Eduardo F., parked in a stall. Detectives noted the subject repeatedly got in and out of his vehicle while speaking on his cellular telephone, constantly scanning the area as if waiting for someone. Shortly thereafter, the driver of another vehicle, a newer white Ford pickup, drove up and a subject met briefly with Eduardo between the two vehicles. During the short meeting, a box was transferred to the trunk of Eduardo's vehicle and the second subject drove away.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., detectives observed a vehicle driven

by Cutberto S. arrive and park next to Eduardo's vehicle. Cutberto was observed taking a box out of the trunk of Eduardo's vehicle.

Detectives then contacted the two subjects and obtained consent to search Cutberto's vehicle...approximately 7.5 pounds of cocaine hydrochloride was discovered. The wholesale value of the cocaine [is] estimated in excess of \$80,000.

ROBBERY

Location: 3111 Roosevelt, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 10:51 p.m. on 4/9/06



Report: Carlsbad officers responded to the Circle K for a report of a robbery. The clerk reported that three Hispanic males entered the store. One of the suspects told the clerk "Give me all the cash" and pointed a handgun at the clerk. Another suspect had a gun in his hand but didn't point it at the clerk. The suspects took an unknown amount of money and lottery tickets, and fled north on foot.

The clerk described all three suspects as Hispanic males, 25, six feet tall, wearing bandanas over their faces. The similarities between this robbery and the one at Red Roof Inn led the responding officers to believe that the same suspects may have been responsible for both robberies.

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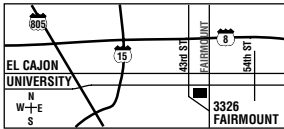
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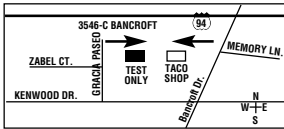
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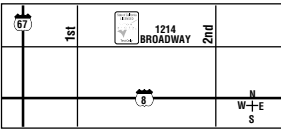
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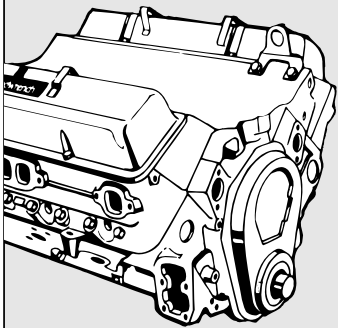
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I was standing at the fire escape contemplating the line of ants with tiny angel wings marching around the doorframe when a beautiful woman asked if she could buy me a drink.

“Oh, honey,” I said, and I set a sweaty palm on her shoulder. “I’m already assed-up enough. How about a glass of water?”

We followed the floating stewardesses that marked the path to the bar. A tall glass of water was set in front of me, and I looked into it to see that the ice was changing to marbles and back again. I thanked the bartender and the woman who offered me the drink, and I tipped it back to take a swig. What I got was a mouthful of gin and ice that spilled out from the glass around my mouth and dumped down my shirt.

I wiped my mouth and brushed at the little damp spots on my chest, and I realized my upper lip was wet again. I touched it and felt a drop. I felt another one on my forehead.

“Jesus,” I said to the blonde lady who got me the gin. “It’s raining in here.”

“I’m sorry,” she said and shrugged her shoulders. “I don’t know...”

“Never mind,” I told her. “I’m going to find an umbrella.”

Across the dance floor I spotted a group of umbrellas. After I climbed up some steps, I was above the umbrellas and I was wiping the water off of them. One of the umbrellas had a television built into the top of it, and I wondered how its small wire frame could hold such a thing. I wiped at the screen and got as much of the water off the top of it as I could.

The TV turned up and faced me. It was a bald man’s head, and through a scowl he said, “What the hell do you think you’re doing?” That part was real. I didn’t imagine it.

“Nothing,” I said, and I took a drink from the glass of water I’d been sprinkling on him.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
SUPERNATURAL
WB 9:00 P.M.
You know what I could use more of? Bigfoot. What I want to know is how are little Bigfeet made? You know what I mean. Mmm...hairy.

THE ULTIMATE FIGHTER
SPIKE 10:00 P.M.
I like Ultimate Fighter three more times than

little white girls like Christmas.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
SIX FEET UNDER
HBO2 8:00 P.M.
I want to meet Princess Diana. Like in one of those magical fairy-tale questions, “Who would you rather have sushi with, Gandhi or Abe Lincoln?” I’d choose pedicures with Lady Di, and while we were getting our tootsies tickled, I’d

reach over and touch her nose and go, “Beep!” Because, y’know, how many people have ever honked a princess on the nose?

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
INSIDE THIS OLD HOUSE
AETV 10:00 A.M.
Where do homeless people masturbate?

CALIFORNIA'S GOLDEN PARKS
KPBS 5:30 P.M.
Some days I thank God I was born in California. I could’ve been born an Eskimo and spent my life crotch-deep in snow, working at the pie factory, sandwiching ice cream between two chocolate wafers.



Six Feet Under

This show’s so stupid I had to wear a helmet the day after I watched it.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
NICK LACHEY SPECIAL
MTV 11:00 P.M.
Ladies, you have something and we want it. You can keep us restrained for a while, mollify us with beer, pizza, and sports programs, but eventually we’ll get that look in our eye, that wild-man need. If it comes down to it we’ll demand you hand over the apricot face scrub. That stuff’s like a little tub of magic for our skin!

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
DATE MY MOM
MTV 6:30 P.M.
Here’s a dating tip I had to learn the hard way: keep your cake hole shut. If you go in for the first kiss and actually get it, don’t pull back and in a shocked tone exclaim, “Grandma?!” You won’t get extra points for being funny.

MONDAY, APRIL 24
COPS
FX 1:30 P.M.
All I’m saying, Officer, is if she didn’t want to see a grown man naked, she shouldn’t have been on a secluded jogging trail in the park and looked directly into my opened trench coat. I’m the one who’s been violated here.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25
TEACHERS
NBC 9:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND
WB 11:30 P.M.
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I Googled her. She looks like a nice girl.

By John Brizzolara

I am in somewhat of a state of confusion. Nothing new for those who know me or work with me or, say, my creditors to whom I am constantly imploring for an explanation regarding this or that on a bill. (If my Total Telephone Usage Charge reads \$0.00 on page 316 of my Digital Telephone Service Charges and Roaming Subtotal Per Bi-Monthly Optima-Family Selection Plan Per 2004 and Long Distance Abbreviated Itemization Version For Your Convenience Update: 2005 — and then reads, under Total Telephone Service for [619] MY PHONE Usage Charges as of Above Billing Date, Billed Amnt: \$25.66, which balance am I to pay?) No, it's not that. I'm actually confused at the moment about something a little different. Through my own sort of calendar gerrymandering and turning in columns more erratically than usual, I'm not sure exactly on what date this column will appear. And so I will address both Fridays April 21st and April 28th here.

First of all: celebrity birthdays. Why not? It's all part of my new campaign to make the column more upbeat, fun-loving, young at heart, more FRIDAY! Birthday girl Queen Elizabeth II is a personage of somewhat more substance (isn't she?) than Cher, Charo, Pauly Shore, and/or, I think, Claude Aikens. Actually, I don't even know who Claude Aikens is or was or if he's real, an animation figure or comic-page character or what. I just keep hearing his name and feel I can safely assume he is at least some kind of celebrity. Anyway

it's not his birthday, nor is it any others mentioned above except for the Queen of England.

The rest of the short list for April 21 in the book *Chase's Calendar of Events* includes such unexcitables (to me, to me) as Ed Balfour, Andie MacDowell, and Tony Danza. I do have a spot in my heart for Danza, as he reminds me of my younger brother, Paulie, recently deceased and a guy so generous and sweet I sometimes think I thoroughly confabulated him just out of some unfocused need for a better world. Two entries redeem April 21 in some flakoid astrological sense, I suppose, and those would be Iggy Pop from Ann Arbor, fifty-freaking-eight years old now and still fixed with that happily demented look of the guy you meet on the first day of high school that you just know is going to get you through this thing. And Elaine May is on this roster, too, a comedian, movie director, and former wife of movie man Mike Nichols. She always struck me as an overlooked brilliance, quietly pulling off homers in American comedy (*The Heartbreak Kid*) while writers and actors the equivalent of Red Skelton or Carol Burnett will forever be immortalized on velvet or late late late nightly advertised DVD collection deals for a limited time only, and if you act now *The Flip Wilson Roast Series*.

Onward in my crusade to beggar astrology (if that's what I'm doing — I may have inadvertently lent it some credibility with some of the above examples) let's move on in *Chase's* to Friday, April 28.

Irony is not far past notations like: FIRST TOURIST IN SPACE about American businessman Dennis Tito, who paid \$20 million to accompany the crew of Russia's Soyuz TM-32 to the international space station on this date in 2001, past a very short notation about Workers Memorial Day, and then, here we go, the listing, "61st Anniversary of the Execution of Benito Mussolini" with nothing about the aftermath of that execution, which speaks volumes about humanity's righteous indignation at such hellishly sick brands of sadism.

Finally, we get to birthdays. This is only interesting to me for reasons like this first listing. I feel like a man whose media center of the brain is being kept alive artificially — only a bit more clinically alive than the guy whose plug had just been pulled, like, 20 minutes ago. Jessica Alba was born on April 28, 1981. No idea who she might be (except when I entered the ComicCon last year with a press pass, some kid offered me \$20 to get her autograph). I Googled her. She looks like a nice girl. Ann-Margret is 64 (supposedly) on this day, and she played no small role in my sexual awakening, her and Diana Rigg. Penelope Cruz, too; so what? She's probably a nice person, too — just waiting, like every other attractive woman out there, to humiliate me in some cruel way. Oh, yes, I'm not stupid. Jay Leno, okay. Bruno Kirby and oddly (am I yet again an unwitting dupe for the forces of astrology?) Saddam Hussein within ten days of Adolf Hitler's



Jessica Alba in Fantastic Four

birthday. Only one other entry strikes me with any sense of reverence. It is also the date on which Harper Lee was born.

The author of *To Kill a Mockingbird* had no way of knowing how deeply her book would affect me and millions of others. That the intriguing Catherine Keener recently portrayed her in the film *Capote* seems significantly coincidental in that she was the actress in *Being John Malkovich* that so, ahem, aroused my attention. No doubt one of those seemingly "significant coincidences" that in the end mean nothing.

And with that, I will remark that the entire idea of significant coincidences that held me in thrall since I read Arthur Koestler's book *The Roots of Coincidence* has deflated, imploded, been burst like a piñata — full of perverse nothingness; in short, has pretty much been shot to hell — quite possibly unjustly — since I read (on reasonably good authority by Colin Wilson) that Arthur K. was a terrible rapist.

I think my work here is done. Yes, this week's column full of lively celebrity dish and tidbits has gone some way, I think, in redeeming "TGIF" as some sort of grumpy old downer. Go out there and make it a good Friday, a good weekend, a good Monday (c'mon, you can do it) and darn it, a good week.

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