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of termed-out San Diego assemblyman **Juan Vargas**, who's trying to unseat congressional incumbent **Bob Filner** in June's 51st District primary election. At the same moment in history, Los Angeles mayor **Antonio Villaraigosa** has kicked off his attempt to take control of the L.A. Unified School District. But instead of asking L.A. voters to approve the change, a risky and expensive proposition at best, the mayor and his business allies have decided to take their case to the state legislature, where bills are often molded by the highest bidders. Villaraigosa says he's the last best hope to reform L.A.'s troubled public schools; his critics say putting so much concentrated power into the mayor's hands without the oversight of the elected school board would be an invitation to rampant corruption. But merits aren't expected to figure much in the debate; instead, familiar contributors have already begun opening their checkbooks. Arrayed against the mayor is the state schoolteachers union. In Villaraigosa's corner are the city's major real estate interests, who count on him for a multitude of favors.

Enter Vargas, who could play a key role in making sure Villaraigosa's takeover bill slides through the Assembly. And, right on cue, the L.A. mayor's moneymen have begun to deliver funds to Vargas's until-recently bereft congressional campaign kitty. Leading the pack is **Richard Meruelo**, a well-heeled Cuban-American developer with homes in L.A. and Miami. Meruelo owns big chunks of L.A. real estate and is Villaraigosa's biggest backer, dumping more than \$190,000 into last year's mayoral campaign, most of it in the form of so-called independent expenditures that paid for phone banks, radio spots, and robocalls. Meruelo family members gave Villaraigosa another \$7000. In December, Meruelo gave his first \$1000 to Vargas. Then on March 23, Meruelo, along with his parents, **Belinda** and **Homero**, contributed another \$5000.

The Meruelo family is not without controversy. A decade ago, brother **Homer Jr.** was convicted of insurance fraud. And Meruelo himself has been engaged in an ugly showdown with the L.A. school board over a 23-acre parcel he owns that the school district wants for a high school. Earlier this month the board voted to condemn the land after Meruelo refused to sell and instead went to court, claiming the district didn't do a proper environmental review.

Other wealthy backers of Villaraigosa have also been giving to Vargas. On March 31, **Eli Broad**, the billionaire developer and insurance magnate, kicked in \$500. Closer to home, **Arthur Bersin**, the father of state secretary of education **Alan Bersin** — former chief of San Diego Uni-

fied, as well as a good friend and political ally of Broad's — gave \$1000 on March 5. **Annie Malcolm**, whose husband **David** did time in a work-furlough program for felony conflicts of interest arising from his tenure as a San Diego port commissioner, contributed \$600 on February 2.

Goes both ways The National Republican Congressional Committee has launched a barrage of negative TV spots against 50th Congressional District Democratic candidate **Francine Busby** in order to soften her up for June's runoff against ex-GOP congressman **Brian Bilbray**. The first of the ads asserts that Busby is beholden to special interests and features a background of rapidly passing names of Busby campaign donors, including that of Qualcomm chairman and founder **Irwin Jacobs**. As it turns out, Jacobs, a nominal Democrat, is also partial to the GOP when it comes to doling out campaign money. Besides letting the Republican National Committee have



Irwin Jacobs

free use of the Qualcomm corporate jet to the tune of \$17,488 over the past five years, federal campaign finance records show that Jacobs personally gives \$5000 a year to Qualcomm's Political Action Committee, which in turn has faithfully backed such GOP stalwarts as congressmen **Darrell Issa** and **Duncan Hunter**, as well as the ousted **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**. The PAC's top single donation, \$9000, went to San Bernardino GOP congressman **Jerry Lewis**, who's been plagued with his own share of ethics problems.

Hit the road By far the best-traveled member of San Diego County's congressional delegation is **Darrell Issa**, who ranks 24th among all House members on a list of taxpayer-paid travel compiled on Washington's PoliticalMoneyLine website. Since 2001, multimillionaire Issa has been to such places as Bahrain, Hungary, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Austria, Czech



Darrell Issa

Republic, Ireland, Thailand, and Ukraine. The total cost was \$78,639. By comparison, Issa's GOP colleague **Duncan Hunter** spent \$11,190 going to destinations that included Belgium, Italy, and the United Kingdom. The disgraced **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** required just \$1091 on a single trip to France and Germany in 2001. Democrat **Bob Filner** racked up \$10,711 traveling to places like Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Panama as part of his duties for the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Fellow Democrat **Susan Davis** spent \$6274 on trips to countries including Iraq and Uzbekistan.

— Matt Potter

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The Fantasyland Budget

By Don Bauder

Jerry Sanders, the ex-police chief who became mayor, is already playing good cop/bad cop. He's the good cop, presenting

a "feel good" budget that doesn't hurt anybody or anybody's pocketbook but is based on a wholly unrealistic and dubious premise: that the City can — or should — sell pension obligation bonds.

If the fantasyland bonds don't eventuate, the rug comes out from under the "no pain" budget: there will have to be even more service and infra-

have issued two budgets: one indicating what will happen without the \$640 million in pension obligation bonds (the crisis will crash down on the citizenry) and another indicating what will happen if by some miracle they are issued (the City will snort coke and forget about its problems for a while).

It's important to under-

term money, "But if you want money over two decades, you have to have financial statements," and they will be hard to get, no matter what boosters claim, says Diann Shipione, whose whistle-blowing brought the crisis to the fore. If the city floated debt to pay off the pension deficit, that would be satisfactory, but "if the proceeds were used to supplement the required annual contribution — or borrowing to make payments," then the troubles would intensify.

The same week the mayor released his Novocain budget, Aguirre issued a report that makes the bonds a long shot. Aguirre attacked the consulting firm of Kroll, Inc., suggesting it be booted out of town and pursued for dam-



ILLUSTRATION BY NEAL OBERMEYER

structure spending cuts and almost certainly higher taxes and fees.

But the good cop can blame city attorney Mike Aguirre, who ruled last week that these bonds should go to the voters. This came on top of an attack on Kroll, Inc., which was hired to be an umpire but is acting more like a vampire. Good-bye, Sanders's painkiller. "People are sick and tired of the ludicrous pension benefits and will view it as their chance to vote against them," says Libertarian activist Richard Rider. If the people aren't permitted to vote on them, Rider — "along with half the people of San Diego," he says — will file suit to place the bonds on the ballot.

An honest politician would

stand that pension obligation bonds are not like school bonds that add assets to the community or bridge bonds that are paid off with user tolls. Pension obligation bonds shift previous recklessness onto future generations, permitting current generations to avoid making tough decisions. It's like paying off credit card debt with another credit card.

Former councilmember Larry Stirling objects to "pension bonds that simply roll over the debt to the next generation without addressing the problems. The mayor says that the law allows him to 'leverage' some of the debt. Aren't such financial shenanigans what got us into trouble in the first place?"

The city could get short-

ages. It's about time.

The first consulting firm hired to study the pension mess, Vinson & Elkins, came up with a whitewash, as it had secretly told the City it would do. Vinson said government officials had broken no laws. The accounting firm of KPMG, hired to audit the 2003 books, would not accept the Vinson report.

Meanwhile, Aguirre came out with reports with evidence that city councilmembers had broken securities laws.

Kroll was hired to reconcile the two reports. And for

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American Dreamers

By Joe Deegan

Vicky Lin Yu-tzu gently removes her son's fingers from the laptop. Youxuan is 22 months old, but his tiny grasping hand is the only distraction he has caused us. His mother and I are inspecting 3-D snake-limbed figures from the movie *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*. Yu-tzu helped to create them. She works as a computer-generated graphics artist for the Walt Disney Company in Burbank. Her products are a far cry from the hand-drawn characters of early Disney animation.

Yu-tzu's husband Hock Wong takes the boy to the counter of the Kearny Mesa McDonald's, where we are sitting, to buy him French fries. Wong does animation work too, but on PlayStation products for the Sony Corporation in San Diego. Although their industries are different, Wong's animation work is similar to his wife's. They met several years ago while working on video games for the Japanese SNK Corporation in San Jose. Before that Yu-tzu had worked in Chicago and Oklahoma.

Both Yu-tzu and Wong came to the United States 11 years ago. Wong studied at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco before starting to work in animation. "My original art medium in Taiwan was sculpture," says Yu-tzu. In 1994 she attended Georgia's Savannah College of Art and Design.

Today Wong, 34, and Yu-tzu, 36, own a home in Carmel Valley. But at each weekend's end Yu-tzu takes their son to an apartment she rents in Burbank. Youxuan goes to day care during his mother's working hours, and she cares for him at night. They return to San Diego on Saturday mornings.

Wong looks forward to the time he can be with his family every day. Both husband and wife enjoy their work and find it challenging. But the separation they endure for its sake is the most difficult aspect of their lives. They each know other artists who make similar sacrifices to work in the

field, some going back and forth periodically from Hollywood to San Francisco and cities as far away as New York.

But unlike most of their colleagues, Wong and Yu-tzu must navigate the additional problems of being immigrants. They are Chinese; he comes from Singapore, she from Tai-

ago and is still waiting to receive it.

San Diego attorney Stephen Ure tells me that immigration services has a 5-year backlog of green-card requests. But low-skilled workers often wait longer than that, sometimes as long as 15 to 20 years. Today there is great agonizing about illegal immigration. According to Ure, however, if the length of the process were more reasonable for unskilled workers, the United States would have fewer immigration problems. "If the legal way is going to take 20 years," he says, "there is no incentive for immigrants to do things

attorneys can usually do something to help them if they entered legally."

Wong and Yu-tzu did enter legally and are fortunate to have jobs that demand high skill levels. So their prospects are good. Their strong relationship also serves them well. In his work, Stephen Ure has discovered that marital and immigration problems often go together. American citizens who divorce their immigrant spouses subject them to deportation unless the immigrants' attempts to stay in the U.S. are based on something other than the marriage. And some vindictive spouses,

ever, comes anxiety for those who have played by all the rules but think about what might happen if they don't get their green cards soon. For Yu-tzu and Wong that would mean losing American careers in which they have risen steadily through hard work. "We've paid a lot of taxes too," says Wong. Before coming here both their families had warned that their interests might lead them to become "starving artists." Now their jobs pay well. Yu-tzu tells me that at Disney, salaries for permanent animation employees range between \$40,000 and \$100,000 per year plus

she is not interested in becoming a manager, even though that would mean more money. What Yu-tzu likes is the creative work. "It's the movie business," she tells me, "yet the work is tedious, not glamorous. At some companies the workday is ten hours. I'm luckier; I only sit in front of the computer eight hours a day. But it's a very interesting job, every day painting something different."

The way her animated creations develop, according to Yu-tzu, is that Disney's art department gives her drawings to use as models. From them she must create the com-



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Hock Wong and Vicky Lin Yu-tzu

wan. Both are applying for green cards, or permanent resident status. They now have work permits corresponding to their skill, education, and experience.

Sony sponsored the work permits of both Wong and Yu-tzu when the couple worked together for the company. But when Yu-tzu left to work for Disney two years ago, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services terminated her green-card application. She has started over under Disney sponsorship but is only in the beginning of the process. Wong applied for his green card four years

right."

While waiting, immigrants may stay in the United States to work if employers obtain work permits for them. The permits are good for three years plus a three-year extension. After that, says Ure, immigration attorneys can usually obtain special permission to stay in the U.S. longer. Yu-tzu and Wong have retained an attorney to assist them.

What legal help immigrants can get once they are here is "all about their entry," says Ure. "There are very few avenues to stop them from being deported if they entered illegally. But immigration

according to Ure, have threatened to keep the couple's children while getting their partners deported. At least abused women in marriages have some recourse. Under the federal Violence Against Women Act, such a woman often can file the "battered spouse petition" to stop deportation.

"But when it comes to getting permanent residence," says Ure, "patience is the most important thing. When people tell me they have friends who got green cards in two weeks, I want them to show me the lawyer. He must be a genius."

Along with patience, how-

benefits. At an earlier stage in her career she worked as a "project based" employee. That meant she was out of a job when the project was finished and that she was paid an hourly wage with no benefits. Even then the wage ranged from \$15 per hour for inexperienced college students doing repetitive tasks to \$60 per hour for supervisory personnel.

During "yearly reviews," Yu-tzu tells me, Disney offers employees the option of moving in the direction of a supervisory role. Her job demands good cooperation with coworkers. But Yu-tzu says

puter-generated images, which she then turns over to the company's computer science specialists. She uses Maya software and Adobe Photoshop to edit images. I ask her if she is surprised at how her creations look when the movie is finished. "I don't have to wait that long," she tells me. "We view product at the end of every day."

Yu-tzu won't talk about the newest movie project she is working on. But in *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, live actors move and speak in combination with animated figures. The actors are first

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questionable reasons, Vinson was hired to do a second report. "Almost immediately, Kroll and [Vinson] began working

together," says Aguirre's report, even though Kroll had been hired to make an objective assessment of Vinson's work. Kroll workers sent lovey-dovey notes to former city manager Lamont Ewell. They included hate messages about Aguirre—

Ewell calling him the Antichrist, for just one example. "Emails show that Kroll was working and colluding with members of the City Council supposed to be under investigation and with a city manager who was supposed to be under inves-

tigation," says Aguirre.

Kroll also stepped outside its mandate by lobbying the *Union-Tribune*, which responded by writing editorials in favor of more money for Kroll. The city council was billed for Kroll's seduction of

the *U-T*. "There is a danger when a newspaper becomes actively involved as decision-maker instead of passing information to readers," says Aguirre. "It's why the publication is losing subscriptions; it's not credible."

Unless KPMG denounces Aguirre (not likely) or Aguirre denounces his own report (less likely), there is little chance that the 2003 audit will come out soon. Aguirre thinks that the City could take a pass on 2003 and just issue 2004 and 2005 audits.

"This is almost comical," says Peter Q. Davis, former banker and mayoral candidate. "You don't get to skip a year; the main reason is that all the unknowns would be stuffed into this unaudited year, and these would come home to haunt you."

So here's the scorecard: Aguirre's report on Kroll is an exhaustive one, full of disquieting details of Kroll and its law firm fleecing the City of \$20 million in fees, going far beyond their mandate and colluding with people they were supposed to be investigating, among other things.

Sanders may try to ignore Aguirre's report on Kroll, but KPMG can't. Even if KPMG did come out with an audit for 2003 and other auditors issued ones for 2004 and 2005, bond counsel, bond insurance companies, debt rating agencies, underwriters, and potential bond buyers would cock an eyebrow at San Diego pension obligation bonds, particularly since the federal government is still probing the City for its bond financing sins. It's possible the Securities and Exchange Commission will complete its investigation of the City soon, but there are few signs the U.S. attorney's office is ready to wrap up its case. Aguirre's call for a vote on the bonds may doom them completely, especially since he said they are bad public policy.

Davis thinks such bonds are a good solution, although he warns, "The City is acting like it is getting credit cards in the mail and thus has no financial problem. Borrowing is a short-term solution." He also agrees that Kroll and its law firm are "milking the job."

Without the pension obligation bonds, "We go to crisis mode," Rider says. Bankruptcy would be one option he doesn't necessarily favor. Expenditure cuts would have to be deep.

"This is just another indication that we are truly insolvent," says Shipione. If the City borrows, it would probably

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be at a very high rate, she says.

Maybe it would be a junk bond rate. Then Sanders could blame another bad cop: interest rates.

"Generally, my philosophy on pension obligation bonds is not to encourage issuing debt to pay off existing debt," says Councilmember Donna Frye. Like many, she has other questions about the Sanders budget: why, for example, do sales tax revenues soar 63 percent in fiscal 2007 and property tax incomes rise 19 percent?

"The pension debt is void, as the council did not comply with the Charter requirement for an auditor's certificate committing to these massive obligations," says Stirling.

Says Rider, "At best Sanders' budget is tenuous; at worst it is Pollyannaish and a fantasyland, predicated on very big 'ifs.'"

From the standpoint of honesty, it's worse than that. ■

American dreamers

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filmed in a "blue room," she tells me. The appearance of animated figures and scenery slowly replaces the blue. As the production process unfolds, "the computer takes the blue away," says Yu-tzu. Several incomplete scenes she shows me on her laptop still have a little blue background left in them.

With her background in sculpture, Yu-tzu feels she brings the sensibilities of traditional fine art to her work. "The most important thing that allows me to do is visualize what's good and what's bad," she says.

Yu-tzu's husband expresses a similar reverence for artistic purity. Eventually Wong would like to paint in his own studio. He's grateful for his current job in animation, but he worries that, even though he takes training classes at Sony, "techniques I've mastered already make it harder to use newer technologies. Younger artists coming into the field do better with them." But at least Wong and Yu-tzu don't have to be starving artists — as long as the immigration process keeps working for them. ■

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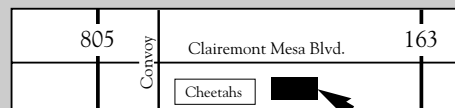
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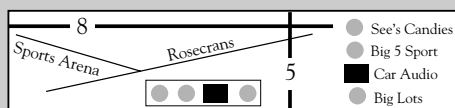
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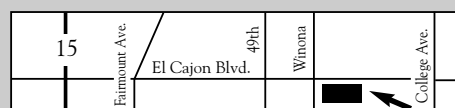
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Bird Lives

As a jazz aficionado and former sax player, I found "Sax" (April 20) interesting. A couple of corrections: in addition to the soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, and bass, there is the sopranino (smaller and higher pitched than the soprano) and the very rare contrabass (larger than the bass).

One other thing: I wouldn't refer to Charlie Parker (1920-1955) as the "late jazz great Charlie Parker." Bird lives.

David Schmiedeberg
via e-mail

Invaluable Athenaeum

In his April 20 cover story

("Sax"), Geoff Bouvier colorfully illuminated the intersection points of jazz greats, like Charles McPherson, with the San Diego community, eliciting accolades from his interviewees for such hotspots as Dizzy's. However, he unfortunately neglected one of this city's most significant resources for internationally acclaimed jazz, the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library.

For many years now, the Athenaeum has presented the finest jazz performers at three different venues: the Athenaeum in La Jolla (for 15 years), the Neurosciences Institute (for 10), and the organization's School of the Arts Studio in University Heights (for 5). Charles McPherson, the subject of the cover story, performed here in 1997 and, your readers would probably like to know, will return this July 6 with his quartet, featuring Rob Schneiderman on piano and Jeff Littleon on bass (with drums to be announced). Other recent luminaries whom the Athenaeum has brought to San Diego include Pat Martino, John Scofield, Carla Bley, and

Regina Carter, just to name a few. Also, folks who are interested in the detailed history of an instrument such as the saxophone would find the library's collection an invaluable resource for this kind of information. The Athenaeum holds hundreds of books on jazz history and personalities, as well as CDs, DVDs, and periodicals. These materials are available to borrow by members for a nominal annual fee; membership also includes discounts on concert tickets.

The next time your publication features a prominent story on jazz music or artists, your writers would do well to visit the Athenaeum and discover all it has to offer.

Erika Torri
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Psychic High Jinks

Concerning the near murder of Bill Dolan by Gerald Tovar ("No Prosecution in P.B. Bar Fight," "City Lights," April 20), is that his real name? I doubt it. Golly, he's got to be really connected in America's spineless city

to walk away from that one. He guts the future lawyer. I suppose the injury was accomplished through psychic high jinks. It stinks. Tovar or whomever he may be should be doing 50 years.

Morose Redundo
via e-mail

The Other Side

WHAAAT were you guys thinking? The article "Den of Zombies" by Ollie (Pop Music, April 20).

Was this some type of "investigative reporting"? Was this some type of exposé of the torrid and sad lives of cocaine-addicted, strip-joint, barhopping losers in San Diego? Was this a guide to finding cocaine, hookers, and underbelly hangouts on El Cajon Boulevard? A how-to on snorting substances, craving alcohol, and swimming in shark-infested waters?

If so, you left out the other side of this elevated portrait of drug-seeking behaviors, impaired driving, and sexual adventurism: addictions, disease, financial problems, STDs, DUIs, legal fees, jail time, and premature death.

Help me out, I'm trying to discern the redeeming value of those two pages of print.

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Easy Attack

This is in response to "Post-mortem Ridiculousness" submitted by Michael (Letters, April 20). It is interesting that Michael and Kingdom Hall claim to have "all the answers," and then he quotes three very unrelated passages from the New and Old Testaments to verify the truth, claiming (of course) that all other religions therefore must be false! How arrogant can you get!

To indicate that all other religions are "goofy or silly" and something to be "amused" about is really narrow-minded at best. How many of these religions has Michael studied? How well does he know his own Bible? Judging all others as false believers is hardly biblical or Christian, for that matter. If you must make these incredible accusations, at least be more specific. It's easy to attack others in a general sort of way.

Are you even interested in what others have to say?

I find the "Sheep and Goats" column very interesting, but for a very different reason. It shows the great variety of belief systems even within Christendom. It's always been that way; there never has been just one holy, apostolic, and catholic church.

M. Laurel Gray
via e-mail

We Citizen Golfers

I thoroughly enjoyed Don Bauder's article on the ballpark funding and wish he still lived here ("Take Me Out to Merrill Lynch Field," "City Lights," April 13).

Obermeyer's political cartoon about Mayor Sanders's "transparent" administration was also right on.

We citizen golfers are experiencing the same type of favoritism being given to special interests coercing fee increases and preferential building permits, and it's all being done in closed-door meetings with the mayor and his staff. It is only with the most aggressive and diligent action that the citi-

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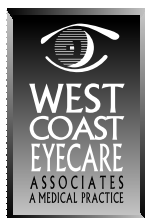
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Matt:

The other day I was crossing the street when some guy in his flashy car practically kneecapped me. As he went by I gave him my best glare, and he yelled back, "No crosswalk." I wasn't jaywalking. There just wasn't a crosswalk painted on the street. Don't cars have to yield to pedestrians who are crossing streets legally, even if there's no painted crosswalk?

— Pedestrians Have Rights Too, Kensington

An inquiry close to my heart. M.A. is a confirmed walkaholic. Sitting on my can in front of a computer all day is like being buried alive. But as a full-disclosure know-it-all, I must admit my career is tarnished with two jaywalking tickets. By comparison, I have acquired exactly zero traffic tickets. Apparently I'm no threat behind the wheel, but, let loose on foot, I become some witless wanderer, a danger to myself and others. If my word has any validity, given that shameful record, here's your answer.

Paragraph 21950(a) of the California Vehicle Code states, "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection...." Judgment in favor of us pedestrians, seems to me. Paragraph 21950 also talks about how both driver and pedestrian must exercise "due care" for the pedestrian's safety (a case-by-case judgment call). You can't leap out from between parked cars and expect drivers to come to a screeching halt. As a side note, if you're crossing the street on a foot-powered scooter, you're still a pedestrian. But Paragraph 21200 of the same code says, "Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway...is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle...." Stop at stop signs, don't ride against traffic, yield to pedestrians, give directional signals — all those things most bike riders usually don't do. Even San Diego's muni code says skateboards and scooters and Big Wheels on sidewalks have to yield to us walkers. So, the pedestrian is king. As it should be.

Dear Almighty Matt:

Okay, here's the deal. I, along with many of my fellow Americans, have a strange fascination with beer. I mean, what's better than beer? Not much. Well, the other night I was once again enjoying a healthy dosage of my favorite brew when I noticed something. There were small Braille sequences on the bottom rim of the bottle. This was not a concern at first, until I started to examine other bottles that we had lying around. All the sequences were different on different brands. Some of the same brands from the same case are all different. This is really starting to bother me, as I cannot even hold a bottle in my hand anymore without trying to figure it out. What do they mean? Are they the name of the beer? Or the price? Do blind people read them in order to determine what they are drinking? Perhaps they are really the map to some treasure or the secret of the universe. Either way, I don't think I will be able to rest until I know.

— John, Chula Vista

What a charming picture you paint of your living quarters. And why should our fascination with beer be "strange"? It's cheap, it's legal, it gets you stoned. What's so strange about that? And, no, the little dots aren't there as a guide for people who get blind drunk.

Real-world factlet: Beer-makers make beer. Beer-bottle makers make beer bottles and sell them to people who make beer. So, as we found out, brewers don't know what the little dots are either. According to our friends at Owens-Brockway, makers of lots and lots of bottles for lots and lots of beer companies, the string of tiny lumps is a binary or hex code (depending on manufacturer) that indicates in which set of molds the bottle was made. It's for quality control, so if a lot of defective bottles are coming off the line, they'll know where to start looking for the problem. Bottles from a single manufacturer will have many different dot patterns, so by the time the product gets to you, you probably have bottles from various parts of the manufacturing grid and therefore various dot patterns.

To translate the code into useable information, the bottle-maker illuminates the bumples, then scans them with a light meter hooked to a computer. Newer technology allows printed codes to be scanned directly, so you'll eventually see fewer dots and more readable letters and numbers. And now that I've answered that one, let me save you 39 cents and answer your next question. Beer bottles have concave or lumpy or otherwise marked-up bottoms to keep the wet glass from creating a vacuum when it's placed on a flat surface, so you don't lift the table off the floor when you pick up your drink. By the way, if you had anything in glass in your house besides brew, you'd note that the dot codes are ubiquitous, not just a beer thang.

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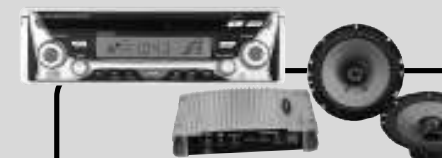
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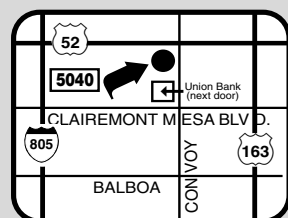
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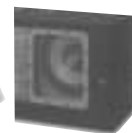
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The Chargers Are Coming Home

Yes, I understand that \$500 million is a lot of money to steal in seven months. Or is it expropriate? Or legislate? Perambulate? Something like that. No matter, \$500 million is the going rate for a new NFL stadium, and we must face up to that fact.

Mayor Jerry "We're Broke And I Don't Have The Time" Sanders admitted San Diego has so righteously fucked up its finances that the city can no longer afford the tribute that a second-tier NFL franchise commands. With that, Sanders gamely announced he would try to amend the city's agreement with the Chargers so that, between whenever the agreement is legally amended and December 31, 2006, any city in San Diego County would be permitted to enter into talks with the Chargers in hopes of relocating that treasure to their jurisdiction.

Pretty damn generous of Jerry Sanders to open the gates and let every San Diego County municipality in. Gentlemen, let the stampede begin.

As you would expect, I've called around and taken preliminary soundings. First up was Gary Brown, city manager of Imperial Beach, who told me, "No. Our city would not be one of those [cities negotiating with the Chargers]." An officious female at El Cajon's city offices ordered me to call back. Poway was not interested. Ditto San Marcos. Lemon Grove was not inclined, neither was La Mesa. Santee is out. Oceanside, Chula Vista, and National City will cough up \$500 million as soon as gasoline hits 50 cents a gallon.

Just a damn minute, people! It's beginning to look like no city is interested. Where are the men of yesteryear, captains of industry, men willing to take their measure against skies of blue and fields of yellow and thundering surf of white and majestic mountain tops of purple?

Well, I know such a man. Robert Mitchell is his name. He bestrides Jacumba like a colossus.

Jacumba just about fits all the requirements needed to bid for the Chargers. There is no doubt that the village of 440 is in San Diego County. True, it's three miles from the Imperial County line, but that's still San Diego County, bucko. Ask any lawyer. Yes, Jacumba is on the border with Mexico, but not over the border *in* Mexico. Again, ask any lawyer. Jacumba, while not technically a city, does have a water district, and said water district does have *elective* officers. Mr. Robert Mitchell was once a member of that water board, vested with the responsibility of overseeing the people's business. And that's good enough when you're talking about free money and over-the-counter bribes.

I have Mitchell on the telephone. "Bob, I called to learn Jacumba's attitude toward the San Diego Chargers."

Mitchell says, "Seems to me, quite frankly, if San Diego wants to consider putting an airport out here, and they've been playing that up in such a large fashion, then it's most appropriate to put the stadium here, too."

Robert Mitchell arrived in Jacumba several decades past on a mission to buy the town. He's been making steady progress ever since. I mention the half-billion-dollar cost of a new football stadium and ask, "How are the folk of Jacumba going to finance this?"

"Like America was financed," Bob says, "with lotteries. We'll have a lottery."

Spot on, Robert. Hmm. I wonder what his civic responsibilities are nowadays. Mitchell tells me, "I'm the president emeritus or something and life standing board member of the arts council."

Perhaps, I better flesh that out. "What?"

"Jacumba Arts Council. I'm on the board of directors, past president, and founding member."

For those who came in late, Mr. Mitchell was also the founder and publisher of the late Jacumba *Plain Speaker*. Bob is president of Jacumba Hot Springs Spa and Cabana Club, Jacumba's sole hot spot, restaurant, bar, and hotel. Due to space considerations, I will not speak of the diamond business, commodities trading, international currencies, Mexican time shares, or any other of the several dozen perfectly legal businesses Mr. Mitchell has been associated with in the past.

Just brainstorming now, I offer, "I think an official invitation to the Chargers..."

Mitchell interrupts, "I think it's a wonderful idea. We have an Arts Council meeting coming up in a few days. I'm going to have the council send a letter to the Chargers, requesting them to come out here and begin discussions with us."

"Absolutely, we want them," Bob adds. "We have an Indian casino up the road, we've got our music festivals. We're refurbishing the town. Hell, we're the prime place. And the old Chargers training camp was just up the road. For 20 years they trained in Boulevard, had a big training camp at Rough Acres Ranch. So, it's perfectly natural they'd come home."

Jacumba, Bob Mitchell and the Arts Council are real and will host a big music and arts festival on June 10 and another one on June 21. Hie thee to www.jacumbaartscouncil.org for particulars.

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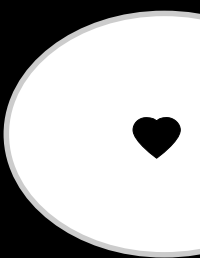


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Dress: wide range, from suits and ties to jeans and T-shirts
Diversity: mostly Caucasian and Hispanic
Length of reviewed service: 3 hours
Website: www.ecsd.org

"Welcome to the 15th Annual Good Friday 'Walk with the Suffering,'" said Rosemary Johnston from the flatbed of the truck parked in front of the County Health Building on Pacific Highway. "We're going to be visiting different public institutions in downtown San Diego this morning, and at each station of the cross, we will remember a particular segment of our community which is suffering, in remembrance of Jesus' suffering on the road to Calvary." To her right knelt Jesus, played by a student from St. Augustine's High School. Pilate (who hailed from Our Lady of Peace — all the other roles were played by women) stood before him, pointing a condemning finger.

This was the first station, the first of 15 tableaux that the students would create and hold as one of the various speakers offered a reflection. The first suffering segment: the homeless. In Psalm 113, said the speaker, "God is pictured as very powerful, but very much connected with earth. He stoops, he condescends, he comes down to look. He lifts the poor from the dirt...and he invites us to lift.... If we have done it to the least of His brethren, it is as if we have done it to Christ himself."

Second station: Jesus takes up his cross. Remembered segment: victims of torture. We started by singing: "Where you there/when they nailed Him to the tree..." "Crucifixion was the most cruel and painful form of torture known in Jesus' day.... What meaning does love have if you allow torture to continue unopposed?"

The truck drove to the next location, in front of the County Administration Building. Jesus walked, followed by the women and the soldiers, followed by roughly 85 people from various denominations. The morning sun began to warm. As we walked, we sang: "Here I am Lord/Is it I, Lord?/I have heard you calling in the night..."

Third station: Jesus falls for the first time. Remembered segment: those affected by substance abuse. We sang: "Weakened, prodded, cursed and fallen/His whole body bruised and swollen..." "Avoid immorality," said the speaker, reading from Paul. "Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?"

Fourth station: Jesus meets Mary. Remembered segment: foster children. "The average child in foster care waits three years for placement.... I think we as a community need to...do whatever

we can to lessen their suffering and address the brokenness that they experience."

We marched on, to the State Office Building at Ash and Front Streets, for the fifth station: Simon helps Jesus. Remembered segment: those without affordable health care. Here also, the sixth: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. A woman asked "that the Lord's mercy and love bring women who have had an abortion to a place of healing and reconciliation, that they will know they can be forgiven by God, and that they can forgive themselves because of what Jesus did for them in His crucifixion and death."

The marching song shifted to "Jesus, remember me/When you come into your kingdom" as we headed to the County Courthouse. A trolley driver doffed his hat as he passed. Seventh station: Jesus falls the second time, remembering the suffering caused by gang violence. "Religion is still the civilizing force that unites us all."

Station eight — Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem — brought some fire to the flatbed.

The speaker was lamenting the lack of affordable housing. "The prophet Ezekiel said these words: I will seek the lost...and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.... The cross brings judgment on those who turn their backs on the needy."

"Ubi Caritas" was our song on the way to the Metropolitan Correctional Center for Jesus' third fall at station nine. There, a prison minister reminded us that "we're all going to need help being lifted up sooner or later," and that some of those in prison were "more free, because they know the sins they've committed and they've opened up their hearts to Christ."

Stations ten and eleven — Jesus is stripped, then nailed to the cross — were held outside the Federal Building, and recalled the sufferings of the undocumented; in particular,

the lack of a just wage. "The final word to you arrogant rich...the groans of the workers you've used and abused are a roar in the ears of the Master Avenger. You've looted the earth and lived it up, but all you have to show for it as a fatter than usual corpse."

We processed to the rotunda outside Horton Plaza for stations 12 and 13 — Jesus' death and removal from the cross. The weather had turned cloudy and cold; the sky began to threaten. We recalled the suffering brought by mental illness and the degradation of the environment. The rain broke as we returned to the haunting lines of "Were You There?" for the long walk to the Broadway Pier. There, we huddled under a concrete overhang for stations 14 and 15 — the burial and resurrection. A Quaker spoke against war, repeating Christ's command to "love your enemies and pray for your persecutors.... All war is evil; all wars bring destruction and suffering." A final song ("Lord of the Dance") and a responsive prayer closed out the procession: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed, alleluia!"

— Matthew Lickona



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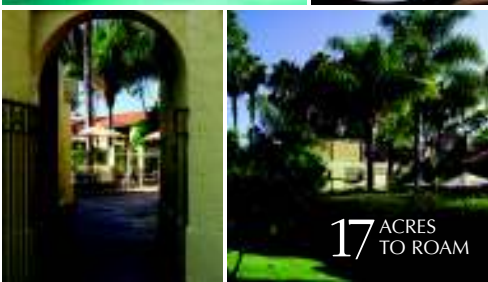
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"It's no use," said my friend Connie on Easter Monday. "When it comes to the in-laws, there are certain things that brand you a Bad Mom, and this is one of them." The day before, during cleanup, her six-year-old daughter Emma had dropped the gravy boat on the kitchen floor. When it shattered, as gravy boats will do, the little girl cried, "Oh, shit!" Everyone was flabbergasted, including Connie. Grandma May glared at Connie all through dessert.

Emma got the word from her brother William, 13. He got it from school. Connie's husband is away a lot, and she's not huge on discipline. She sought advice from me, and I turned around and sought it from some more expert sources.

Jean M. Twenge, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at SDSU, is the author of the recently published *Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled — and More Miserable — Than Ever Before* (\$25 at Barnes & Noble; www.generationme.com). "A lot of teenagers will swear just to try to shock their parents," she offered. "But these days, many young people swear because it's just the way they talk. It's more acceptable to swear now than it used to be."

Why? "People now are not as concerned with what others think of them. In a previous era, a person might think, 'If I swear, people are going to think that I sound uneducated, or uncouth.' But there's been a general social trend toward doing 'what's right for you' rather than 'what's right for other people, for society, or for the group.' There's lots of data, both scientific and anecdotal, to support the idea that American culture has moved much more toward individuality in the last few decades. And in the last five to ten years, it's been accelerated by a lot of media trends. You don't have to listen to an album anymore; you can mix the music however you want on your iPod. You don't have to watch a television show when it airs; you can TiVo it. People call it iMedia."

Twenge thinks that "swearing is part of that social trend. People want to express themselves in this way, and don't really care what other people think when they do it." Further, "there's a trend toward being more casual. You have more informality in dress now, and more informality in speech. People call each other by their first names."

So much for where it came from; what to do about it? Twenge suggested that Connie "help the kid gain a perspective on other people's impressions. If no one cared what other people thought of them, this world would be unlivable. In getting along in the world, one of the most important things is the impression you're making on others. And for both kids and adults, to have good relationships with other people is the bedrock of mental health."

I also talked to Dr. Tom, my friend Dee's father-in-law. Dr. Tom is a developmental psy-

"People now are not as concerned with what others think of them."

chologist, specializing in the moral development of children. He started with little ones like Emma, and worked up the age ladder to William. "Parents are usually shocked when they hear the first vulgar language coming from their angelic-looking preschooler, but it's all part of verbal experimentation. However, that doesn't mean you should accept it. I don't agree with the notion, 'If you ignore it, it will go away.' It's true that kids are usually doing it for attention, but for one thing, it's almost impossible to ignore it, especially under circumstances where it's embarrassing. And for another, ignoring bad language deprives kids of something they very much need for their moral development: clear social feedback when their behavior is inappropriate. Bad language is unacceptable because other people don't like to hear it — or, put positively, polite people don't talk that way in front of others. Needless to say, to make that stick, we have to watch our own language." If explanations aren't enough, "you can add a consequence: a negative consequence, like loss of a privilege; or sometimes a positive consequence that makes up for the lapse. One family had a jobs jar — you drew a slip of paper with a job on it to make up for the problem you had caused."

Like Twenge, Dr. Tom encouraged the idea of getting older kids like William to be more reflective. "You want them to realize that language is a social act. They have a responsibility to be sensitive to people who are affected by their speech. They might say that it's no big deal if they talk this way with their friends, because that's the way everybody talks. You want them to realize that language that becomes a matter of habit with friends is easily generalized to other environments. These days, kids carry bad language into the classroom — they're using it in the hallways, and they continue to talk that way once they enter class. Even if they try to inhibit it, it slips out during group work, or when they're making journal entries."

And if a kid says, "That's just the way I talk?" "A good question to ask is, 'Are there any situations where you don't use bad language?' In fact, there are lots of situations where kids watch their language, consciously or unconsciously. They don't use the f-word at their grandfather's funeral, or in a job interview. They use a certain kind of speech when they want to make a good impression. If you ask them why they don't swear in those situations, they'll say, 'It wouldn't be respectful.' So they realize that some language is respectful and other language is not."

Finally, he suggested teaching a child that "language reveals a person's character — and it also shapes it. Coarse language, over time, creates a coarse person. And if you don't develop the habit of controlling your language, bad words will come out in situations that make the situation worse. In college, some students use bad language when confronted by university police, and the situation escalates very quickly."

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by Josh Board

I was flipping through the channels at 3 a.m. one sleepless night and caught a *Montel Williams* episode in which ladies were throwing a Passion Party. I flipped through *Girls Gone Wild* commercials to midgets selling get-rich-quick schemes. Falling asleep to this paid advertisement made for weird dreams.

I awoke to a call from my friend Julie, who was planning to host a Passion Party at her house. I told her I had just seen one on TV. "Then you know that men aren't allowed. It's like a Tupperware party but for women's products."

This was a challenge. A party I *must* crash. I thought about the guys in *Revenge of the Nerds* and their hidden cameras in the sorority house, but Julie ruined the fantasy. "I can ask the person in charge. I'm sure she won't have a problem with you being there."

Caron was the person in charge, and as she was laying out her wares, she told me that in the late '90s, she lived in Florida and hosted these parties for the wives of Florida Marlins and Miami Dolphins players.

Julie was preparing food in the kitchen when she told me, "I call these toys BOBS —



boyfriends on batteries." Caron said that they don't get into male bashing at these events. They consider the items fun for married couples, who use the toys to enhance their relationship and help them better communicate. If I had a nickel for every time a woman used the word "communicate" when talking about relationships...

I didn't see a picture of the Love Swing, but I'm sure it looked nothing like the old tire swing my uncle had outside his house in Minnesota.

Julie's husband was in the kitchen helping her with the food. He told me he was being forced out, and I said, "Oh, you have to do all the hard work first.... I'll give you all the



details later."

I looked through one of Caron's brochures. The items ranged from \$5 for the Friendly



Partygoers (top); Caron Goff with her table of goodies (bottom left); Partygoers

As women arrived, Caron asked them if it was okay that I was there. She told me that if they weren't comfortable, I'd have to leave. None of the ladies minded. I asked one woman why she attended the party, and she said, "It sounds like a lot of fun. And, it's not like we're going to go into F Street or the Hustler store. This is a comfortable, safe environment." Another woman said, "It was great to get out of the house. I left my husband at home with a bottle of Maker's Mark."

A few women went outside to smoke, while others giggled

at the products Caron had displayed on the table.

I hung out in the kitchen to give the women their privacy. And, well, that's where the food was.

I would stick my head out on occasion to listen. A product called Tighten Up was introduced, and Caron explained that you don't need to tell your husband you are using it, because egos can be fragile. I handed Caron \$20 and said, "I'll take two bottles, please.... They're for a friend."

Caron passed out a pad of paper with a picture of a naked man on it that was missing certain parts. They were told to fill in the blanks with a guy that Julie would prefer. Caron collected all the drawings and said, "I'm amazed at what your friends think you'd like." Julie responded, "They've heard me bitch over the years." I glanced over her shoulder and saw one of the pictures had been fitted with a tool belt. The best picture was given a prize.

While grazing the food and enjoying a glass of wine, I overheard Caron talking about glitter that glowed in the dark. I thought that item would be fun in nightclubs.

Caron came into the kitchen to get her bag of bat-

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The food table held deviled eggs, sandwiches, fruit, caramel apples, cakes, desserts, wine, sausage-stuffed mushrooms, potato skins, and spinach-artichoke dip. I wondered how anyone could look at Caron's products with this table so near.

As I munched on a potato skin, one lady asked, "Can we compare some of these products to you?" In my macho voice I said, "Then you wouldn't buy any of these products."

The girls played several games, and it was fun to listen to them laugh and watch them have a good time. There was more laughter when a cell phone went off and played the

theme to *Sex and the City*.

A few times I heard a woman say, "Oh, that's gross." I was tempted to look around the corner to see what it was, but I thought the women would be more relaxed and have more fun if they didn't see a guy standing there taking notes.

A call came in from a woman who was running late. I was handed the phone and asked to give her directions. When she showed up, I told her,

"Keep in mind, men aren't just pieces of meat. We have minds. Sometimes we just want to talk about our day. Other times, we might just want to cuddle." She said, "If guys aren't just pieces of meat, my bubble is burst."■

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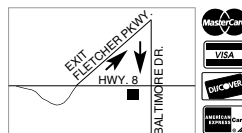
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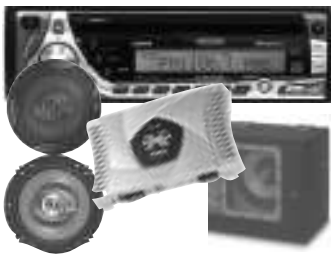
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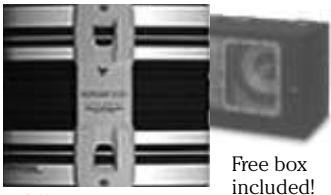
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by Barbarella

Speaking in Tongues

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— Charlemagne

It began as a routine trip to Borders. Once we had arrived at the mega bookstore (or as I sometimes refer to it, the FAO Schwartz for the literate), David went in search of a copy of American Art Collector (the most recent magazine to feature his fine art photography) while I scoured the display tables for anything new and promising in paperback. When David returned to my side ten minutes later, five hopeful prospects had already been tucked under my arm.

“No luck, huh?” I said, indicating his empty hands.

Shrugging, he said, “I guess I’ll have to be patient and wait for the copy they’re sending.”

“Better you than me,” I joked. “With the patient thing, I mean — you’re much better at it than I am.

Here, be my boyfriend and carry my books for me?” I struggled to look coquettish while handing off my heavy treasure. Reaching the T at the end of the aisle, I turned right toward the language section rather than left toward the cashiers.

“You still want to learn Japanese?” I asked David, who was following close behind, sifting through my selection. This is how big things sometimes begin — with a simple question.

David’s baby blue eyes shot up from the book jacket they’d been examining and he flashed his teeth and dimples in a quick smile. “I’ll take that as a yes,” I said, before turning around to scan the language aisle

shelves for the letter J.

David has occasionally mentioned the three semesters of Japanese classes he took before we first met. He has frequently expressed his desire to get back to his lessons, but despite his interest, he hasn’t made the time. It takes more than intention to bridge the gap between wanting to do something and actually doing it — it takes enthusiasm, which is where I came in. David handed me back my stack of novels, sat on the floor, and began sifting through the binders of Japanese language workbooks. A flutter of excitement coursed through me. I was about to discover something *new*, to demystify and understand a foreign language, which would forever change my perception of the world, and I couldn’t have been any more impatient to get started.

I thought about our choice to learn this language over the many others that seemed so much more practical. I knew why David had chosen it — one need only spend some time with him or simply glance at his space or his art, without ever sharing a word, and instantly understand his strong attraction to the Japanese culture and aesthetic. I remember the first time he took me to a sushi restaurant. The sushi chef had asked David where he had learned to handle his chopsticks, for his table manners were on par with what the chef himself had been trying, unsuccessfully, to teach his teenagers.

Simply drop the first letter from my love’s name and you are left with his zest for

all things proper. Much of the Japanese culture is based upon this sense of formal politeness for which David strives. This was evident in one of the first phrases he learned in class — *osakini*, an apology used when one is first to leave a room that literally translates as “Pardon my going first before you.”

When we arrived home, I removed the books one at a time from the large plastic bag and set them side by side on the counter, but not before inspecting the clean, smooth jackets and diving nose first into the pages, where I simultaneously tested the texture beneath my thumb and sniffed deeply of the printed paper, my favorite perfume. The workbooks were the last to come out of the bag. I placed them left to right in the order they would be tackled: *Hiragana*, *Katakana*, and *Japanese for Busy People I* (the *Kana* version).

“I would love to read haiku poems in their original form,” David said, leaning over me to finger the *hiragana* workbook. David, who would rather sit on a cliff and lose himself in the rhythm of the waves crashing below than attend any party or see any movie, has a reverence for nature that borders on Shintoism. The simple, elegant, and nature-inspired poetry native to Japan encapsulates those qualities he holds most dear. “You know,” he said, “in Japan they honor and cherish nature. Everybody, whether they’re young, old, men, or women, *everybody* gets excited about the cherry blossoms every year. Many of them believe that a rock or a moun-

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tain can have the same kind of soul that a person has.”

Detecting the note of profound respect in David’s voice, I smiled at him and then looked down at the 46 elaborate, picturesque characters printed within squares that were neatly stacked in a way that was reminiscent of the Periodic Table of Elements I had studied in my high school chemistry class. They looked like the marginal doodles of an expert calligrapher. Loops and lines, meticulous strokes, there was that flutter again — this was all so foreign.

“You know why I want to learn Japanese?” I asked David. He looked at me in expectation. “Because I want us to be able to talk about people who are right in front of us without them knowing what we’re saying.” I took delight in imagining the expressions that would appear on the faces of confused shoppers upon overhearing two *gaijin* like David and me using the Asian language to discuss the price of ground turkey. (*Gaijin* is the

Japanese word for any person who is not Japanese — literally translated, it means “barbarian.”)

“Yeah, that would be fun,” he said, but he knew we’d both cringe at the thought of being so rude as to deliberately exclude someone from our conversation. I conjured the image of an impressed-looking sushi chef who had just heard me casually ask him to pass the soy sauce in his native tongue.

“I mean, aside from the fact that we plan to visit Japan someday,” I said, tracing my finger along the character that looks like a horse-shoe. “I want to learn Japanese because it’s a cool thing to do.”

“Me too,” said David. Coolness was a factor not to be underestimated, but my real reasons remained unarticulated. Like David, I am taken by the language’s grace and formality, and a part of me believes that learning to speak it will help me to obtain these traits. But it was more than that. I needed something like this. I needed

a project in which I could immerse myself, and not just any project, but one that required some level of isolation.

Language is the tool that brings people together, but in learning Japanese, I finally saw that language could also be used to distance oneself. I have these phases during which I just want to get away — shut off my phone, drive somewhere far and simply be.

Now, instead of hopping in my car and disappearing, I can virtually escape to a far-off land. I can process my thoughts in a foreign tongue and watch simple objects around me transform into something exotic and new — a chair is not just a chair anymore, it is also an *isu*. My hand is also a *te*, and my eye is one of two *meh*.

“I can’t really explain it right now,” I said to David, who was bent over, balancing himself on the counter with his elbows and flipping through the *katakana* workbook. When he glanced up at me I chided myself for

assuming he had any way to know what I’d been thinking. That happens when you spend as much time with someone as I spend with David — you begin to assume he can see your thoughts. “But I’m really happy we’re doing this,” I continued. “And it’s going to be so much easier and a lot more fun because we’re doing it together.”

“So *desu*,” David said softly, and I thought perhaps he had heard the inner workings of my mind after all. “It means, ‘that’s right.’”

“Yeah,” I agreed. “So it is. I mean, *so desu*.” ■

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Dirty Jobs

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He bounces onto the seat, then starts the diesel motor. Rolling a blue kerchief tightly, he bands it carefully around his shaved head and square-knots its ends just under the occipital bone. The snug cinch means business. An ex-gang member and former director of rehab at Victory Outreach ministry (“God found me,” he says, “I didn’t find God”), Salazar has the bruised look of a man who’s bucked too much authority.

Soon, he’s merging onto the freeway and wishing he’d got going at 4:30. It’s a matter of pride, he says, that he get to the large Reno Construction site on Summers Ridge Road before the hard hats do. He’s anxious, knowing it’ll take 30 minutes to plow through southbound traffic on the 15. The first of today’s 30 stops has 24 units — solid-construction



polyethylene portable toilets, sump and urinal — to vacuum out and scrub down. Scattered in groups of two or six, they’ve sat untended since Friday morning. “I keep them real clean,” Salazar says. “They’re never dirty, they’re never stinky.” He’s 53, and he’s been driving one of Spanky’s 22 trucks and servicing units for ten months. Real longevity

in this business.

People think smelling and vacuuming human waste is the hard part. Not true, Salazar says. It’s the back-and-forth driving that accounts for the long — 8, 10, 12 — hours. His 140-mile-a-day route is like a marble let loose in a skateboarder’s bowl: down to Summers Ridge, down to Convoy,

The waste is sucked — the sound alternates from a loaded keeeeeeee to an air-moving hiss — into the truck's 700-gallon tank.



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Ramon Salazar

over to Harris Plant, back up to Black Mountain, three miles out to Andasol, two miles back up to Crisscross Lane. Shea Homes, Park and Ride, Valley Crest Commercial Park — and that's just before lunch, which is nestled in a cooler beside him next to two cold-sweating water bottles. When he sees eight units shouldered together, it's

“ice cream and strawberries”; otherwise, it's pull up, get out, clean the unit, move the truck, one here, one there, two here, two there. But still, nothing's worse than freeway on-ramps and back-ups — it's enough to try his patience, hunch up his shoulders, activate his hustle (fast walking with a bucket), so (maybe) he can get home by three to

see his granddaughter.

Salazar tends 77 to 127 units a day. At private homes, rest areas, stadium events, landfills, the San Diego County Fair, nurseries, “anyplace where people work or play outside.” The VIP units and the handicapped ones (top-of-the-line potties run \$25,000), with sinks and paper towel dispensers,

take longer. Each unit, he estimates, takes him four minutes.

Salazar parks the truck's driver's side as close to the units as possible. He button-starts the truck's pump, and the grinding noise, like an airplane propeller, begins. He unfurls the four-inch-diameter corrugated hose, attached to the powerful vac. He pulls open the Potti's spring-hinged door, props it against his backside, and flips up the toilet seat. He plunges the hose onto the pyramidal pile of turds and TP; the pile is like a volcanic isle, rimmed by the Windex blue of a chemical sea. Salazar shakes and repositions the hose; it lurches and leaps like a worm exposed to the sun. The waste is sucked — the sound alternates from a loaded *keeeeee* to an air-moving hiss — into the truck's 700-gallon tank.

Inside the tank, a chemical mix of ferric chloride and sodium hydroxide treats the solids quickly. The sump emptied, Salazar turns the pump off, then fills a bucket with soap and water from the truck's onboard spigot. With a water hose, he squirts the urinal, seat, lid, and floor; with a broad, wood-handled brush, he two-hand scrubs the toilet seat, random stains, wall graffiti (in one, "Mexican power," in another, "lick balls white boy"), and the muddy floor. By now, sweat beads are glistening above his headband. Next, he pours five gallons of water into the crapper, then hoses it all down. He drops in the dye pellet. He puts in new toilet paper and squirts a bottle of fragrance as a finishing touch.

Salazar's uniform is an olive drab shirt and blue drab pants; under



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Henry Rodriguez, Brian Kirkendall

his short-sleeved shirt is a long-sleeved quilted undershirt, very worn. "Sometimes," he says, "the hose clogs up and throws stuff back out. It splatters. I don't want it to get on my arms. They

gave us long plastic gloves," clearing the elbows, "but they're too hot." Instead, he wears hand-sized rubber gloves. Even still, on his way to the shower at home, he might hear,

"Oh, Dad, you smell, you smell."

A hard hat approaches a Porta Potti tentatively. What's he think's inside? Pool of vomit? Trapped rattler? *Eau de* open grave? Such fears hardly compare to what Salazar's encountered. Miscreants "wad up paper towels with nails and staples and throw it in there. Just to be jerks. I spend an hour unclogging it; I gotta go in there, man. A couple two, three weeks ago, they did that, and the staples got stuck right in the middle of the hose. I had to make a big old wire with a hook and pull it, pull it. I was so mad I felt like calling out at everybody, 'You jerks...'" his voice trailing off. Every so often a unit is tipped over, and it's Salazar's job to set it back up and open the door and curse the brown-black smears on the walls, which are like, well, you can imagine.

When the hose puts the waste in motion — that's the worst smell: something unholy pierces the air, the crap and the sodium hydroxide vying for dominance. Despite a long hot shower, the smell can linger in the membranes of one's nose and mouth. A regurgitative spasm (the gag reflex) may kick in. "Sometimes, it gets to me," Salazar says. He feigns retching, "Ugg-huk, ugg-huk," then flashes an avuncular smile.

Once a week Salazar offloads the truck's waste at Pump Station No. 1 on Harbor Drive. During the week, he often gets headaches or suffers pain in his shoulders and neck from twisting his head around to back up the pumper truck. In Poway, he has to back up a mile and a half to get to one unit. Sometimes he gets bacterial ailments; he suspects it's the feces'

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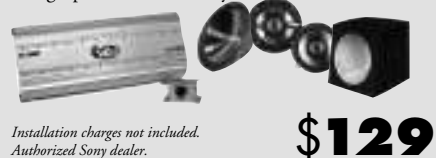
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germs. Once his throat and tonsils swelled and he couldn't breathe — he waited 90 minutes for his HMO doctor, got disgusted and left, then drove to Tijuana, where he bought antibiotics over the counter that fixed it.

On the back of the truck a sign is bolted: Drivers Wanted / Great Benefits / Will Train. (Nothing rivals a back East promo: Scott's Pots: We're Number 1 in Number 2.) At Spanky's, guys come and go; they're fired or on Monday morning they don't show. Maybe it's Salazar's values that keep him showing up. He says, "My conviction is different from the conviction of the world. I have to clean those toilets just like my wife or my daughter was going to use it — or myself. I can't leave without putting all the chemicals in. I won't be at peace; I'll have to come back and do it the right way.

"I'm content," he says at last. Not just with his job but with his life.

It sure beats the cold rooms he's been in, before God gave him wing. "Besides," he chuckles, "somebody's got to do it." An old cliché about dirty work, but Salazar says it with the conviction that he's the somebody.

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Except on Ramon Salazar's route, the world of the privy, the world many of our grandparents knew, rarely exists. Instead, we flush it away. If it doesn't stay away, we call the Metropolitan Waste-water Department. Metropolitan is best known for the number of sewage spills — 365 in 2000 and 63 in 2005. The reason for the decrease is simple: city sewer crews now record the clogs via a computer program; they scour drains that have a larger amount of grease, roots, and sludge more frequently.

Such routine preventive maintenance is the domain of Brian Kirkendall and Henry



James "Sam" Samson

Rodriguez, both 40. Kirkendall, who is Tony Gwynn-big and sports a rascally laugh, has been cleaning sewer lines for five years, two years longer than Rodriguez, who is less animated but equally involved. One day in June, halfway

down Tierrasanta's Escobar Drive, Kirkendall positions the truck above a manhole cover. On the truck's back are several water tanks, 11,000-gallon capacity, and a large tank to vacuum up spills (Rodriguez brags about

its power: the vac can lift a 16-pound bowling ball). At the nose of the truck, placed just above the manhole, is a 600-foot hose coiled on a winch. Rodriguez pries off the manhole lid, and the pair gaze in. Only certified personnel, the confined-spaces unit, are allowed down there. The truck's noise obscures the rivulet, 20 feet below, which is flowing vigorously.

Kirkendall begins lowering the sled and its heavy nozzle into the manhole. The sled is a dual-purpose device: its six prongs, shaped like an asterisk, loosen and drag out debris while a nozzle squirts water at very high pressure, 65 gallons per minute. Sewer lines are a gravity-based system through which the constant drainage of toilets, sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines starts the effluent moving. Kirkendall says he cleans "against flow" and pulls back "with flow." Hose-and-nozzle travels up the drain, dislodges

debris, and pulls it out. Kirkendall turns the sled into an eight-inch-diameter lateral line that brings the waste of an eight-unit apartment complex to the main line. Once the nozzle is tucked into the lateral line, Kirkendall cues the winch motor to push the hose up the line's length. He eyes the above-ground distance of the apartments' carport; experience tells him it's about 110 feet. Watching the counter, he sees the hose reach its end at 119. He then activates the nozzle's spray and begins retracting the hose. As it's wound onto the winch, the force of the water pressure cleans the drain.

Meanwhile, Rodriguez has dropped a long steel pole into the manhole; at the end of it is a large scoop (like those in grocery-store nut bins, though this one is perforated). The scoop sits against the main sewer line so as to trap tree roots, sand, rocks, debris, which the crew is freeing up from the lateral line. The scoop collects the debris, which the men lift out

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of the manhole and later dump at the landfill.

Rodriguez uses a mirror to shine light into the hole. At the first whiff, Kirkendall says, "That's a light smell." He laughs: "I do this every day, so I can tell you what's going on down there." One minute later, the gaseous stench wafts toward us, and it's bad — battlefield-dead bad. It's bigger in volume and thickness than a vacuum pump humping a Porta Potti. What is that smell? In 2001, five Japanese scientists decided to study "the malodorous substances of human waste." Testing excreta and urine, they found very small amounts of ammonia, other nitrogen compounds, and hydrogen sulfide (the rotten-egg smell). However, 90 percent of the malodorous compounds were fatty acids. When such waste meets air, uncovered or

nozzled loose in a sewer drain — *wheyyyy-eeewww*, it comes to rancid life.

Suddenly a very light fecal mist rises out of the manhole; just as it meets me, I bend back. To no avail. Part of this visible stink, Kirkendall says, is "any kind of grease these people decide to pour down the drain." The hot grease flows from the kitchen drains (*San Diego, don't pour grease down the drain*) and hardens as it cools. Once the high-pressure spray loosens that rotting grease, agglutinated to the walls of the drain — "Pee-u," Kirkendall spumes. "You never get used to *that*." When Kirkendall began sewer maintenance in 2000, he threw up his first three days on the job. Day four he was used to it.

Rodriguez says on occasion they get slimed from the backwash;

especially bad are sprays from shallow manholes. Both men wear flexible grip-mesh gloves; Rodriguez has on disposable pants, their tarplike white plastic fitting loosely over his jeans. "If it's on you," Kirkendall says, "it's rough." They carry cleaning solutions and, at home, leave their boots outside and shower right away.

They bring up the scoop: there's sludge (sand, rocks, semisolid waste) and root-balls. In the root-balls, they've found cell phones, pagers, silverware, jewelry, tampons, drug paraphernalia. Finishing, Kirkendall and Rodriguez hoist up the sled. From its end dangles a pair of thong underwear. "Hey, Henry," Kirkendall calls out, grabbing the torn pair. "It's Calvin Klein."

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A law of nature, we leave our messes for others to clean. When a local person dies or is removed from a home and his or her mess can't be tidied up by next of kin, the County of San Diego's social services gets the call. A crew of two estate movers comes to "marshal the assets" — salvage what's personal and saleable and trash the rest. Performing such home autopsies is the job of James "Sam" Samson.

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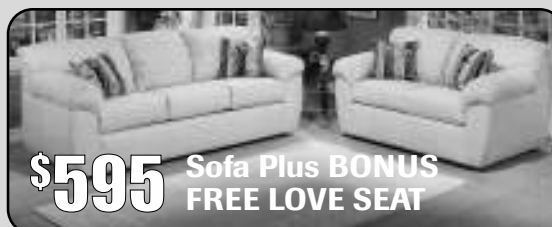
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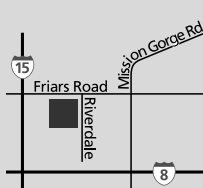


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asset dying on the vine. His work order says that a week before, the County moved out a 90-year-old woman with a debilitating disease. Now under the conservatorship of the County, she's been put in a nursing home with her permission. (In many cases, relatives won't or can't help; a court order then allows the County to become the person's public guardian or, after death, public administrator.) Inside the trailer Samson asks, "You don't

mind rats, do you?" "No..." and then I enter a stink that must have been common during bubonic plagues: rat urine and feces. The stench is repulsive. On the linoleum floor lies a young rat, flattened and moist: it might have met a bootish death. Surrounding the sink, rice-sized turds stipple the counter; rat-munched bits of paper dot the floors. The carpet's soaked with rat urine. The tiny turds are everywhere. "What's that?" A live one rustles in the corner. Samson estimates there are a half-dozen rats here; every cereal box (there are many) has a finely chewed hole through the cardboard, its contents gobbled.

The first day, Samson recalls, Hymie "was emptying the linen closet. He pulled out the top linen pile — he's a bit shorter than me — and there was a rat on

top of the towels that came out; he had to jump out of the way while it bounced off the wall." Samson's a "reptile person" with a pet boa at home; he's caught rats (he wears leather gloves) and fed them to his snake. "It's the only thing I've ever got free out of this job," he says, laughing. Though Samson washes his hands often, he forgoes cleaner's garb. The stench doesn't bother him either. Yes, it gets in his clothes and hair: "It's with me all the time." Can he describe it? "A human death, a rodent death, a snake death — it all smells the same. I can't describe it."

Rat and dead-human smells are nothing for Samson. In a collar-close aside, he tells me the most gaggable story I would hear. In one woman's home that he was emptying, he discovered that the son, who lived in the garage,

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had stored his own feces in five-gallon buckets in an attached room. “We had walls and walls of it. Lined up, boards and buckets, floor to ceiling.” Why? “I don’t know,” Samson says, “but it was a *bad* smell,” and he laughs raucously at the ridiculousness of what he’s just said. He didn’t end up with that bucket duty: “A private attorney took the house over. And we were very happy.”

The trailer has a kitchen, living room, two small bedrooms, two bathrooms. Unopened boxes, canned goods, dressers whose drawers won’t close. To case a bedroom, Samson must shoulder the door to get in. Coolers, furniture, lawn chairs, rolled rugs, draperies are strewn about. Grease slathers the range top; a smear beside the door, probably a grimy hand, dirties the wall. In a shed out back is an upright freezer, its six shelves bulging with packages of meat: thankfully, the power’s still on. (Many senile seniors stash as much food as they hoard junk.) A tub in one bathroom, a shower in the other, are storage shafts — bric-a-brac, laundry baskets, hanging blouses, a plastic Christmas tree. “She didn’t shower, she didn’t bathe,” Samson says. I hear no hint of judgment in his voice. At 53, he has clear eyes and a trim moon-white beard; a long, graying ponytail streams out the back opening of his ball cap. In 1997, when the Heaven’s Gate community committed mass suicide in Rancho Santa Fe, it was Samson who disposed of the home’s contents, including the purple fabrics, triangularly draped on the victims.

Neighbors knew about the old woman’s plight and tried to help, Samson notes. But she

wouldn’t let anyone in to clean up. How bad it had gotten is evident by her mattress — one side is covered with merchandise and pillows, electrical cords, and shoe-boxed photos; the other side is worn to the

stuffing, flattened at the spot she sat on getting in and out of bed, and badly stained. When he first arrived at the trailer, Samson discovered a little path that the woman had worn from her bedroom through the living

room and kitchen to the workable toilet. He recalls that the bathroom sink — like the one in the kitchen — was heaped high with stuff; presumably the sinks, also, were unused, perhaps unusable.

Most places Samson and Hymie clean feature some danger: uncaged birds, black widow spiders, vicious dogs, scared cats: “The cats hide until you move something, then they run out and scare you.”

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the pet. We started working. Nobody had any problems. The next thing I know, I'm feeling things on my legs. What the heck! I ignored it for a while. But then — we all wore white socks — I pulled my pant leg up, and my whole sock was completely black. I told the guys, 'Let's get out of here.' Outside, all of us were covered with fleas. We're taking off our shoes, our shirts, our jackets. Everything. We're just beating on each other. We sprayed ourselves." Later, after nine flea bombs and a professional exterminator, they went back in and finished the job.

Another danger is one Samson detects but never sees. When someone dies or is moved out of a home, neighbors "unfortunately have the attitude that whatever's here is free." He's had locks changed and left homes over a weekend; come Monday, he'll find evidence of a break-in — his sorting trashed; addicts' needles; pants on hangers, their pockets turned inside-out.

Samson calls the trailer, stench and all, his "office." For better or worse, "This is where I work." So what's salvageable? A Victrola, a rifle case, fishing poles, a package of clothespins, a stack of LPs. Time's long ago has been frozen inside the trailer. "There's not a lot of new here," Samson says. Any letters, pictures, bills, mail, items with handwriting, "We get all that back into the family stream." So far, in searching this trailer, he's ferreted out \$3000; in another mobile home, he found, wedged under drawers and taped behind mirrors, \$142,000. That money, as well as proceeds from auctions of the conservatee's belongings, is deposited into the person's estate or, in the case of death, is

given to the heirs.

At one point, Samson's boss, Kent Schirmer, shows up, dressed for *E. coli*. Office-bound Schirmer is unaccustomed to filth. He's wearing a Tyvek jumpsuit (a disposable

protective garment) and a breathing mask. Tyvek booties too. He says that sometimes the County will pay to have the home cleaned. But after inspecting the trailer with Samson, they agree: not in this case.

Schirmer says, "It's so bad, we'll probably pay someone to pull" it off the site. The landlord will like that. He'll get a new tenant right away.

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Blue-collar work

abounds in positions where stigma and stain are partners. But what of those whose job is "clean," at least, its conditions (office, desk, paper, phone) steer clear of bodily fluids — and yet the work is labeled

dirty? We live in a society landscaped by corporations and their hierarchies. In fact, some white-collar positions, in which an employee must evaluate the finances or the performance of others, can be

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just as tainted as any blue-collar job. Most corporate work includes decent pay, benefits, even social standing. But such incentives seldom alleviate the anguish many experience when dealing with angry or wronged or broke or fragile people.

Take the bill collector. In Escondido, Barbara Crayton is the city's collections officer, a job she's been doing for four years. Friends believe that her job must be hard: "You have to deal with all those bad people." Bad as in debtors, who themselves are stigmatized as criminal,

unstable, chaotic. But, Crayton tells me by phone, "They're not *that* bad. People are hounding them day and night for money. Not just me." They fight back, yelling and screaming at her at times. "But when I catch them, they know they owe me money, so they're a little sheepish. They may lie to me still. When they're yelling, I think it's a defense mechanism because they got caught. Every now and then it bothers me."

She mostly goes after people who've bounced checks for unpaid city services:

park fees, library fines, paramedic costs, false alarm charges, and utility bills. The amounts are typically \$200 to \$300, sometimes more. Until she was laid off, Crayton worked in the banking business, collecting overdue home-loan payments. Home debt is secured, while money owed a city is unsecured, which Crayton calls "difficult because the target's moving." It's up to her, using her most professional, friendliest, and nonintimidating customer-service voice, to nail the debtor.

Seeking payment,

she calls indebted customers or sends certified letters. Most don't return calls, or "they play a game": the collector's stupid. One woman insisted that her 20-year-old daughter didn't have to pay her debt because of her, the mother's, wealth and her address. Those cases Crayton shunts to small-claims court. She invariably wins, though most will settle the bill before any hearing takes place.

Every year Crayton has four or five customers "who get to me." These individuals "were yelling and screaming.

They refused to listen. They knew they owed the money, knew that they were wrong, but they continued to give you all the reasons why they shouldn't pay you the money: 'My mother died, my dog died, my husband left me' — anything but 'Okay, I owe you the money.' And *that* bothers me: I'd like them to take ownership of their debt. Instead, they attack *me*." She says they'll get livid and caulkflower her ear with "You don't understand. I have other bills to pay." Which is true: other collectors are already pursuing most people Cray-

ton calls. "Or they say, 'I'm taking my kids on vacation.' I've had a customer who had a debt from summer classes tell me it was Christmas and she had to buy gifts. That's why she didn't have the money to pay me."

Sometimes people come into the office, visibly upset and making demands. Crayton says they try to snow her with lies she's heard repeatedly: they know the mayor; they know the councilmembers; they're going to have their attorney contact her. "Always, people say that," she says. To which

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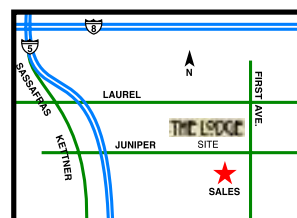
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she'll counter, " 'Fine, give me his or her name or number and I'll call.' Usually people think that using the term 'attorney' intimidates me. It doesn't." Common sense tells her that a person who owes \$150 is unlikely to have an

attorney who will charge \$250 to handle the debt. Crayton believes that when the customer comes in, "It humanizes me." The customer sees that "I'm not a big ogre or I don't have on all-black clothing." More important, "They think

that they're going to be humanized in front of me." It works both ways. "I'm going to see them as a person," so, in effect, "I'll understand." She says, to sweeten the appearance, they'll bring in the children — to show how difficult their

lives are.

Once Barbara Crayton hangs up the phone with a customer, "I move on to the next person. I try not to take anything personal," even the in-person confrontations. Nowadays, Crayton says, laws don't

allow the hard-core collectors, in the boiler rooms, to operate: those who were hired because of their nasty personalities and would collect a debt *or else*. "Some people like collections because they like intimidating people." But in

her position, a job that she says most people *don't* want to do, Crayton's self-description perfectly cleaves the collector's temperament: "I'm not easily intimidated, and I'm not the intimidating type."

Ditto for G.T. Allen of Allen's Approval One, an Escondido private collection agency. Allen, a fiftyish man with light blue eyes and a fine tan, fits the image of the cuddler collector, or "counselor," as he calls his eight staff members, who work day and evening shifts. We're on the second floor of a two-story office. Below us one elderly man and three young bilingual females staff the automatic-dial phones, making 125 calls per shift (three to five minutes each), some 100,000 calls per year. Allen tells me that when he was trained in the 1970s, collector and debtor shared morally offensive dispositions. The collector was "the guy with the black hat, big cigar, beer belly, no sense of humor, who was badgering and out to make people's lives miserable. It used to be a badge of honor to be nasty." The debtor was a "dirtball, a scumbag, a credit criminal who deliberately

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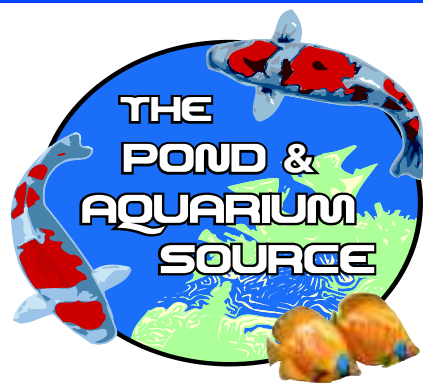
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charged up everything, knowing he'd never pay."

Then, strong-arm tactics were thought to be justified. It was "easier," Allen says, "to holler and scream at somebody, belittle them, to get the money. It's a lot more difficult today to negotiate with people, to empathize with their situations." Municipal and hospital accounts make up 60 percent of his clients. With "this constituency," Allen says, they tread lightly. "Our job is not to upset the constituent, but it's to get the constituent to understand that it's tax-

payer money, which helps city services — fixing potholes." Using kid gloves means training counselors to think and listen so that they will invite the debtor in "to find a solution for the debt. You can't talk to an adult" as if he were a child: "You owe \$500 and we want the money today!" At the same time, "While you're on the phone, you have to identify what kind of person this is." Counselors assess the kind of person they've got and adjust their responses. But, Allen continues, debtors may get abusive — "it's a defense

mechanism; they'll call you every name in the book" — or "you may get someone who's on the brink of a total meltdown, and you can put them right over the edge. *That's* not our job." And then, as the call nears the five-minute maximum and the woes of the debtor keep spewing out, the counselor *still* has to press for payment. (Allen's operations manager, Robert Felan, says that one of his main tasks is to monitor the counselors telephonically, making sure they aren't trapped in a therapeutic session with a

debtor. "When the call gets to eight minutes," he says, "something's wrong. I intercede because we're not making any money by then.")

So, Allen says, it gets to them. The staff turnover is about 50 percent annually, and they leave because of the "stress and strain." Allen tells his workers that collecting municipal debt is "for the good of the community. You can go home at night and feel good about yourself." But, he admits, the daily disaster that people disclose takes a toll on his staff. "Have you ever

driven by a horrible car crash? For days, that can stick in your mind, make you horribly sick to your stomach. Sometimes you'll get one of those calls, and it'll tear you up. We can't sympathize, but we can empathize."

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Among the dirtiest managerial tasks in the white-collar domain is that of firing employees. Letting go of staff can drive those who manage human resources nuts. Companies and institutions pay these people to sack workers through layoffs or involuntary

termination (a classic euphemism). It's a profession that attracts women; the work takes time, relational savvy, and lots of TLC. One such human resource manager is Lorraine Barrett (not her real name). At a local college, Barrett oversees a permanent staff of 200 and a revolving student staff of 600 who do low-skilled work. (Since workers' compensation claims and employee counseling make up the daily workload, human resource managers want anonymity for themselves, their employers, and their divisions.)

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Barrett's been toiling in this field for many years. Her self-possession feels well-earned in a job that requires as much mordant laughter as gentle force.

Though Barrett counsels more than she fires, both duties are what she calls "time suckers." Why so much counseling? "There's an awful lot of walking wounded in the workplace," she says. "Functionally crazy. They really do have issues that impact others. They may be just not right — depressed, anxious; they take offense where no offense is intended. They're wounded before they get here."

If she knew they were "that way," of course, she wouldn't hire them. Psychological problems surface later. "My toughest employees," she goes on, "are really intelligent people

in a low-level job. They're underemployed." A job's monotony is seldom an issue. Rather, in Lorraine's experience, it's the interpersonal they can't handle. She says workers need anger management or medication, which she'll refer them to. One case deeply affected Lorraine. A woman "fit the profile" of an intelligent, organized, and facile worker. She had been at the college for five years and did her job without a hitch. No absenteeism. But she got into disputes with her manager and her coworkers. "When she did, she was very emotional. Crying. Yelling. She would say, 'I work so hard. I'm here every day. I don't understand why you can't do what I want.' She was — this, from the rumor mill — having an affair with somebody. She was separated from her hus-

band, who worked on the campus but in another division.

"One day she broke down on the job, and we had to call an ambulance. Her husband was called to go with her, and in the ambulance she tells him, 'I'm going through a miscarriage.' But she had told her boss two weeks before — to miss a day of work — that she had had an abortion. The husband then accuses his wife's boss of causing so much stress that she miscarried." But the woman had actually had an abortion. "This is high drama." Back on the job, the woman fights with coworkers; she hisses at the public she's serving; she becomes very isolated. She pounds on the table, she gives people the evil eye. She and a female coworker "verbally square off: 'Do you want

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to go outside and settle this?” At that point, Barrett disciplined both — letters of warning went into their files. The woman who had lied to her husband was transferred to another unit and had an affair with another man, who, in turn, spent his savings of \$15,000 on her — “and then she dropped him like a hot potato after the money was gone. This is what I mean by craziness.”

During each scene in the opera, Barrett says, “I’m right on her doorstep. ‘This is not acceptable behavior.’ ‘So-and-So is stalking me,’ she says. ‘We’ll take care of that, but you need to stay focused.’ Then she has a child by this other man.” By now, all these machinations had got in the way of the work

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quit because she was sure I wasn’t going to give up,” that is, eventually fire her.

“That was a sad case. There were a lot of broken bodies, I mean, people who were hurt by it.” The wife of the man with whom she had the child — she also worked at the college — “was convinced that this woman was a witch. She had cast a spell over her husband and felt that her husband was leaving her and her two children.” The accusations affected Lorraine’s well-being. “I’m agonizing over what I think is right and wrong. I’m trying to keep my objectivity. I want to rescue the wronged wife. I want to fire this woman, and I

don’t have enough evidence. What should I do? I can’t misuse my power. I’m trying not to cry when I meet with the wife. Terrible. Terrible.” Today, she’s still trying not to cry — and not succeeding. Often the taint goes home with Barrett at night and on weekends. “Sometimes I need a scotch *and* a hot fudge sundae. There is some anaesthetizing that you do to cope.”

Human resource manager Kristin Hubler does the firing for an international firm that has an employment services contract with the state. Hubler doesn’t mind having her name used, but she prefers her company not be identified. At 39, Hubler is a

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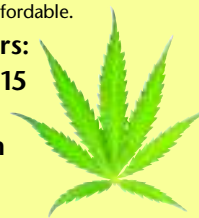
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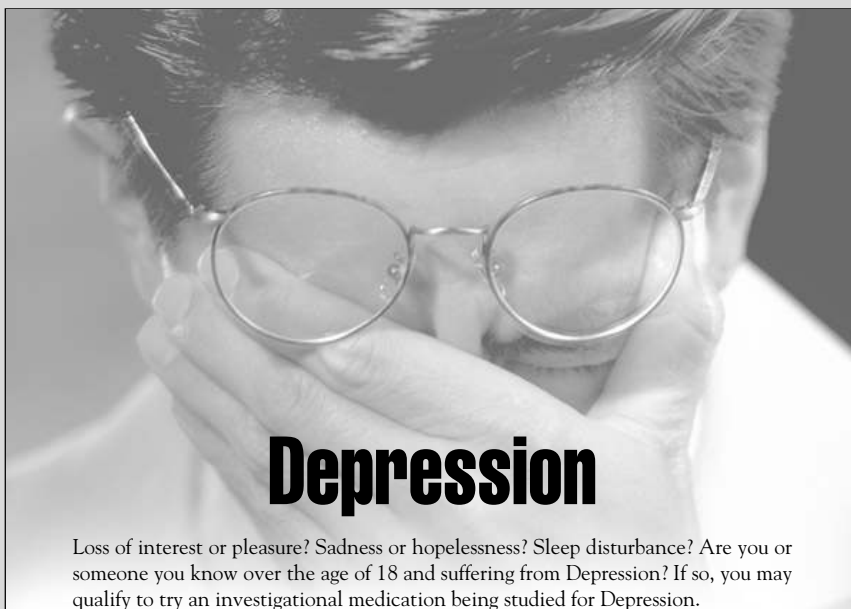
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jaunty woman, with brown eyes and chestnut hair; she's buoyed by her work. With a master's in business administration, she's been employed at several companies, handing out pink slips for 15 years. Hubler's been the regional director of human resources at her current gig for 2 years. Every day, she calms the tempests that rock her subordinates: eight human resource managers who oversee eight facilities and 1500 employees scattered throughout Southern California. At her office, in a glassy gray building on a cul-de-sac in Carlsbad, she does background checks and investigates employee-manager conflicts. She

travels to mediate and resolve employee issues and, when necessary, wields the hatchet.

Involuntary terminations take time. Loads to investigate — Why is this person coming in late? Why is he fighting with his supervisor? How long has this woman been on leave? Should we can him for bringing a gun to work, even though he's been a loyal employee for five years, or should we suspend him? What is going on in this man's personal life that's causing such anger? Hubler tells about one man who kept leaving work early on Fridays and coming in late on Mondays. The reason, which took much sleuthing to learn,



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was that the man was spending the weekend with his wife at a cancer clinic more than 100

miles away. He never left early enough on Monday morning to beat the traffic and was always

late. Once Hubler sussed out the facts, she helped him rearrange his schedule.

The big cases she sees involve workers who harass other employees with offhanded remarks or sexual references and workers who constantly fight. These terminations can be hairy. Of late, one personality conflict, she says, has had her beside herself. "I don't know what to do. The two people don't get along, have never gotten along; they've been filing multiple complaints against each other; we bring them into the office, and they say, 'Everything's fine,' then we let them go [back to work], and there's

screaming matches. It's disruptive to the entire environment. We have suspended them, and they've filed multiple claims with state agencies against us because, in their eyes, we're doing everything wrong." Why don't they quit? "That's the question we all ask ourselves: 'If you hate your coworkers so much, why are you here? Can I give you a reference to go someplace else?'" Now, she says, the solution is to assign the men separate shifts. They both counter that it's against their individual rights to be reassigned. Neither will change shifts; neither will respect the other; neither will admit wrong. "Short of sitting

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BIPOLAR DEPRESSION



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- Feel sad or anxious
- Have feelings of hopelessness
- Feel tired, lack energy or are unmotivated
- Have difficulty concentrating or making decisions
- Feel restless or irritable
- No longer have interest in once pleasurable activities

If you are experiencing some of these, you may be eligible for a research study.

Some qualifications are:

- Aged 18-65 years
- Non substance/alcohol dependent
- Using reliable contraceptive
- Not pregnant or lactating
- Non diabetic

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in that facility 24 hours a day — what can you do?”

Another employee who was hurt on the job and filed a workman's compensation claim stayed away from work beyond the time he was supposed to. When he returned, he was drug-tested, a standard procedure. He tested positive for Darvocet, a painkiller, for which he had no prescription. His “excuse” was that he was in very bad pain, and his mother gave him one of her pills. This violated the company's drug policy: no doctor's prescription, no employment. “The way the policy is set up, you can't make exceptions,” says Hubler.

“We wanted to keep him, but we couldn't keep him. It was very hard. He was a good, good employee.” Once the dispute “went through the legal department,” the word came down: fire him. “You feel horrible. You have to be truthful. When I was starting out, managers would tell me to tell an employee, ‘We don't have room for you,’ to make it easier on me, the manager. Then we'd hire someone new, and the [fired] person would come back and say, ‘What do you mean you didn't have room?’ ” Such dishonesty creeps back to haunt her.

A year ago an order for layoffs landed on her desk. She went to the

facility, she did her duty. Today, when she walks in there, they'll greet her with “ ‘Oh, who are you here to fire?’ Another is ‘She's here to do the ax.’ When I first started out I worked for a company that did mass layoffs, and I closed a couple of buildings. I'd walk in, and people would just scatter.” Group-termination announcements, she says, are much easier — much less chaos. At Enron, the employees were told over a loudspeaker that they had 15 minutes to leave the building. Hubler has never been on a firing squad like that, but she understands its necessity. Employers don't give notice to positions in

payroll or IT (information technology). Otherwise, workers “may go back in and really mess up stuff.” The employers won't give people in payroll a chance to change records or IT managers to put in a virus. Sorry, but that's it.

Layoffs, which make up more than half of all involuntary terminations, are “really, really tough,” Hubler says. “Especially if it's a manufacturing job or somebody in a warehouse, somebody on a forklift, a guard — you're taking away their family's income. I have less empathy for someone in my position who loses a job. I should be able to live on my savings. But the lower level, you

know they're paycheck to paycheck. It just breaks my heart. They didn't do anything wrong. It's the finances of the company. Maybe we lost a contract.” During the 2002 recession, she says it “was horrible. I was laying off distribution people I knew were never going to find a job,” at least not one that paid the same.

In human resources, Hubler says, the joke is, as soon as you make friends with coworkers, the next day you show up to fire them. At the Carlsbad office, she maintains a professional distance with her staff, avoiding all intimacies. If she has to can anyone, she sticks to the talking points. “You go by the

numbers you need to reduce; you look at the head count to find where X amount of dollars can be saved; here's X amount of positions that need to go because we've lost clients, we've lost business, whatever.”

It got so bad once that Hubler even laid herself off. She didn't mind, though, because she could plan for it, an advantage the other workers lacked. Another time, she laid herself off but made certain that when the company started rehiring, her name was at the top of the list. It was, and she got her position back. Despite the stigma, management has its privileges. ■

— Thomas Larson

RESEARCH STUDIES

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- Be at least 50 years old
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Depression Research Study

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A research study for an investigational medication for insomnia is taking place. You may qualify for this study:

If you are over 18 years of age

-AND-

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ADHD?

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KILL WITH KINDNESS

Growing up as the daughter of an environmental health specialist, I have a deep respect for all things recyclable. It hurts me to watch people litter, and I've been known to chase down offenders and give them lectures on how they're contributing to the downfall of western civilization. While I annoy tree-hugger-haters to no end, I hope to make the world a better place by encouraging others to be environmentally conscious.

I promote recycling at my high school. I'm copresident and cofounder of the Green Team, a club that provides community-service opportunities while promoting environmental awareness. This year, we accomplished our goal of reinstating the paper-recycling program at our school. Paper recycling is not mandatory, and there's no money to be gained by doing it (only cans and bottles make money). Our club provides paper-only bins for each classroom, and we take them out weekly with the help of school custodians. Our club takes part in service projects such as beach and canyon cleanups, and we volunteer regularly with I Love A Clean San Diego.

Aside from the Green Team, I'm doing my part to become a more active member in the environmental advocacy community. During the summer of 2005, I was a student worker at the County of San Diego's Department of Environmental Health, in the hazardous materials division. Though I did more paper pushing than paper conserving, it was interesting to be exposed to the business side of environmental advocacy.

Ultimately, my goal is to educate others of the dangers of pollution. According to Greenpeace, 80 percent of ocean pollution is caused by land-based sources, such as storm-drain pollution. Most people don't understand that storm drains are meant only for rainwater (not their cigarette butts and candy wrappers). By teaching others that storm-water runoff is not treated before it reaches open water, we can insure the future of the Pacific Ocean and local rivers and lakes.

— Vicki Molina-Estolano,
Bonita Vista H.S.



I haven't found a cure for cancer, ended a war, or fed all the starving people, but I have tried to improve the world since I was six. A girl in my class named Laura would always pick on me and my friends. One day, when I came home crying, my dad sat me down on his lap and said, "Emma, you just have to kill her with kindness." So, the next day I went to school and when Laura stole some of my Play-Doh, I smiled at her and handed her half of what I still had left. During the next week, whenever Laura took something of mine, I offered to share more with her. When she insulted my drawings, I complimented hers. Soon, Laura started acting nicer to everyone.

I've always remembered my dad's words of wisdom. Last week, I followed his advice again. A notoriously cynical cellist says mean things to everyone. Recently, when she was practicing with her quartet for an upcoming concert, one of the girls got nervous about the performance. I wanted to say a few kind words of encouragement, but when I did, the cellist gave me the evil eye and harshly exclaimed, "We don't want your advice, and you need to leave!" The cruelty of her words almost made me cry. As I left practice, I remembered my dad's advice: instead of wishing horrible things upon her, I prayed that her group would do well in

the concert.

After the performance, I congratulated the cellist. She said, "Thanks, you did well, too." Then I decided to take a chance and I asked, "Did you know you were going to play without music? I know how hard it is to memorize a piece, and you sounded really, really good." She looked at me and said her teacher never lets her use music in concerts. For just a moment, I saw the kind and genuine person under all her bitterness. Maybe, next time someone irritates her, she will respond out of kindness.

— Emma Seemann,
Carlsbad H.S.

Though the news media is often criticized for being biased, it is the provider of information to the public. The people who work for the media who respect their jobs bring issues to light in order to make a significant difference in the world. This is what I strive for as the editor of my high-school newspaper.

I recently completed a story on several laws passed by the California senate. Each law puts dietary limits on food that is allowed to be sold on high-school campuses. The laws are meant to regulate the amount of sugar, fat, and calories that each food item can contain. These new regula-

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Do you get nervous in social situations?



- ☐ My fear of embarrassment causes me to avoid doing things or speaking to people.
- ☐ I avoid activities in which I am the center of attention.
- ☐ Being embarrassed and looking stupid are among my worst fears.

If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study using an investigational drug compared to placebo to treat social anxiety disorder at UCSD. Your participation will include a physical exam and may include the use of brain imaging techniques. To receive more information, call: **1-877-UCSD-SHY** (1-877-827-3749) or e-mail: **veryshy@ucsd.edu**

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tions will prevent our student store from selling much of the food that it currently offers, which will lead to financial consequences.

Finding a balance between successful fundraising and students' health has not been easy. In my story, I spoke with many sources to get all of the arguments for and against the issue. One thing that became clear to me is that it takes bravery to accept monetary losses in hopes of creating a healthier nation. No matter what opinion readers have on the issue — or on any issue — good journalism can convince them to take action.

In the future, I hope to make a difference not only in my own community, but throughout the world. Last summer, I was in Costa Rica for a month. I spent much of my time interacting with the locals, many of whom did not live in the affluent environment that we do. My group, 18 teens from around the U.S., helped to build a sewage system for a small village. We performed trail maintenance in the understaffed rainforests. I hope to return to Costa Rica and other places in need of assistance. I enjoy the work, and to come back and inspire others to do the same is almost as important.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

While working as a teller at Washington Mutual, I am constantly amazed and heart-warmed by the pleasantness that certain customers show me, just in the way they may ask about my day or compliment something I'm wearing. Their words are powerful to a certain extent, but what really makes my day is the way these people

talk to me; they exude a sense of caring.

Sharing a smile or a laugh with someone gives a person the most lovely, carefree feeling. It is easy to go around focusing on bad things that happen to us, but all we need to brighten a day is a friendly gesture. When I began to consider this assignment, I realized that a means of improving the outlook of our world is within my grasp, and it will not only lighten others' loads, but

mine as well. So, I am resolving to transform even the smallest interactions with others into positive experiences to brighten everyone's days.

It is such a simple matter to treat others with kindness, to look at everyone we come across as if we can see the goodness that is in them, as if we know their potential to contribute. I can't make anyone else act a certain way, but I can encourage them. All it takes is to acknowledge that each

one of us can be a positive force in everyone else's life. I feel sure that if I am compassionate toward others — even with a simple smile — I can help them to pass that kindness on to the people they meet.

— Michelle Diaz,
Poway H.S.

People do not expect me to change the world, but I should try. At 17 years young, I have a surplus of days to create change. So, when

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you or someone you know have Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) or Psoriasis?



The UCSD Dermatology Clinical Trials Division is conducting a research study on patients with psoriasis or atopic dermatitis.

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Depressed? Sleeping Too Much? Not Enjoying Life?

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confronted with the question, "What am I doing to make the world a better place?" I realized my answer was ten feet short of decent and within inches of pathetic.

Teenagers often see the world through a lens focused on the word "me."

We are overwhelmed with chores, school, and adolescent drama. Many are convinced they cannot handle an "attempt to save the world." They are wrong. It does not take a red cape and super abilities to better the world. No one expects me or any other

teenager to bring peace to the Middle East or sufficiently handle America's dependency on foreign oil. Many kids my age do not even know what that last sentence means.

All it takes to improve the world is a smile for a stranger or respect toward

the elderly; a revival of chivalry and an excess of courtesy. Good will and cheer are contagious and can be spread in between homework and friends. Picking up trash and refusing to litter keeps our earth cleaner and sends a message to others to do the

same. As simple as it sounds, holding doors open and walking old ladies across the street go a long way toward saving the world.

Adolescents are at an age where younger children admire them and hope to mirror their image.

Efforts to make the world a better place set an example that is seen by the children who will one day be this nation's future. I do not make the world a better place, but I will...starting right now.

— Andres Perez, Valhalla H.S. ■

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While walking along Kiyamachi Street, heading toward Shijo, I noticed a couple of teenage girls handing out what looked to be large quantities of

soft tissue paper. Although I had been in Kyoto just a few days, I had already discovered that in a country where there is absolutely no toilet paper in any public bathroom, the value of soft paper approached that of the rarest raw blowfish. So I braved the traffic, ran against the light, and joined the already considerable pack of kids in front of the girls, who I noticed were wearing Mickey Mouse T-shirts. These young women were nothing if not fresh, despite their obsequiousness to all who thrust open palms their way.

The packs of tissue were printed with a picture of someone more than slightly resembling Yahoo Serious. The name “Dr. G” was written underneath.

The recipients of the girls’ largesse soon began disappearing through a door nearly hidden behind the enormous cartons in which the tissue was stored, so I followed them down a spiral staircase, through two doors, and into a rather large auditorium. The stage was lavishly decorated with metallic streamers which, when combined with the lighting, created a kind of *Star Search* effect. Fully expect-



ing Ed McMahon to glide from the wings, sporting shimmering lapels and a silvery pompadour, I settled back in my chair and waited.

The droves of young people around me looked healthier and brighter than any I had ever seen, and they were buzzing with great animation and excitement. When the lights onstage brightened, I realized the streamers strung along the back curtain actually spelled out in huge letters DR. G’S FUNDAMENTALIST ENGLISH ACADEMY.

Suddenly Dr. G propelled himself onstage, chattering constantly through a cordless mike. “I feel good, I feel good. I feel so good today,” he crooned as he began to dance on the stage floor that reflected the spotlights like polished black marble.

Dr. G looked to be about 26, six feet tall. He was blond and elegantly dressed in a light-colored Armani suit, a subtle rose silk shirt and black tie (probably Dior), and black leather boots (Gucci). He spoke perfect provincial English, like that acquired through years of private schooling in Australia. The only odd thing about him was that his hair was sculpted straight up from his head, like a glistening blond diadem, and he wore black, Scott Molina triathlete goggles. Behind him trailed a handsome Japanese boy, hair and clothes identical to Dr. G’s. Through a second mike, the boy began translating everything the doctor yelled to the crowd.

“I feel good,
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I feel so good
today,” he
crooned as
he began to
dance on the
stage floor.

This stylish freak and his shadow seemed to hold the audience spellbound. "Do you know why I feel so goood today?" Dr. G shouted. "No," replied a chorus of voices — a phalanx of the cute Mickey Mouse girls, ringing the back wall of the auditorium. "Because I loooovve English," he replied triumphantly. He paused just long enough for his clone to translate and then began dancing and wailing across the stage like Marjoe Gortner.

"YesIdoyesIdoyesIdoyesIdo." The clone followed suit, though his dancing was considerably better. "And ya know what? English loooovvves me! Yesitddesyesitdoesyesitdoes yesitdoes."

Nothing now could restrain Dr. G. He began strutting, sliding, hip-hopping, and waving his mike at the crowd like Ozzy Osbourne, doing splits in good James Brown fashion, screaming, "Oh, I feel-soogood, feelsoogood, feelsoogooooo."

He suddenly stopped and peered out at the audience, which had been silent throughout the performance. "Don't you want to feeel goood toooo?" he tantalized.

"Yes, we do, we do, we do," shouted back the Mickey Mousers.

"Well youcanyoucan-youcanyoucan."

"How?" asked the girls.

"Study the good language," Dr. G, replied, "and you can feel good every day. Learn the language of Shakespeare, Hemingway, and Madonna, and you will never lack the companionship that beautiful speech can bring. For remember, all you wonderful people, ENGLISH LOOOOVVES YOU TOO! OH YES IT DOES YES IT DOES YES IT DOES!"

The stage darkened. Smoke began streaming across the floor, and colored lasers shot back and forth through the mist. Seven teenage boys dressed in satin Sergeant Pepper uniforms of different colors bounced onstage in perfect unison. "Our love is seven vowels away from you, baby," they sang, as they began an elaborately choreographed routine. Singing something about

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the erotic magic of English, they assembled into a V formation aimed at the audience, through which each boy would slide on his knees and then execute an incredibly acrobatic routine, while the others were grinding their pelvises to suggest that only they contained the central organ of speech. Finally, the boys left the stage to wild, raucous applause, singing, "A, E, I, O, U, and sometimes Y and W."

Dr. G and his partner reappeared in new designer wear. On one side of the stage were three men dressed like Shakespeare, Hemingway, and Madonna. They stood in front of a long aquarium. Dr. G explained how important these people were to English letters and that soon the audience could read and understand these literary lions in their native language. But if they wanted to read only one of them, the writers could be subjected to a short test to see which was most worth reading.

At Dr. G's command, the three costumed figures took gulps of air and thrust their heads into the tank, amid swarms of brightly colored tropical fish. The audience erupted into hysterical laughter. Each character held his breath as long as he could before surfacing. First out was Madonna, followed by Hemingway, then Shakespeare. While the performers wiped their faces and extracted pieces of fish food from their eyebrows (difficult for Madonna, since hers were painted on), Dr. G concluded that the Bard was the author we should always read first. Then the three bowed and left the stage, with the audience clapping loudly and still hooting laughter.

When the house lights came up, Dr. G said it was time to demonstrate how easy it was to learn English. Scanning the first few rows of the audience, he spotted an innocent-looking girl. Jumping down from the stage, the doctor strode directly up to her while a few dozen of the Mickey Mousers came down the aisle to stand near her seat. The girl was quivering noticeably. As Dr. G thrust

the microphone in her face, she stood up and crossed her arms in front of her, like a victim trying to fend off an approaching vampire. Dr. G was not deterred. With his partner positioned on the other side of the trembling girl, he began

sweetly to ask her name and where she was from. At first she just shook her head. Then she began weeping.

Dr. G and his compatriot kept to their task. When the girl passed into a frozen trance, he had the

Mouseketeers carry her to the stage, where she was seated in an armchair. Dr. G crouched down and began whispering to her. Finally, the girl opened her eyes, looked at him, and smiled shyly. Rising from her chair, unsteadily, like

a marionette, she faced the audience and said into the doctor's mike, "My name is Masumi Kurata. I am 20 years old and would like to learn English so I can make many new friends all over the world and help contribute to world peace.

Please tell me how I can take lessons at this school." As the Mouse girls began to distribute school contracts to the audience, I slipped from my seat and made my way out the door. ■

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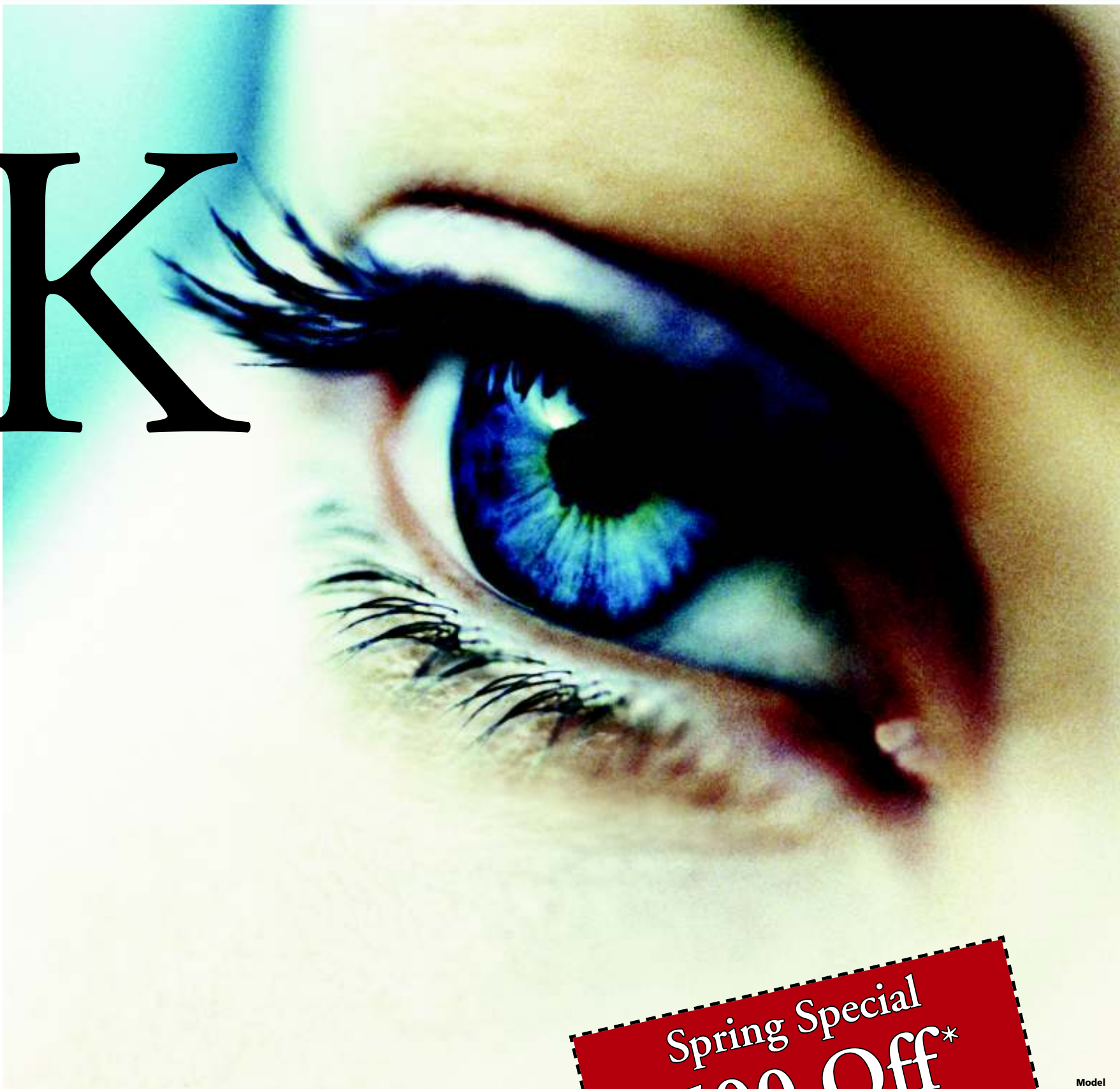


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Matt is 12 years old. He is a husky kid with close-cropped curly hair bleached light at the ends from his hours skateboarding in the parking lots of Parkway Plaza, Grossmont Center, Mission Valley, Fashion Valley, even the distant and exotic Plaza Bonita. He leans forward on the bench, surrounded by his “mall friends,” and turns his skateboard in his hands. A security guard walks by and eyes the board while Matt’s 18-year-old bench companion Ronnie (with shoulder-length hair, ash-smear of a mustache, and Slayer T-shirt) smokes a cigarette and blows smoke rings in the direction of the rent-a-cop. The security guy points a finger at Ronnie, works his thumb like the hammer of a pistol, and winks.

“He throwed me outta here for skateboarding one time, I think...was it him?” Matt turns to his friend David in a Chicago Cubs cap turned backward on his head. David tugs on the

sleeves of his Bad Boy T-shirt.

“Nuh-uh. Another guy.” A pink eruption of bubble gum blossoms from his mouth, engorges, then explodes with a crack that echoes through Parkway Plaza. “Let’s get some baseball cards at Kay Bee.”

“I already did.”
“Yeah, but you didn’t get nobody good.”
“So?”

Ronnie, the smoking elder with an unfortunate complexion, sneers at David, then Matt. “Baseball cards?” He turns away disgusted, takes a step from the bench as if denying any connection with the unhip. “Shit.”

Two other boys are seated on the opposite bench. Matt introduces them and explains, “They come from like 60 miles from here.”

Kevin and Justin are from a mountain resort town where their parents work. They also work part-time in, respectively, a motel and a grocery store. “I work the cash register,” Justin says and turns sidewise. “Me and Kevin are stepbrothers. His dad owns the resort and our mom married him. We’re off today, because we had to work Fourth of July.” Justin is wearing thick glasses attached to his head with an elastic band. He wears a wide, diver’s-type wristwatch that he keeps consulting. “We got to get a bus at 3:15 to go back. We wanted to go to

Grossmont and the Parkway Bowl.”

“Yeah,” Matt leaned back on the bench and spun the wheels of his skateboard. “Parkway Bowl is pretty cool. Good video games. The movies are old though. I saw *Hunt for the Red October* twice and *Pretty Woman* and *Milo and Otis*. *Pretty Woman* was kind of cool.” He performs a Groucho-like undulation of his eyebrows to

many.”

When asked what they did with the girls they met, David shrugged. “Look at stuff in the stores, get their phone numbers...see if they have any quarters.”

What had their day been like so far? Matt again: “We went to Jack In The Box, then we went to Life’s a Beach and looked at the stuff. Then we went to Kay Bee, and then we played Afterburner and



David, who blushes and looks down. Matt starts to sing, “Pretty woman... walkin’ down the street...” He laughs and kicks out at David with his B.K. (British Knights) high-top sneakers. David dances away, his face suffused with blood. “You can meet more girls here though. Not as many as at Horton Plaza, but pretty

Altered Beast and Sky Soldiers.”

How much had he spent on video games today? Two dollars. Three yesterday. His allowance? \$15 a week.

Matt gets up. “We gotta go.” It is unclear why. “Wanna go to the bookstore?” he asks Ronnie, the older boy’s head now bracketed by a Walkman. Ronnie sneers, hitches

up his ragged Levis with his right hand in his pocket. "CHUNG CHUNG CHUNG!" He stabs at the younger boys with an air guitar he swings from his groin. David flinches away. "BOYOYOING!" Ronnie works the imaginary vibrato bar in a vigorous, suggestive whipping of his fist against his hip. "No?" Matt laughs, raises his eyebrows, crosses his eyes. "Okay. See ya."

From the psychology section of Waldenbooks, Kevin and Justin can be seen studying the paperback covers of fantasy novels in *The Forgotten Realms* series from TSR,

the Dungeons and Dragons publisher. Justin examines a thick tome titled *Darkwalker on Moonshaye*, and Kevin reads the first and last pages of Piers Anthony's *Phaze Doubt*.

Across the store, Matt is flipping through *Thrasher* magazine, while David sits cross-legged on the floor looking at the pictures in *Cosmopolitan*. David is crying quietly, one fist jammed against his tearing eyes, the other hand turning pages. Girls near his own age are depicted in miniskirts, makeup, cleavage, on beaches, in sports cars, brandishing champagne

glasses, their heads thrown back laughing or looking up in sultry invitation. He turns to Matt. "I'm not gonna come out with you anymore."

"So?" Matt doesn't look up from his skateboarding magazine.

"So nothing. I could slam you too."

"So, go ahead." Matt stuffs the magazine back in the rack and picks up a Batman comic from the revolving rack behind him. "The Dark Knight Returns!" He reads the title out loud.

"I'm gonna do it when you're not thinking about it." David puts *Cosmo* back, picks up the

novelization of *Total Recall*, looks at the pictures.

Matt mocks him in a sing-song, girly voice: "I'm gonna do it when you're not thinking about it."

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Descending into the "Home Life" section of Sears, en route to the video arcade, one passes decorator urns, plaster animals, bedroom sets, mirrors. Kevin and David have linked up with three other boys and two girls, all approximately 11 to 13 years old. The girls are pretending to be asleep on a queen-sized mattress framed in brass posters.

One of them snores loudly. Kevin and one of the new boys crawl under a twin bed next to the queen. David is laughing from behind a bureau. Another boy jumps onto the bed with the girls and starts bouncing up and down between them. The girls scream, laughing. They run in two directions.

"Hey, you kids!" a salesman in a funny haircut, long-sleeved white shirt, and wide-striped tie waddles past refrigerators, microwaves, washers, dryers, his arm extended, his finger pointing ceilingward as if he is trying to hail a cab.

"Leslie, security!" The kids have scattered except for Kevin and the other boy.

The girls, David, and another boy have bolted upstairs. As the salesman begins to ascend the stairwell, Kevin and a boy wearing a Bart Simpson T-shirt ("Underachiever and Proud of It") scuttle out from their hiding place. They run in a crouch, sprinting for the hair salon, tuxedo shop, and hearing-aid kiosk along the corridor leading to Fun Time, the video-game arcade. Kevin is in the lead. His face is red, his eyes tearing, he keeps both hands over his

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mouth to keep from erupting in hysteria.

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Fun Time is a darkened cubbyhole sandwiched between a watch repair and photo studio booth in a fluorescent corridor. Warbles, beeps, metallic recorded gunfire, laser blasts, and explosions fill the blackness. The faces of children from 4 to 18 are illuminated eerily from color screens stuttering with light. The faces are flushed, the eyes riveted, intent; sweat forms on fleshy cheeks and furrowed brows in a parody of adult anxiety. Kevin, Justin, David, Matt, Ronnie, and the girls are congregated in front of Crossbow and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles video games. Ronnie seems to be the star of TMNT, and he holds his audience of pre-teens enraptured with his prowess.

One boy, maybe 10 years old, is Jason. He feeds dollars' worth of

quarters into Operation Wolf within five minutes. He works the Mac 10 machine pistol from side to side, cutting down scores of swarthy terrorists with joyless determination. He spends five to six hours a day either at Grossmont or at the Parkway Bowl. Five days a week. His allowance is 10 dollars a week. "I was at Family Fun Center yesterday," he says. As to where he might rather be other than shopping malls for the summer: "My dad keeps saying he'll take me to the beach on weekends, but he is usually working." Jason has been augmenting his allowance the past couple of weeks by selling off his baseball cards. "Some are worth one dollar or two dollars to some kids."

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Matt and David are waiting for a bus on Fletcher Parkway. It is 5:10 p.m. Matt's face is sweaty, smudged with pizza, dirt

from his fingers, and what looks like chocolate. He leans back onto the bus stop bench, his skateboard held to his chest like a pet. His eyes are lidded, heavy. David leans forward off the bench, tosses baseball cards into his Cubs hat three feet away. "Pretty woman..." he sings softly to himself, "...walkin' down the street..." The number 858 (Grossmont College) bus arrives, and David scoops up his hat, returns Matt's cards to his Kay Bee bag. "See ya tomorrow, Fat Matt," David says and leaps aboard the bus quickly.

"See ya tomorrow," Matt returns sleepily, rubbing at his face with the heel of his right hand. Through the haze of bus exhaust rising into the late-afternoon heat, with plump arms crossed protectively over his skateboard, Matt closes his eyes and suddenly seems much younger than his dozen summers. ■

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and trying to talk myself out of turning the thing in. I have enough Prozac to see me through this — it is a means to an end pure and simple, suck it up, just do it — and I need the job to pay for the Prozac that I'm going to need to do the job and so on.

How did this happen? I am 47 years old with no marketable skills other than guitar playing and prose writing. But Christmas was, as they say, just around the corner and, shit, so is Jack In The Box.

I can't live on what I make even if I get this job, but maybe I can stop some of the financial bleeding and get a couple of Christmas gifts. Maybe I can use the experience in a big, realistic novel about America in the '90s — sort of like *Bonfire of the Vanities*, only instead of a stockbroker, my character will be a fry cook. I will tell myself anything at this point to keep my head out of the oven.

The application in my jacket pocket, I walk home from Vons with my girlfriend, juggling bags of groceries. I pause in front of smiling Jack's clowny countenance and say, "I've got to stop in here for a minute."

"You're going to eat something from E. Coli In The Box? You always tell me not to eat there."

"I'm going to turn in a job application," I say casually, as if the idea just occurred to me on a whim and I hadn't been awake from 4:30 to 6:00 a.m., thinking about bills and eating Pepcid AC. "Why not?" I shrug.

"Why don't you just do some more writing?" She suggests this as if I hadn't thought of it: Why not just toss off an article or book proposal the next time you're in the bathroom for 45 minutes? Actually, she doesn't mean it that way, and I can't be angry — so I get mad at her because I can't be angry with her. Know what I mean?

"I'll see you at home," I tell her and carry my bags of cereal and frozen chicken into the restaurant.

Inside, I ask for the boss and inquire, "Are you hiring anyone?" The competent-looking woman in the blue managerial uniform is wearing one of those Madonna microphones around her jaw, and she takes my application saying, "We're almost always hiring." She smiles pleasantly but I imagine she is looking at me thinking, Why would an old guy like you want to work here?

Nervous, I blurt out, "I'll cut my sideburns." I realize how desperate I sound and add, "Shit." I say it out loud but I don't think she heard me. "Wait here," she says over her shoulder, then turns. She gestures at me to move to one side, out of the way of paying customers. I turn and shuffle to the right. As I do so, I see, sitting alone at the front table and reading a paperback book while eating his lunch, television attorney Reed Langlois.

I am not kidding. Right in front of me is the guy you see on television at odd hours promising to bail you out of problems with bill collectors and the IRS. The "Debt Relief King" is right in front of me as I wait for the manager of Jack In The Box on Pearl Street in La Jolla.

As if in an out-of-body experience you hear about on the Sci-Fi Channel, I see myself crossing the dis-

tance to the table where the curly blond-haired lawyer is sucking on a soft drink, reading a paperback, and munching a sandwich. He appears unflappable, cool and secure in the knowledge that his finances are in order, his tax refund undoubtedly in the mail, and his credit card balance a manageable digit or two; his digestion is untroubled as he enjoys a sensibly frugal meal and a nonfiction bestseller.

Counselor Langlois is astounded at the outburst of this desperate gray-haired stranger with a bag of groceries, which have suddenly been tossed aside. He looks up with horror as I fall to my knees blubbering, "For Chrissakes, you gotta help me, Reed! I owe money!" I seize him by the lapels and shake him. His head whips forward and back like one of those dashboard dolls. "I don't wanna work at Jack In The Box! I'll do whatever you say..."

Luckily I snap out of it before I actually do any of this. The manager, a polite, pretty round girl in her early 20s, emerges from the back of the restaurant holding my application. She smiles at me tentatively and gestures me to a table by the window.

Her name is Edna. She finds it interesting that I'm a writer and play in a rock band. "Do you ever play around here?" she asks.

I nod and mention Java Joe's and the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art. She is more impressed by Java Joe's.

"That's where Jewel used to play," she says.

"Yes," I nod.

"What's the name of your band?" I tell her and she looks a little gaseous. She's never heard of us. "Well, it seems to me you're overqualified to work here." I should never have mentioned the museum gig. Or maybe she just means I'm too old. Of course, she can't say that. It's against the law. Age discrimination.

"No no. I'm really not qualified at all. Honestly. I've never worked in a fast-food restaurant. I have no idea what I'm doing."

"Well, I'm looking for someone who will stay on. How long would you work here?"

"Probably just for the holidays. I don't want to mislead you." I've probably blown it, but she seems so nice it wouldn't be right to tell her I have long-term fast-food ambitions with the corporation. She tells me she has two other applicants she is considering and she'll let me know. "Would you cut your sideburns?"

"Sure," I say and mean it.

Edna never calls. I return a few days later after cutting my sideburns back several inches. "See, I cut them?" I smile at her over the counter. She tells me she still hasn't made up her mind.

"So there's still a chance?" I am pathetic.

"There's a chance," she says but her smile is regretful. A Help Wanted sign on the flower stand next door



gives me pause, but

I know nothing about flowers and seem to have a knack for killing them, if anything. I don't even bother.

The next business over is "Pearl Wash." I can wash cars, all right. I've washed plenty of cars, just not for 30 years or so. The fact that Pearl Wash is manned by a platoon of mostly Mexican guys that might not welcome an old hippie Italian/gringo doesn't dissuade me. I can already picture myself, shirt off in the sun, getting in shape bur-nishing Jags and BMWs, bopping to norteño music with my homies, the carnauba wax glistening on my flabby pecs. I ask for an application. Abe, the manager, looks me up and down and warns me, "It's hard work."

"I can do hard work," I assure him.

"For how long?" He grins.

"How long is the shift?"

"Eight to five with a half hour to an hour for lunch."

"Sure. Just give me a chance." I grin back at him, but I'm already feeling my back give out. I can just see these swarthy young bucks laughing, cracking Geritol jokes. "Try me out." God, I'm begging.

"Maybe I'll call you." Abe doesn't sound convinced. I feel like I've just tried to pick him up in a bar, and he's too polite to say he doesn't find me attractive.

Abe never calls. Fine. There's lots of jobs. I can wash dishes at the International House of Pancakes down the street. How can I not get that job? The economy is doing great. Jobs are everywhere. I grab an application, fill it out, and return. They never call. I refuse to be discouraged this easily. With newfound determination I walk into Taco Bell, and this is where I get lucky.

Anyway, I meet Lucky. The solid, gentle juggernaut of a man leans across the counter and presents me with an application in a meaty hand the color of devil's food cake. He also wears one of those Madonna microphones in order to take orders from La Jolla's only remaining drive-thru window (the girl at Jack In The Box wore hers to communicate only from the counter to the kitchen) since the local ordinance back in 1969, I believe. Lucky fixes me with one eye (the other is slightly lazy, maybe even glass) and extends his free hand in an offer to shake. He tells me to return the application early the following day. I am buoyed with prospects: I decide I will be promoted to the drive-thru window position at the earliest opportunity. Within months I will no doubt be perceived as assistant-manager material.

Lucky is not there the next day or the day after that. He leaves a message for me, however. He says he will call, but two days go by and there is no call. I begin to feel hurt and foolish. I was certain that Lucky and I had shared a moment back there over a handshake.

The following day I drop in at Taco Bell and Lucky apologizes, explaining that he had been off for two days. I tell him no problem. I will not make the same mistakes I made at Jack In The Box and the car wash. My air is that of a man on the go, with great expectations, places to go, people to see, I was just in the neighborhood and thinking about a Number 7 Value Meal and... I am asked if I can start tomorrow, Christmas Eve. I look at my watch

as if I'm unsure. "Tomorrow? I can come by, sure."
"See you at 11:00 a.m."

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I will never make fun of anyone working in a fast-food joint again, and neither should you. This work is relentless and demanding. It is scientific, exacting, and at times, hard on the back. Mexican Pizzas alone are the result of precision teamwork, rigorous preparation, and multiple tasks — they do not appear at the drive-

thru window by magic, that's for sure.

My first day I pretty much sit outside at a table, smoke cigarettes, and read the Systems Operation Manual and its sequel, Receiving, Storing, and Preparing Food. I am given two lengthy tests on this material in the Trainee Workbooks. After four hours I have a good theoretical knowledge of the Frymaster, the Rethermalizer, and the Consistency Template for beans. Watching the Christmas Eve traffic on La

Jolla Boulevard, the surfers and lifeguards coming and going from the Marine Street beach, the tourists from all over the world and school-children alight with the promise of Christmas, I am struck with the solemn charge the Pepsi-Cola Company (owner of Taco Bell) has given its employees. The general public is blissfully unaware of the pains taken with, for example, the ground beef in their burritos: the 30-minute preparation time until the hearty, nutritious

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The day after Christmas is my second shift, and this time I'm doing actual work. Way too much of it. Dressed in my white T-shirt with that frightening little lemur-faced Chihuahua saying "Yo quiero Taco Bell!" and a corporate-issue jalapeño-pepper baseball cap into which I have stuffed all of my hair, I am ready to work the cash register — only not quite.

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the way the computer wants us to. I must constantly modify, for example, a Burrito Supreme (which is a bean and cheese burrito with onions, sour cream, and tomatoes) to a Burrito Supreme minus onions or with extra cheese—I must punch in BS - ON + CH—which renders the thing, you see, not a Burrito Supreme at all. The same with Gorditas and Fajitas, often confused (one has Fiesta Sauce, the other Southwestern Sauce; for Supremes add sour cream and tomatoes) with extra steak or chicken, no peppers or onions, three-cheese combo instead of just cheese, raspberry iced tea is ICED TEA + RED. No Coke, Pepsi. For lemonade you have to press ICED TEA + BLUE or something like that. The permutations are endless and things can get backed up and confused very quickly, especially since no one speaks English very well except me and Lucky.

Esterania, a shy and smiley girl with striking eyes, rescues me from the cash

register and suggests I wash dishes instead. This goes pretty well for a while; the simple rhythm of detergent sink, sanitizer sink, and rinse sink is pretty self-explanatory, but I screw this up as well. After an hour I have washed, rinsed, and sanitized cubing knives, “burger sauce stripper tools,” “modular keepers,” “false-bottomed corn and bean salsa containers,” lids and pans from the steam-table line, spatulas, cinnamon twist basket fryers, and a dozen plastic sour cream and guacamole guns, which I have not, apparently, cleaned thoroughly enough: a pocket of soapy, watery green or white glop from previous use remains in the vacuum advance chambers. I am busted and the lunch rush is cranking up to disturbing proportions. I am yanked from the sinks and placed “on the line.”

Miguel, Rene, and Esterania do what they can to explain to me how to fill and wrap tacos, burritos, bake Mexican pizzas in 35 seconds, cut them into fours,

distribute green onions and shredded lettuce evenly so that all flavors are experienced uniformly in every bite. It is not long before I am cursing in Spanish and shift manager Carmen explains to me that *pinche* is not a Spanish word. I am to reach with both hands for a full pinch of lettuce, a quarter pinch of either three-cheese or regular cheese, a quarter pinch of tomatoes or onions, and I am chanting “*Pinche cebollas, pinche tres quesos...*” et cetera. Within minutes I am breaking taco shells, wrapping them in burrito paper, putting pizza sauce on cinnamon twists, mixing orders, bagging dining-room meals and sending drive-thru orders to the window on “for here” trays. I am now Lucille Ball in that *I Love Lucy* episode where she is trying to keep up with a conveyor belt full of chocolates by stuffing them into her mouth. I am eating shards of tortillas, licking frijoles off of my fingers, and filling iced tea requests with Mountain Dew. Lucky

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My next shift involves chopping green onions, filling backup trays of meat, beans, and cheese, loading the guacamole and cream guns, and placing tortillas in the warmer. I write the prep time, the time expected on

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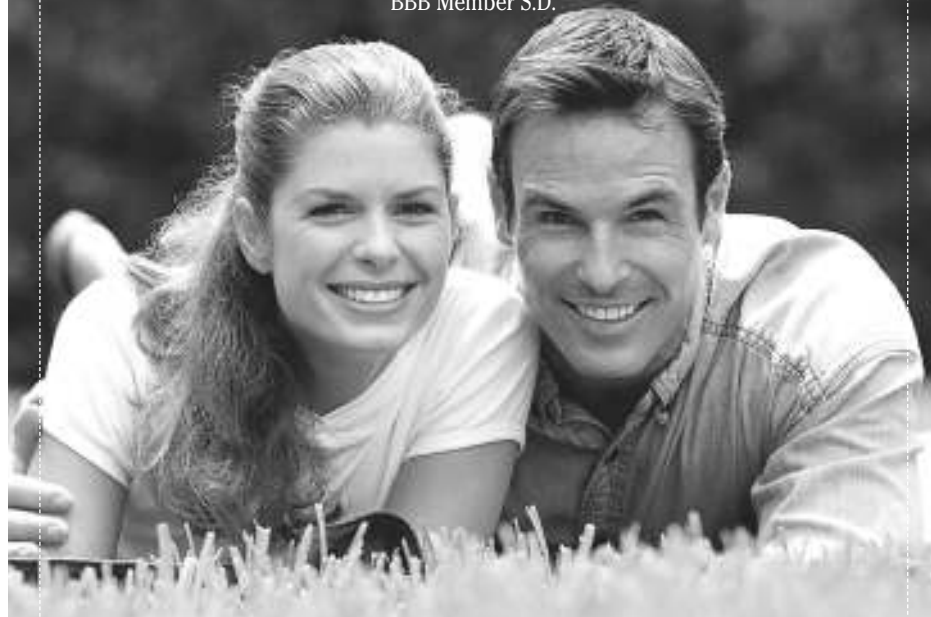
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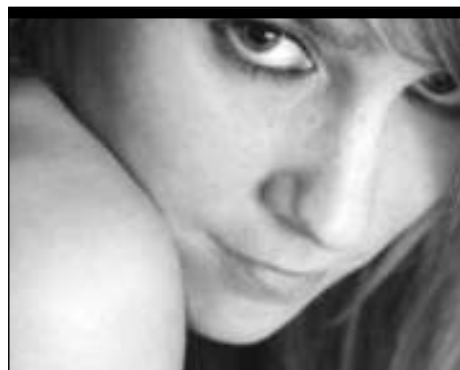
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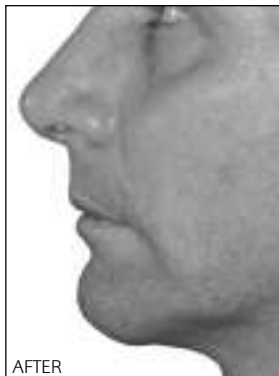
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After frying the hard little pastries that look exactly like uncooked fusilli pasta (which blow up to resemble pork rinds), dusting them with cinnamon sugar, and then bagging them in plastic, I'm back on the register under Miguel's supervision.

I wait on a few customers, punch in their orders, make change and drinks — nothing too difficult. I am surprised to see so many Mexican families coming in for this food. Don't get me wrong, it's decent food, inoffensive certainly, and it will probably keep you alive, but as Mexican food goes, it is about as ho-hum as you can get — and the portions are tiny. Still, it's wonderfully cheap and I guess that's what we've got going for us.

One elderly man comes in and jokes with Juan about the newness of the \$20 bill he is paying with. Something about

how the bill is good because he just made it himself. Juan laughs dutifully but I doubt he has any idea what the guy said. The customer studies the menu — though, Miguel tells me, the man comes in every day and should long ago have memorized its contents. The old gentleman seems to be relishing his decision and anticipation, enjoying his one-sided English banter with Juan and Miguel, who do not mind; the store is empty. Even if it were not, the two younger men would take as much time with him as he wanted. It occurs to me that this is a very important social ritual for the customer, something Juan and Miguel understand implicitly.

Everyone is working much harder than I am, and I am working harder than I want to. My fellow employees are indulgent with me but cannot conceal a mild amusement that an old gringo is working here. Everyone knows gringos can't work worth

a shit. Not really. And I sense their curiosity, an unspoken question in the fried, foody air: Shouldn't you be golfing or something?

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"One large Slice." Hand them the covered drink with a straw. "That will be \$3.85. Hot sauce, mild, or fire sauce?" Punch in the amount they've given me, no need to worry about figuring change, the computer does it. I'm on a roll, I've got a rhythm going,

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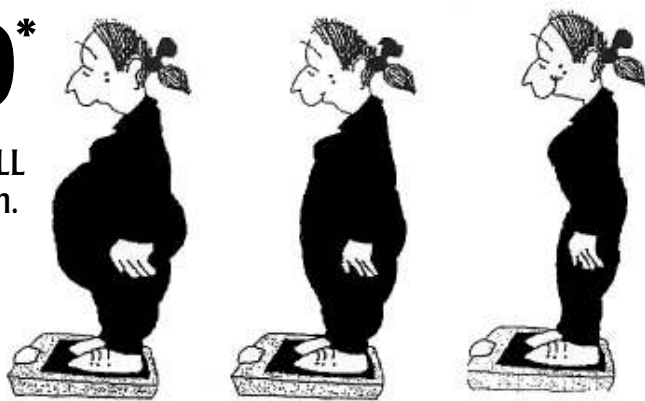
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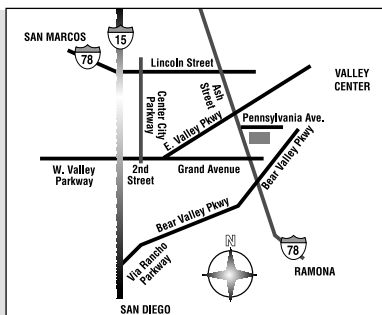
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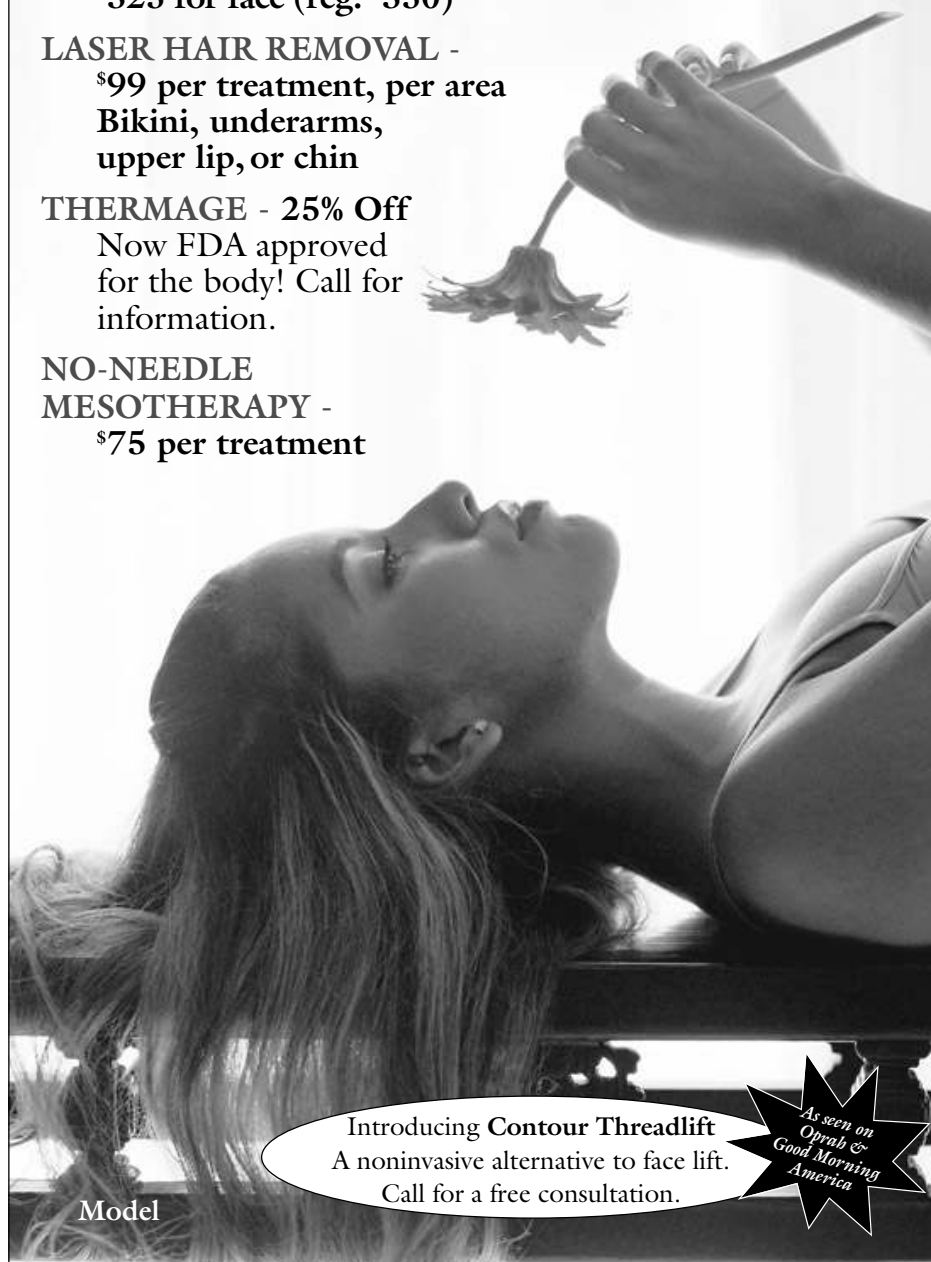
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smiling and bopping with the varieties of music swelling and fading from advancing dashboards. Two very young guys with Metallica cranked on the car stereo are shouting "No hot sauce!"

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"What?"

"Six-fifty!"

"Cool." Hands me the amount in nickels, dimes, and pennies.

"Thanks. Rock on, dudes!"

"What?"

"Rock on!" I grin at them from beneath the brim of my cap, my head nodding to eighth notes. They exchange a look that can only mean, That is so sad, dude.

Carmen shows up to bail me out of a few tangled orders, which result in major traffic blockage on La Jolla Boulevard. Car horns and car stereos vie with the squawking of the drive-thru intercom, the low humming of the conveyor belt, and the ding-ing of an electronic bell

every time a new car pulls up to the window. I can't hear myself think. Good thing I don't have to; the computer is a genius.

Oh no. I recognize the approaching pickup truck with the camper shell. It is the drummer in my band, Buddy Pastel Jr. He pulls to the window and does a double-take.

"Hiya, Buddy," I grin at him.

"Hey, Hemingway. Heh-heh. Guess that writing thing didn't work out, huh?"

"Well, actually, I'm still working on..."

"Yeah, whatever. Give me my chicken fajita and coffee, will ya? I gotta get goin'"

"Here's your change. Would you like an ice cream taco with that?"

"No."

"Okay. Bye, Buddy."

"See ya, Hemingway."

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The next morning I call Lucky and tell him I have another job, but I don't want to leave him in the lurch, I'll come in if he needs me. He quickly says, "Oh no. That's okay. I understand. I'll have a check for you on Tuesday. Good luck."

"Bye, Lucky."

I hang up the phone and notice for the first time the back of my Taco Bell T-shirt as it is draped over a chair where I tossed it. Beneath the shoulder-blade area it reads "Want some?" ■

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They stand, wearing tie-dyed T-shirts and military surplus, in little sign-waving clusters at the perimeter or pressed against each other's backs near the platform full of speakers. It's been 20 years since I have seen so much hair in one place, so many paisleyed and batiked cotton skirts, so many loose breasts. Friends are bear-hugged with loving howls — "Hiiii! You *made* it!" — tagboard signs compared and exclaimed over. Chants swell and die; a line of counter-protesters across the street is shooed onto the sidewalk by

police. Women waft past me in clouds of patchouli, long earrings flashing. People smile radiantly, kiss, massage each other's shoulders. A floodlight on the platform bleaches out the faces of those striding through it (barefooted, ankles festooned with tiny jingling bells). Young faces, excited by the seriousness of their purpose.

Is there really a sign here that says "War is not healthy for children and other living things"? I have not seen this slogan since we colored it on stones with paints made from wildflowers, 20 years ago. Yes, it's there, being raised and lowered in time to an off-key rendition of "Give Peace a Chance." Two rippling-tressed boys smoke a joint off to one side, their jeans torn at the knees and embroidered on the asses.

The call goes up via bullhorn to begin the march down Front Street. Flashlights are flicked on, white candles and more sticks of incense are hurriedly passed and lighted. I do not join in. Newspaper editorials say that people of my age group — nearing 30 — are conservative. But it's simply that I have seen it all before. The clothes and hair and slogans, the freeness of the bodies, all are symbols resurrected

The men did not wear suits. The women wore ethnic jewelry, kept journals, made sculptures.

from my childhood, and they still don't mean peace and harmony.

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In my mind I see a woman dancing in a dark and crowded room, long brown hair swinging around her shoulders, strands of it curved against her damp forehead. Her arms beat the air above her head, descend to twist around her undulating stomach, outline the rocking of her hips. *In-a-gadda-da-vida, honey, don't you know that I lo-ove you....* Her dark eyes are half closed against the sting of pot and cigarettes. *In-a-gadda-da-vida, honey, don't you know that I'll always be tru-ue....* She is panting in time to her hips. Sweat runs down from where she has tied her gauze shirt under her breasts, and it rolls into her low-slung jeans. One of her ornate brass earrings has swung up and caught in her hair. She snaps her head sideways and runs long fingers through the tangle, always moving; it's a kind of contest between her and the music and the wine

she drank. Her thighs ache, her stomach burns, she moves and moves.

I imagine this scene from what my mother has told me of how she spent her nights out when I was little. The song lasted the whole side of the album. She was high as a kite. She danced nonstop. The other people in the room were friends from her college art classes. She was avoiding home, where my sister and father and I were. The marriage was falling apart and she had gone into therapy, was getting fucked by her shrink. She spent a lot of time in her

bedroom with her door shut, crying. My mother removed herself by degrees from our middle-class tract house, our neighborhood's PTA housewives and welders and four-wheel-drive clubs. She founded a local chapter of NOW, began reading *Psychology Today* and *Ms.* Her closest new friends belonged to a group called TORI — "Trust, Openness, Response-Ability, Interdependence." When she took us with her to see them — couldn't get a babysitter, our father was out of town — we found their houses were old and full of antiques,

plants, and home-baked bread. The men did not wear suits. The women wore ethnic jewelry, kept journals, made sculptures. These people were forever hugging each other while rocking back and forth. There was a lot of touching. My mother spent long hours in intense conversation with them, and my sister Jean and I explored their strange houses, played games. She didn't bother about us, and we stayed up much later than we were used to. The changes in our mother meant fewer rules for us, more fun.

This was in my mind

when we moved to San Diego: freedom, newness. It was spring 1972. The three of us, luggage, two cats, and a litter box crammed in a dark green Volkswagen beetle drove south. Tinny AM car radio blasted "Time of the Season." I'd finished third grade the previous week; my school records were in the glove compartment with my mother's divorce papers. We drank Tab and laughed over *National Lampoon*, a magazine my sister and I were excited to be allowed to read.

In San Diego, our mother found us a place to stay with friends —

people from a group called the Mandala Society. They were professional-types with good manners and quiet habits. I remember a man named Dave who wore a Rajneesh pendant over burgundy-colored velour shirts. There was a piano in his living room, lots of bookcases, an Oriental rug. Surrounded by such familiar comforts, meditation and the concept of transcendence through the contemplation of pretty geometric patterns were not difficult for my sister and me to accept. Besides, we were getting used to not understand-

ing things: Vietnam, the generation gap, psychedelia.

There was talk of starting a commune, purchasing a mansion at Sunset Cliffs where 15 of us would live together, but the money never materialized. Instead our mother moved us to an apartment on University, near 55th. We complained about the cockroaches, the stink of the gas oven, the cold tile floor. Our apartment filled up with plants in macramé hangers our mother made, incense, candles on brick-and-board shelves. On the shelves were books about

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transactional analysis, yoga, meditation, and our books: *The Little Prince*, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Jonathan Livingston Seagull. On the floor were big pillows. We had a lot of cats with

We began to see that world we had come from, our father's world, as allied with conservatism and the sort of limitations to freedom our mother now rolled her eyes at. She some-

who wore peasant blouses and silver-and-turquoise jewelry — they took a massage class together and practiced on my sister and me. They took us camping or out to play in a friend's Jacuzzi.

Our mother's hair was brown and, until we moved to San Diego, worn shoulder length and smoothed back with a headband. She got a "gypsy" cut then — done in front of the bathroom mirror by pulling her hair forward onto her forehead, securing it an inch from the ends with a rubber band, and cutting the ends off. She wore long, dangly earrings and heavy silver rings she made herself in college art classes. Her glasses changed from cat-eyes to thick-framed tortoise oblongs, which she was forever breaking and repairing with Band-Aids and safety pins. Her body went into jeans and flower-printed nylon

shirts with big collars and cuffs, worn bra-less, or was draped in wrap-around paisley skirts or Mexican wedding dresses or long caftans she sewed herself and embroidered on the sleeves and bodices. She often sat with us while we did our homework, embroidering or stitching beads onto jeans, onto blue chambray work shirts.

After a few months, our mother moved us to an apartment on 43rd Street, south of University. Two L-shaped Huffman buildings facing each other, finished in beige stucco and black wrought iron. It was newer and cleaner; it had green shag carpeting and a chandelier in the dining alcove. My sister and

I shared one bedroom, Mom had the other. She made her room up to resemble an Arabian tent. Turquoise and lavender fabric draped the ceiling and ran down the walls, punctuated by photos of naked men she clipped from *Viva* and *Playgirl*. Her long necklaces of clunky beads and velvet chokers hung from tacks. She bought an

She sometimes took our side against the bureaucracy of the school system, called us in sick when we weren't, boycotted PTA meetings and open houses.

exotic names like Whispering Moon Cloud. We made and ate what we called Super Atomic Health Food cookies. We did not delve into exotic cuisines, however, since government food commodities did not lend themselves to that.

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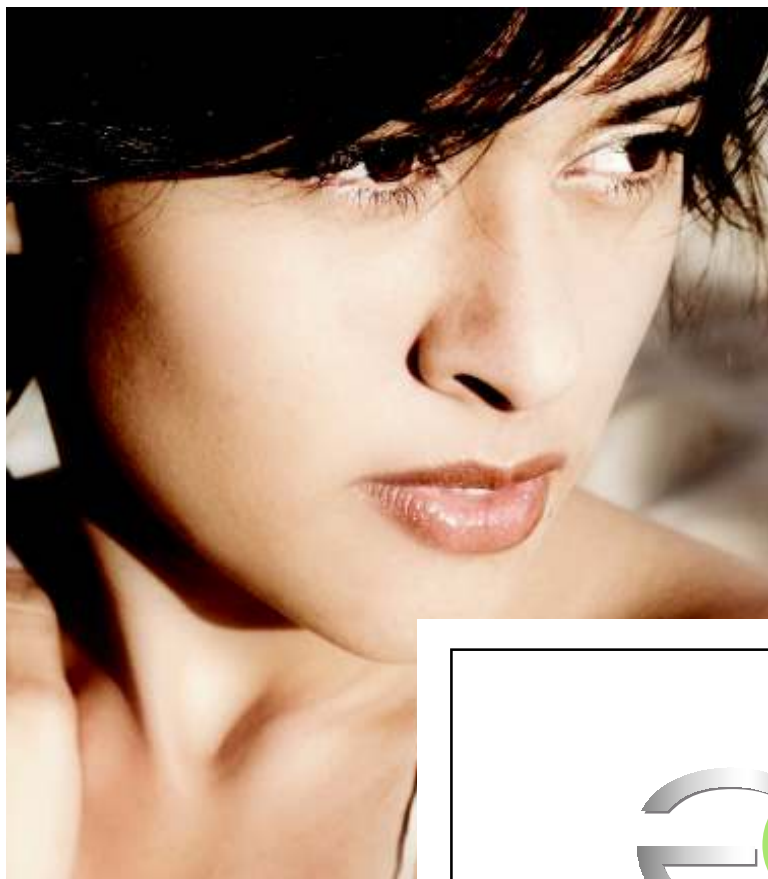
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Power" — appeared in songs, sermons, on jewelry, on bumper stickers and banners, in paintings and poems presented by members of the congregation. Sermons dwelt on the infinite possibilities for fulfillment that could be ours simply by "being open" and focusing our inner power, which we were to get at through contact with our individual, inner guiding spirits.

The name of my inner spirit, my "inner Christ," came to me as I sat between my mother and sister during a group channeling ses-

sion. The lights were dimmed. There were perhaps 30 people on folding chairs in a circle. After opening relaxation exercises and a meditation in which we "closed our auras to all but the Christ vibration" (a precaution against invasion by evil spirits), the group leader asked us to speak the names of our personal guides. One by one the people paused, exhaled, said the strange names; I grew increasingly worried about what I would say. My mother went before me. "Ama," she said. It was my turn. I didn't think about it. I just said, "Iya."

My sister and I took a dance class through TIC, performed one

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Sunday in purple leotards and paisley skirts to a Moody Blues song called "Om." There were evening classes — I took Inner Sensitivity Training I & II, where I was taught how to write "treatments." These were nine-step prayers written out on paper and meditated over. Anything we wanted, the message was, was ours to have if we could just focus our spiritual energy properly. At the age of nine, this seemed a step up from fairy tales. It was *real* magic, that adults believed in. To work the magic, you had only to be true to yourself, non-

judgmental, open to all experiences.

Walking home from fourth grade once, I ran into one of TIC's directors coming out of a store. The neighborhood was frightening to me. Even then there were homeless people on the bus benches, winos, men who'd approach you with suspicious-sounding requests. So I felt happy as he held my hand and walked with me back to the church building. He walked me as far as the alley behind the building that led toward our apartment. He bent over me, put his arms around me, and

kissed my cheek. "If you were a little older and I were a little younger," he said, "we could meet somewhere in the middle and have a beautiful thing."

Our mother did not express any skepticism about the concepts we were introduced to at TIC. Astral travel, reincarnation, crystal power — why not? She consulted psychics, had her tarot cards read. We bought tarot decks ourselves and practiced on each other. Astrology had been mainstreamed for several years by this point, and the three of us often commented on

each other's typical Capricorn or Leo or Sagittarius behavior. When I was sick, my mother helped me to visualize white light. When Jean or I were angry with her, our mother accused us of "trying to lay a guilt trip" on her. Guilt, like obligation and responsibility, was considered a destructive concept. It belonged to the world of father and school, bills, rules.

TIC held aura-reading sessions. And there were "table-tippings," in which a group of people sat around a table and got in contact with spir-

its of various kinds. Though the names are lost to me now, I remember one named Baba-something — whose energy caused the table to rock back and forth under the guiding hands of those seated around it. I heard a bluebird channeled once. I heard strange languages like Gaelic spoken by people who claimed to have no knowledge of them. During group outings to Black's Beach, we decorated our naked bodies with seaweed and danced in the surf.

We went on weekend mountain retreats, sometimes with TIC

people, sometimes with TORI people. Children tended to be shunted off at these functions, left to their own devices except at bedtime. The adults sat cross-legged on the floor, talking intensely, hitting pillows, giving massages, hugging each other. Late at night, there was body-painting and pot.

Jean and I would catch sight of our mother walking in the woods, clad in a suede coat lined with sheepskin, face stained with tears. When I succeeded in getting my mother's attention, I showed her drawings I'd made. As I

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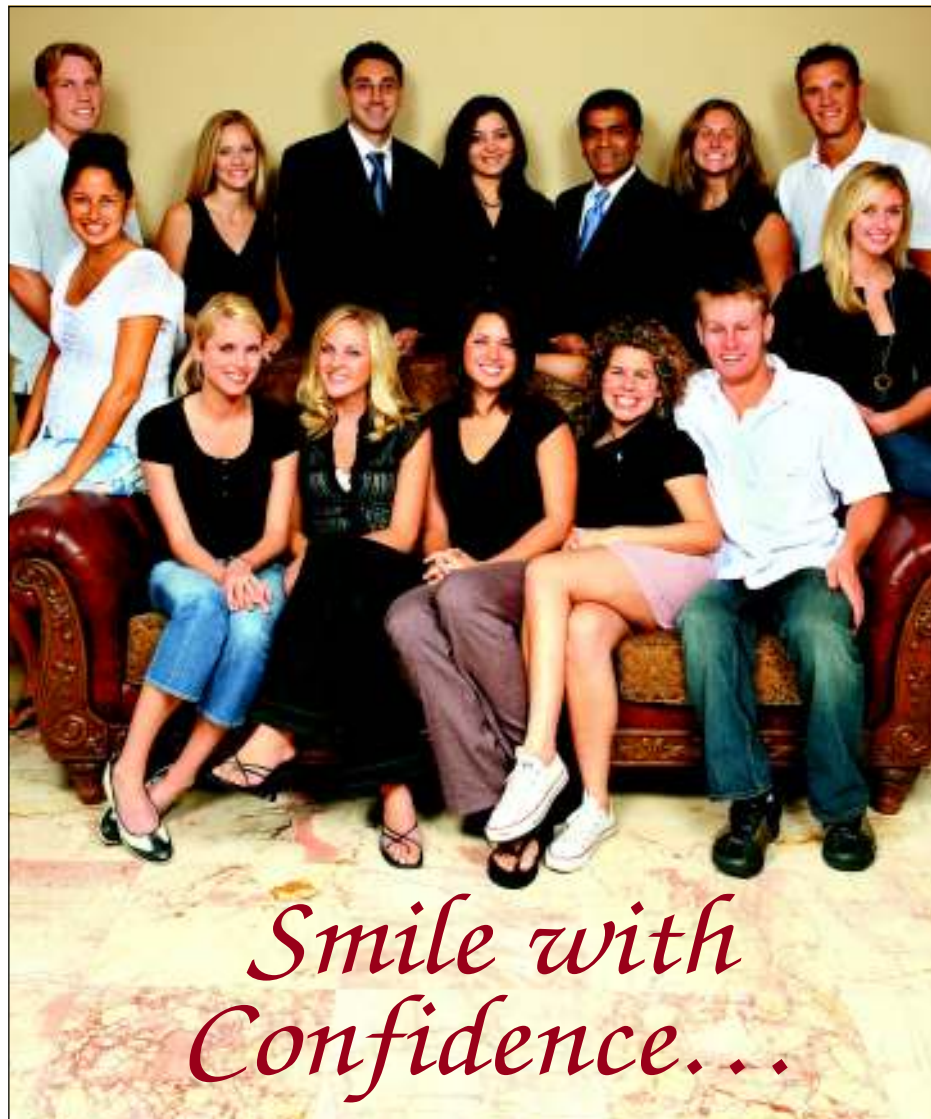
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got older, these were very often drawings of the floor plans of houses. Sometimes palaces, sometimes cozy little homes. Elaborate, multi-leveled homes with all the different types of windows and doors I could think of.

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In my mind, I see my sister standing in front of our bedroom window. It's the middle of the night. She is naked; the floodlights on the park-

ing spaces outside outline her body in bluish light. She is very quiet. I can't hear her breathe. Her arms are above her head; the window curtains are draped apart over her forearms. Her palms are pressed against the glass. Very slowly, she steps up onto the narrow window sill and wedges her bare feet into the lower corners. She leans her forehead against the window pane and stares out over the roofs of the houses to the west.

I remember the sounds of my sister waking up. Yawning, popping joints, thumping on the floor in a yoga exercise called "salute to the sun." The bathroom door would close; I listened to the water running and to the vigorous brushing Jean gave her braces. When hangers clicked in the closet, I'd turn over and ask, "What are you gonna wear?" We shared our clothes — low-riding bell-bottomed jeans, bell-sleeved

blouses, knit vests. We talked then about our dreams of the night before. Flying dreams, animal dreams, running-with-stuck-feet dreams. Dreams where we battled gangsters or tricked them into leaving us alone.

I watched Jean in the bathroom brushing her hair, long and straight and dirty blonde. I was becoming envious of her. Her hair was longer and thicker. She was cultivating long fingernails. She

was growing breasts. As we grew older and started spending our summer vacations at the beach (every day, an hour busing there, an hour back), her tan was darker, her hips slimmer.

I listened from my bed to her muffled breakfast conversations with my mother, a peevish teen's bargainings for spare change and less housework and later hours. She'd come in to grab her school books, her detested orthodontic headgear, and scold me

out of bed. Then she'd leave to catch the number seven bus down University, walk up over the 54th Street hill to Horace Mann Junior High.

I was dependent upon Jean for my opinions and attitudes. She was the trailblazer, the tester of things. Her thinking, in turn, was a trickle-down of our mother's thinking. All those little details of dress and decor that belonged to our new life were attached to ideas, assumptions about who

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people were. They were the criteria by which Jean and I evaluated people. If you wore huaraches and hooded shirts made out of old flour sacks, you hung out at the beach. If you hung out at the beach, you probably smoked pot. If you smoked pot, you had rejected traditional means of subsistence. So you were cool — okay by us.

Jean studied French, went roller-skating in the park, ate brown-bag lunches with her girlfriends in the quad. She grew away from me. She came to spend most afternoons at her friend Maria's house, most evenings talking to her on the phone. The two sometimes met up just to wander the neighborhood, maybe shoplift some cosmetics from the Rexall Drugstore on the corner.

She was most mine when we were alone together, times that became more infrequent with each passing year. We still danced and acted out scenes from musicals together. We made up television commercials while we did the dishes: "This grease is so stubborn!" "No need to get pissed about it. Why don't you try Joy?" "I'm not into that new-age stuff...." In her less self-conscious moments, she still played dolls with

me, but our games were rougher: Barbie plunging to her death from the top of the bureau, Ken making it with another doll and Barbie shooting him in a jealous rage.

Between us came boyfriends and what I saw as Jean's condescending assumption of a more parental role with me. I borrowed money from her; she yelled at me for spending it on candy bars. She put a curse on me, a TIC-derived proclamation that in later years I ridiculed her for: "I say this now and so it shall be; you'll never spend a dime wisely in your life!" I lost a ring my grandmother had given me; she found it and suspended it from a string near a door jamb, while I searched for a week.

When Jean made friends with Maria, who attended TIC with her family and lived nearby, I made friends with Maria's younger sister Rachel.

* * *

In my mind, I see Maria and Rachel taking us home for the first time. The first thing we see is their mother Rita's harp. The light in the living room is buttery, thick with dust particles. The harp stands at an angle in front of an unused fireplace on a threadbare dhurrie rug. Its gilt sur-

face, figured along the pedestal and crown with curving vines and flow-ers, gleams. I walk across the creaking floorboards and dare to pluck a string. The tone is richer and mellower than seems possible for such a high note.

The golden, magic thing was in an old bungalow on Van Dyke, full of dark wood, stained wallpaper, and strange, small rooms whose original functions had been lost to time. The house smelled of vegetarian food and the faint sickly sweetness of pot. Maria and Rachel, lion-haired, barefooted, wearing dashikis and trailing the scent of frangipani, made their own yogurt and wove bracelets out of colored yarn. Their little brother Alex ran naked through the house or threw dirt clods at us in the yard. There was usually a man staying in the house with them, their mother's on-again,

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off-again boyfriend. Once, Alex ran up to us, very excited. The boyfriend, James, had been in the bathtub, Alex watching him through the door. Alex had been fascinated by James's penis. James had let him touch it and it popped up, which Alex thought very funny.

Rita was terrifying and alluring to us, as mysterious in her sudden rages as our own mother. She covered her

immense bulk in caftans, wore her long, tightly curled blonde hair loose over her shoulders. She gave harp lessons, had a part-time job at a stereo store. Maria and Rachel didn't speak much about their mother at first, but we knew that the odd rules of the house — when you phone, ring twice and hang up, then phone again — were edicts issued by Rita. There were times when Jean and I arrived to find

Maria and Rachel whispering, tiptoeing around the house. "We have to go somewhere else," they'd say. "Mom's here."

So we walked out, to run and slide down a ramp into an old bomb shelter at Hoover High, to test out beanbag chairs and waterbed mattresses at a store on University Avenue. We walked down to Synthetic Trips, a head shop, and bought blacklight posters when we had

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saved enough money — Rachel's favorite was a scene of Disney characters in a cartoonish pastoral setting, fucking.

When Maria and Rachel had grown to trust us, we were told that Rita held Sexual Freedom League parties at their house. Sometimes the girls spent the night elsewhere, sometimes they stayed in their rooms while the orgies took place. Rita, it became apparent, was a kind of holistic whore, offering massages, pot-smoking, and sex. Her clients received her services in her bedroom, which was between

Maria's room and the bathroom.

Maria, at the age of 12, once had to walk through the bedroom during one of her mother's engagements. Jean and I heard the story in whispers and giggles the next day. "I had to go to the bathroom, so I knocked and went on in. When I came back through the bedroom, Mom said, 'My friend here would like you to join us. Do you want to?' I was curious, so I did." Rachel, I remember, was furious.

Maria was a practical, blunt-spoken girl. Her voice was low and

wet-sounding, as if there were saliva in her throat she hadn't swallowed. She was impatient with emotional displays, which Jean and I were prone to. But it seemed to us that she knew how the world worked and how to handle anything. When a tomcat jumped on my back, dug his claws in, and wouldn't get off, Maria wrenched him off of me, laughing at his amorous state and my tears. When the four of us were stuck somewhere without bus money to get home, Maria was the one who approached strangers and bummed the change

for our return fares.

I was listening to the radio when the announcement was made that U.S. troops were pulling out of Vietnam. Maria and Rachel came pounding at our door, and the three of us jumped up and down on my mother's bed, shouting and whooping as the station played "War." *Hunh! Good gawd, y'all, what is it good for? "Absolutely nothing!"*

The four of us — Rachel, Maria, my sister, and I — formed a club. We sneaked pornographic novels from my mother's bottom drawer and took turns reading

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chapters aloud. We spied on the Knights of Columbus next door, staked out a mysterious warehouse down the block that we were sure was run by the Mob. There was a treasure hunt game, in which we paired off and left clues for each other around the neighborhood, until someone on the street caught on and began following us. If we were in a particularly daring mood, we ran past Scotty's Bar on University and pushed open the door.

As we grew older the club split up. Maria and Jean would spend hours sequestered behind closed doors, telling secrets. Rachel and I went to school together briefly, before I was transferred across town. We played with our dolls, made houses for them out of chairs and record album covers, made up fantasies in which we'd shrink the teachers we hated and

imprison them in our doll houses. We read fantasy books together and imagined traveling through time, meeting our parents when they were children. We tried communicating with each other via telepathy (followed by a phone call: "Did you feel me thinking about you just now?").

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By the time I was 12 and Jean was 15, our mother had finished with TIC and TORI and the Mandala Society. The friends she had made scaled off of her like skin, in layers. We ask her whatever happened to so-and-so. "Oh, *him*. Probably busted for drugs by now. Did I ever tell you how he came on to me at that party?" Her affairs became longer, her boyfriends more "establishment." Positive visualization, astral travel, reincarnation were discarded, like the long gowns and ethnic necklaces she relegated first to

her bottom drawer, then to cardboard boxes in her closet, then to us for costumes in school plays. Our efforts to remain what we called "open" gave way; openness was cast off with our sand candles and yoga exercises.

Maria telephoned me a couple of months ago. We hadn't spoken in 13 years. She had looked up my father, and he gave her my number. Her voice was the same — watery, smiling. She was living in the Bay Area and had just given birth. Unfortunately, she told me, she and the child's father were "cycling out," she said, when she went into labor. "I call it cycling out; what I mean is he's manic depressive like me, and we both ended up getting locked up that weekend." She was calling to tell me that her child is an angel, sent to Earth to bring people together. ■

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zens are even given notice of hearings that affect the entire community.

The mayor wants to eliminate senior and county-resident discounts, limit play by residents, greatly increase fees, and allow the exclusive Century Club to build an office building for their group on public land with the typical sweetheart deal such as Mr. Bauder outlined. This May 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the city council chambers, Donna Frye's Natural Resources and Culture Committee is holding a public hearing on the plan to change the fees at the Torrey Pines and Balboa golf courses. It is very important that citizen golfers come to express their concerns about this takeover by special interests. Thanks to Donna Frye for offering one of the few true approaches to transparent government.

John Beaver
via e-mail

Complex Burrito

Re "Pizza v. Tacos," by Ernie Grimm ("City Lights," April 13). The guy who wrote this is either a racist or a retard or both.

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

What a bigoted person you are, Ernie, not to mention idiotic. Mexican cuisine is not defined by what fools like you eat at your local taco shop! It's a little more complex than the heart-attack burgers and fries that pervade

your culture. Mexican food goes back thousands of years. Please, do the world a favor and try not to be so ignorant.

Rob Quintana
via e-mail

Funny Thing

It's a shame you folks at the *Reader* have "writers" that enjoy teaming up with their cronies from other local news rags and forging stories from a combination of their imagination, fabricated quotes, and irrelevant old stories.

The "Blurt" section had one such story last week (April 13). Hector Peñalosa was blatantly misquoted in an attempt to compromise his character; then the writer dug up an old story to use in tandem with this fabrication which also had a negative connotation. The funny thing is that these things had nothing to do with one another, making the attempt at insult more obvious. I'm also aware that when the writer telephoned to question Hector, he had the nerve to bait him with a question regarding Buddy Blue. It's pretty classless to bring a dead man into your mudslinging — even if it's just to try and get someone to say something.

I used to regard the "Blurt" section as news. Now I know the truth.

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Jay Allen Sanford responds: The quotes, drawn from two separate interviews (one recent and one dating back several years), are accurate and on tape. I'm unsure what's meant by the reference to "cronies from other local news rags," and I'm not even sure how Hector's portrayal and quotes in the "Blurt" "compromise his character." He fessed up to lying about his age on MySpace, and the accusations about money withheld from the Zeros were made by him, not about him. I did ask if he knew Buddy Blue, who had just passed away, but to ask an interviewee if he knew someone is not to "bait" him or commit "mudslinging" (unless the interviewee has some reason to flip out with paranoia over the query).

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The condor release sites are chosen for a variety of reasons," says the Wild Animal Park's curator of birds Michael Mace. "[We must get the birds] in a location that is very remote so they will not be around people, and we also have to take into account the ability to service that facility [local staff must be able to reach the site]. We look at wind direction and thermals — the birds use those to fly around, so they can easily traverse the area — and we make sure food sources are available."

On Friday, April 28, Zoological Society of San Diego condor biologist and leader of the condor reintroduction team Mike Wallace will lecture on the California Condor Recovery Program as a guest of the Sierra Club's San Diego chapter.

The California condor's wingspan of up to ten feet makes it the largest flying bird in North America. The endangered birds reached their lowest point in 1982 when only 22 were accounted for in the world. Condors have few natural predators, and the bird's near extinction was the result of factors including pesticides like DDT (which thins the eggshells), collision with power lines, and poaching of eggs. In 1987, "A landmark decision was made to bring all the birds in from the wild to two facilities — the San Diego Wild Animal Park and the Los Angeles Zoo," says Mace. "Since that time [our facility has] produced 128 chicks, and there are now over 270 condors in the world."

Four breeding facilities yield around 30 chicks a year. In the wild, a pair of condors

produces one chick every two years. With the use of "puppet rearing," condor biologists are able to double the number of offspring in captivity. When a condor couple produces an egg, scientists remove that egg and put it in an incubator. The condors then produce a second "replacement egg." When the egg in the incubator hatches, it is raised with the use of a puppet made to resemble a mature condor. "This way," says Mace, "the birds never see people, they just see the puppet, so they know they are a condor during their impressionable period."

Both at the hatching facilities and at the release sites, "mentors" (adult condors that behave as a condor should) are used to teach chicks how to survive on their own. "Youngsters are integrated with mentors and start to learn skills. They watch the adult bird forage for food and watch how the adult behaves." A chick may stay in the aviary with a mentor from one month to six months. The aviaries at the release sites allow chicks to grow accustomed to the climate. Also, "The mentor stays back [in the aviary] and serves as a beacon for chicks to know where they can come back to so they don't get too far off on their own and get into some kind of trouble, like getting lost."

The two primary release sites in California are located in Ventura County and Big Sur. The San Diego facility's release site is located 7000 feet up in the San Pedro de Mártir Mountains in Baja California, a seven-hour drive from the border. It takes three to four hours to reach the site by car from the nearest town. "As a condor flies, that's not a long distance," says Mace. "In Arizona the birds travel more than 200 miles a day." A total of 16 condors have



Baja condor

been released at the Baja site over the past four years.

"Since its inception, going back to the early '80s, the entire project has [cost] somewhere around the 20- and 30-million-dollar range," says Mace. Including all departments (e.g., research division, behavioral division, pathology department), San Diego's facility requires "around a quarter of a million dollars a year." This money comes from ticket sales to the San Diego Wild Animal Park and Zoo and donations.

Released condors have been reproducing on their own, hatching and raising approximately five chicks a year between California and Arizona. "That number will grow exponentially as [the birds] mature." Chicks do not reach sexual maturity for at least 5 years, but their lifespan is 60 years. Condors are social animals; outside of the breeding season, which is the first half of the year, they congregate in larger numbers (eggs are usually produced in January, take almost two months to hatch, and at least another five months before the chick will leave the nest).

"In general, condors are an incredibly hardy species," Mace points out. "They live a very long time," and their strong immune system keeps them from becoming sick from bacteria found in the rotting carcasses

on which they feed. "But with that said, they're also very vulnerable to the environmental issues that affect all of us. We're not saying not to develop, just [that people should] take into account all of the things that [can be done] to be responsible in a community. Using California as an example, if you just preserve and manage effectively the property that condors live on, there are fifty other endangered species [living there] — they may not be as well known or charismatic, but if you take care of the one you know about, there are plants, reptiles, other birds, and more that will benefit as well."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

"Bodies in Transit," international contemporary dance festival continues at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). See Antares from Mexico on Thursday and Spain's 10 & 10 troupe on Friday, April 28. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Agosto y Fuga," Paloma Villegas discusses and signs new book, Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Now Pl@yñ," paintings, assemblages, and drawings by Daniel Ruanova go on exhibit with reception for artist on Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., at Galería H&H

OUT & ABOUT

WOMEN ON FIRE

Judith Ivey's portrayal of 12 women, Saturday, April 29, Poway Center for Performing Arts.

(SEE IN PERSON)



(Avenida Estéban Cantú 2651, Colonia Dávila). 011-52-664-900-6133. Closes Sunday, June 11. (TIJUANA)

Opera de Tijuana presents *Cavalleria Rusticana*, Thursday,

April 27, 8 p.m., at Teatro IMSS (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Alejandro Filio in concert at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328), Thursday, April 27,

8 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$30, \$45 U.S. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Expo Artesanal, arts and crafts, music, and entertainment showcased Thursday, April 27–Sunday, April 30, 7 a.m.–7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona

Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Music and Musicology International Festival continues through Saturday, April 29. See María "La Morris" Antonia from Spain on Thursday, April 27. Enjoy classical music by Orchestra of Baja California on Friday, April 28. Doulce Memoire from France takes stage on Saturday, April 29. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Teatro Benito Juárez (on Calle Guadalupe Victoria). \$10 U.S. 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

British Trumpet Virtuoso Guy Barker and his jazz ensemble plan concert boasting world premiere of "The Amadeus Jazz Suite," Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$5, \$15, \$30 U.S. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

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de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Events on Friday, April 28, include round table with artists (noon), lecture by Jorge Luis Barrios (5 p.m.), opening reception (7 p.m.). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Rock Concert by Panteón Rococo, Saturday, April 29, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$15, \$20, \$25 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

The Play *La Reina de su Casa* presented Saturday, April 29, at 6 and 8:30 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-627-4232. (TIJUANA)

The First Corrida of the Season is promised on Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Matadors include Julián "El Juli" López, César Castañeda, and Alejandro Amaya. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Lobster Lunch and shopping tour hosted by Baja California Tours, Thursday, May 4. The \$69 fee includes transportation, lobster feast at El Patio de la Langosta in Puerto Nuevo, shopping at artisan's market in Rosarito Beach. Reservations: 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (ROSARITO BEACH, PUERTO NUEVO)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

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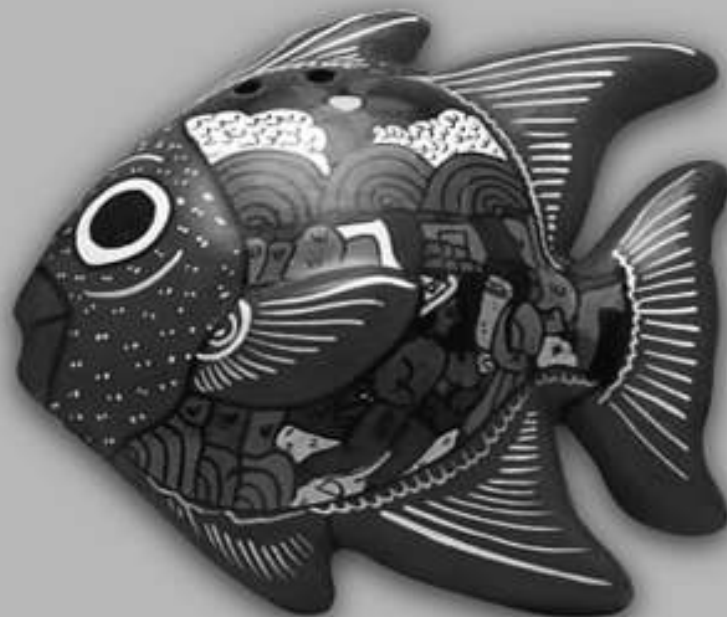
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OUTDOORS

Monkey-Flowers of various species are putting on an excellent display this month around San Diego. Look for these low, shrub-like plants with tubular yellow, orange, or red flowers wherever native vegetation clothes the landscape — from the coastal bluffs to the lower slopes of the mountains. As you drive Interstates 8 or 805 near Mission Valley, look for the rust tint these flowers give to the steep hillsides. On the terraces just above San Onofre State Beach, you can usually see springtime monkey-flower blos-

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Desert Agaves, or century plants, are sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks on rocky hillsides throughout much of the Anza-Borrego Desert. On warm, sunny days the stalks may grow almost one foot per day (fast enough for you to notice the sharp leaf tips at the bud actually separating from one another). After the stalk reaches a height of 10–20 feet, clus-

ters of waxy, yellow flowers appear, ready for pollination by bees and other insects. After blooming, the fleshy, dagger-like leaves at the base of the plant die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk, bearing a crop of seeds, dries up as well.

April's Lowest Tides, dropping to -1.2 feet, are for early risers only: 4:22 a.m. on Friday the 28th and 5:08 a.m. on Saturday the 29th. Highest tides for the month of April (+6.3 feet) occur at 9:24 p.m. Thursday the 27th and at 9:58 p.m. Friday the 28th.

Walking Club hosted by San Diego American Indian Health Center meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9–10:30 a.m., for outings to variety of locales. Walkers provided with pedometer, water, snacks. Find health center at 2630 First Avenue; 619-234-2158 x102 or x111. Free. (BANKERS HILL)

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uralist programs; trail maintenance; mountain bike, foot, and mounted patrols; planting projects; more. Location, fees, details: 619-445-6235. (CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST)

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Butterflies and Dragonflies visit native plants along trails used on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, April 29, 30, and May 3, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mis-

sion Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Explore Manchester Preserve with NC Walkers, Saturday, April 29. Five-mile moderate-plus walk starts at 9 a.m. at end of Calle Ryan (off El Camino Real). Bring water. Free. 760-942-1396. (ENCINITAS)

Stop Alien Plants, pick up litter, plant native plants in Rice Canyon Nature Preserve, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.–noon. Bring gardening gloves, loppers if you have them. Free. Gather in parking lot at Rancho del Rey Parkway at Buena Vista Way. 619-656-8669. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, April 29, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Creek to Bay Cleanup, fourth annual event takes place Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.–noon, at over 40 coastal and inland sites throughout county. Nearly 103,000 pounds of trash were collected in 2005. Free. Locations: 619-291-0103 x3003. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Planting Day at Jack's Pond is Saturday, April 29. Bring gardening tools and help with planting. Park is found at 986 La Moree Road; shuttles available from Woodland Parkway Albertsons/Longs shopping center. 760-591-0827. (SAN MARCOS)

Wetland Avengers/Campeones de los Cañones, binational wetland and canyon restoration event, Saturday, April 29, at Border Field State Park (Monument Road), Imperial Beach; and Cañon de los Sauces, Playas de Tijuana. Participants will remove trash and invasive plants, restore native vegetation. Free. 858-488-3849. (IMPERIAL BEACH, PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Talkin' About Terns, walk focusing on endangered least terns set for Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Grunion Run Fun led by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, April 30, 10:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. Lecture, film on grunion, moonlight beach explorations. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$9 for children 6–14. Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

Spring Dance Concert with modern, ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, and swing, presented by Grossmont College Dance Department, April 27-29, 7:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). \$11 general. 619-644-7766. (ROLANDO)

OffCenter, annual spring dance concert with new dance and performance works by students in range of styles, Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 7 p.m., in Arts Building room 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Persian Garden Tango from ragtime era is featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, April 28, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing for all ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

West African Dance workshop for all levels led by Abdoulaye Camara of Guinea, West Africa, with live drumming, on Saturday, April 29, 6:30–8 p.m., at Performing Arts Workshop (1105 2nd Street). \$18. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

Schottische Workshop led by Graham Hempel on Saturday, April 29, 4 p.m. (\$5). Workshop followed by contradance with music by Ranting Banshee, Hempel

calling, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

International Dance Day is celebrated at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3) on Saturday, April 29. Free dance lessons in variety of styles from noon–5 p.m. Chocolate and dessert lovers' buffet and fundraiser dance (8 p.m.) follow.

ing lessons (7 p.m.), \$25. 858-270-7100. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Two Left Feet? Okay! No partner? No experience? No problem. Square-dance party, Sunday, April 30, 4-6 p.m., at Polish-American Hall (1934 30th Street). \$5. 619-237-0503. (SOUTH PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). All callers on hand on April 30. Be-

ginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Celebrate May Day when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). Live music. \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

Salsa Central, dance to salsa and Latin club mix on Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., in Mission Room above

Valley Tavern at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). \$7. Dance lesson early in eve. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Free. 619-840-1945. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

The Coming-of-Age Indie Film
Wild Tigers I Have Known screens Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Filmmaker Cam Archer and his collaborators on hand to answer questions after screening. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

"Ten Years of Women's Longboarding" — new surf film by Big Red Productions screens Friday, April 28, at Wave House (3125 Mission Boulevard). 858-228-9283. (MISSION BEACH)

Billabong Jack McCoy Surf Film Festival — see *Free as a Dog* — *A True Dog's Tale*, winning entry from 2006 Panasonic Surfshorts Competition, and "monster footage" from 2006 Billabong XXL Global Big Wave Awards, April 28–30. Festival screens Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

On Sunday, festival moves to Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street) at 7 p.m. \$9. (LA JOLLA)

Saps at Sea Tent, local chapter of Laurel and Hardy fans known as Sons of the Desert meet to watch *Hog Wild*, *Perfect Day*, *The Music Box*, and W.C. Fields in *The Dentist*. Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3902 Kenwood Drive). \$6. 619-417-9032. (SPRING VALLEY)

Arkady Luxemburg's *Symphony for Strings in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust* screens for Sunday Matinee on April 30, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Elizabeth," starring Cate Blanchett, screens for First Tuesday Films series exploring "controversial social issues," May 2, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

Isaac Aronstein's documentary *Tijuana Jews* screens Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m., in Copley Auditorium at Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). 858-534-0236. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Goya in Bordeaux" — Carlos Saura's 2000 film captures the Spanish artist in his 82nd and final year, living in exile in southern France. See flick on Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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

ROAM-○-RAMA

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

The classic grand tour of Malibu Creek State Park's backcountry includes Upper Malibu Canyon and circles high above on the crest of the beautiful Santa Monica — L.A.'s coastal mountain range. Mountain bikers can look forward to a three- or four-hour task, while hikers might take as much as double that time. You ascend and descend a total of 2700 feet of elevation.

From Highway 101 take Las Virgenes Road 3.2 miles south to the Malibu Creek State Park entrance on the right. Beyond the pay station, park in the main day-use lot (open 8 a.m. until dusk).

Now head west on unpaved Crags Road. After 0.4 mile you cross over Malibu Creek. A right at the fork in the road just beyond leads you more directly to the park's visitor center (open on weekends).



Cavernous sandstone formation, Castro Crest

Beyond the visitor center, cross Malibu Creek again and continue up and over a hill on Crags Road. Press on past silted-in Century Lake on the left; the Goat Buttes, also on the left; and through the *M*A*S*H* site, where outdoor scenes for the television series were recorded.

After a total of 2.7 miles, bear left on Bulldog Road, a fire road/powerline access road. The road rises crookedly along slopes thickly clothed in chaparral. The physical effort of negotiating the last, steep, uphill mile on Bulldog Road is rewarded by ever-expanding views over and beyond the now-shrunken-looking Goat Buttes. You'll also pass close to some interesting outcrops of sandstone, looking much like gigantic incisor teeth.

Turn left when you reach Castro Peak Road at 5.8 miles, and start a descent east. The Malibu shoreline soon comes into view, with a clear-air vista that includes several of the Channel Islands, Palos Verdes, and the west and south parts of the L.A. Basin. As you approach the Corral Canyon Road trailhead, stay left on the footpath that goes up a hogback ridge bristling with sandstone pinnacles (bikers should stay on the roadways instead of taking the footpath). Stay on this ridge for 0.5 mile, passing several gargantuan sandstone outcrops. You then meet Mesa Peak Fire Road, which doubles as a segment of the Backbone Trail — a trail that spans the length of the Santa Monica Mountains.

At 9.4 miles there's a junction. A road to Mesa Peak goes right; you bear left, staying on the Mesa Peak Fire Road. You now begin a steady and sometimes severe descent along the precipitous west wall of Malibu Canyon. This is a potentially knee-banging drop for runners, and a tricky descent for mountain bikes. Malibu Creek and the curving highway through it come into view occasionally, seemingly straight down. You end up at a

parking lot for the Backbone Trail along Malibu Canyon Road at 11.8 miles.

Follow Malibu Canyon Road north, passing over Malibu Creek, and enter Tapia Park on the left, pick-

along the access road and over to your car in the valley ahead.

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

BULLDOG-BACKBONE LOOP

Hike or bike the Bulldog-Backbone loop for a complete look at Malibu Creek State Park.

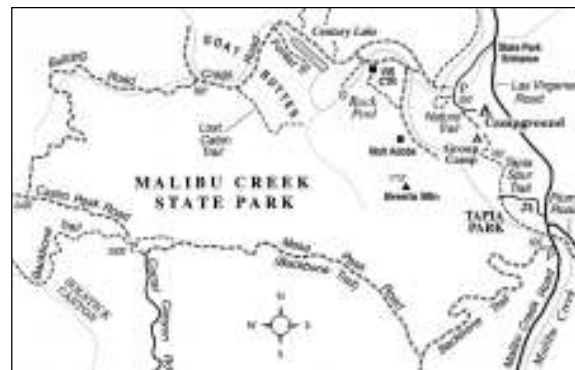
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ing up the single-track Tapia Spur Trail. That trail skirts some picnic sites, passes the entrance to a private Salvation Army camp, and continues up and over a low ridge to Malibu Creek State Park's group campground. From there, simply proceed

pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



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LECTURES

"Through a Lens Sharply: Photo Imaginings" artists Amy Jorgensen, Barbara Sexton, and Marcela Villaseñor plan art talk with guest curator Alessandra Moctezuma, Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Big Safari, Little Game," slide show focusing on "small game of Africa" — lizards, amphibians, turtles, crocodiles — for San Diego Herpetological Society, Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Free. 760-533-2611. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

What Do We Want from a City? Explore changing nature, shaping of our communities in series continuing on Thursdays through May 18, 7:30 p.m., in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106 at UCSD. San Diego Museum of Art director Derrick Cartwright offers "In Visible Institutions: The City

and Its Museums," April 27. Focus on "The Port's Land Use, Planning and Development Process" when Bruce Hollingsworth and Ralph Hicks speak on May 4. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Future of Air Transportation in our region discussed during town hall meeting, Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel (9001 Towne Centre Drive). Free. 619-400-2470. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Parlez Vous... gain an introduction to language, history, and social customs of France on Thursdays during six-week seminar led by Charles Brown (boasting degrees in French from University of Notre Dame and Middlebury College). Fee: \$225. Class begins April 27, 8:45-9:45 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Registration: 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Solidarity! Nobel Peace Prize winner and former president of

Poland Lech Walesa examines "The Future of Democracy in the Era of Globalization," Friday, April 28, 10 a.m., in Aztec Center of Montezuma Hall at San Diego State University. 619-594-SDSU. Free. (SDSU)

"Birds and Mammals of the Antarctic: Potential Effects of Continued Warming" examined by Scripps Institution research physiologist Gerald Kooyman when Audubon Society meets, Friday, April 28, 7 p.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Kooyman has just returned from another "summer" in the Antarctic. Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Sculptor Carol Seidenwurm fêted during reception, Friday, April 28, 3:30 p.m., in library and information hub at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Seidenwurm will talk about her artistic process, show slides of her work. Free. 760-795-6637. (OCEANSIDE)

"Binational California Condor Reintroduction Project" documented when Sierra Club meets to hear Michael Wallace of Zoological Society of San Diego. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28, in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). 619-585-3773. Free. (HILLCREST)

Graphic Power and Technical Skill — Neil Shigley gives art talk, Saturday, April 29, 1 p.m., in conjunction with current exhibit of his work at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Get Into "Culinary Container Gardening" after master gardener Karen Fleck presents workshop, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Herb care, harvesting, use. \$30 fee includes materials. Required reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

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Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on April 29 and 30. "Avian Basic Care" is subject at 1 p.m.; "Lifestyles for Successful Parrot Caregivers" explored at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Avian Diseases (The Four Ps)" examined on Sunday at 1 p.m.; with "Biting (Prevention and Management)" discussed at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Classes in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$15. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Folk Culture and Folk Dance Songs taught by Mary Ann Downs of Eastern Exposure, Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). No experience required. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Spice of Life," make Texan shredded pork, Indian potatoes with peas and cauliflower,

chocolate pepper cookies during class exploring the quest for spices across centuries slated for Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$33. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Prime Grape-Growing Regions in Italy discussed, premium wines tasted when Mick Dragoo, owner and winemaker at Belle Marie Winery, presents wine class, Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m. \$20. Find Belle Marie at 26312 Mesa Rock Road. Registration: 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

Tips for Tenants and Future Home Buyers offered during program hosted by Fair Housing Council and American Mortgage Funding, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at George Stevens Senior Center (570 South 65th Street). Free. 619-699-5888 x207. (SAN DIEGO)

"Your Mouth Could Be Killing You" according to local author Sheila Wolf, who plans lecture, Saturday, April 29, 11:30 a.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). Free. (ROLANDO)

Learn About Mozart's Magic Flute when USD music instructor Ron Shaheen lectures on Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 619-298-9978. \$2.25. (HILLCREST)

Italian Architecture examined in two lectures, Tuesday, May 2,

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7 p.m., in Hardy Tower 140 at San Diego State University. Landscape architect Vanna Fraticelli presents "From Rationality to Chaos? The Evolution of Urban Planning and Urban Design in Naples from the Classic to the Modern City." Urban planning professor Francesco Forte speaks as well. Free. 619-594-4516. (SDSU)

Ponder "Mozart and Italy" when Konrad Oberhuber and Victoria Martino chronicle late baroque, rococo, and neoclassical/classical art and music from Mozart's point of view. Lecture series continues Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music

and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$19. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Federico Fellini and the Transformation of Italian Culture" is subject when Italian writer, critic, filmmaker, translator Gianni Celati speaks Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., in Eleanor Roosevelt College Great Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Save the Ocean" — David Helvarg, author of *50 Ways to Save the Ocean* and *Blue Frontier: Dispatches from America's Ocean Wilderness*, plans presentation on Wednesday, May 3, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-

Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Free. Required reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

Busy on Wednesday? David Helvarg signs books on Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 3. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Making It Worse: How the U.S. Government Has Tackled


the Immigration Problem — Wrongly" presented by Harvard Kennedy School of Government professor George Borjas, Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 a.m., in Faculty Club at UCSD. \$50 fee includes breakfast, parking. 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

"Changes — Then and Now," June Singer addresses Daughters of the American Revolution, Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m., at Admiral Baker Golf Club (2400 Admiral Baker Road). \$15 includes lunch. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (GRANTVILLE)

Visions for Community Colleges, their role in community presented by Chancellor Constance Carrol and Mesa College president Ruth Cepeda, Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., in cafeteria at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute Drive). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

"Social Justice and Stem Cell Research: Who Gains? Who Loses?" Ponder questions during conference on Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in Center Hall 101 at UCSD.


Larry Goldstein examines "Scientific Foundations"; "Moral Costs" explored by Wesley Smith; John Evans probes "Public Perceptions"; and Alta Charo focuses on "Political Implementation." Following panel presentations, participants gather in small groups led by leaders in various disci-



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“Art Czar: The Rise and Fall of Clement Greenberg” discussed by local author Alice Goldfarb Marquis, Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Greenberg “dominated the American art scene and is still considered the most influential American art critic of the 20th Century.” Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD Bookstore Authorfest on Thursday, April 27, boasts seven local and “up-and-coming” authors on hand to discuss, sign their books, noon–3 p.m. Participants include Jack Bowen, Dirk Harman, Elaine Parent, Franchee Harmon, others. Free. Find bookstore in Price Center at UCSD. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Western Entertainer R.W. Hampton plans concert hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, April 27; \$20. Singer-songwriter Peter Case takes stage on Friday, April 28; \$20. Big week continues with wonderful David Wilcox, Sunday, April 30. Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart share bill with Wendy Waldman on Wednesday, May 3. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

And Probably the Kitchen Sink Too, Organic Collective presents *Elektra Thunderbunny and the Jim Gilchrist Experience*, a multimedia “punk-rock opera” depicting

clashes in 2005 when local anarchists joined with “anti-fascist” and pro-immigrant activists to confront Minutemen border-watch group in Campo. Performance includes video, puppets, cartoons, and live punk rock. Friday, April 28, 6 p.m., in SDSU Council Chambers (lower level of Aztec Center). Free. (SDSU)

Ravi and Anoushka Shankar, joined by ten musicians, take stage on Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$15–\$75. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Poet and Author Nick Flynn reads from his “unflinching vision of homelessness” entitled *Another Bullshit Night in Suck City*, Friday, April 28, 7 p.m., in room 220 at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Free. 619-644-7495. (EL CAJON)

“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)

Oxnard Author Rick Mizuno signs his “provocative new romance novel” *50/50 Split* on Saturday, April 29. Meet author 10 a.m.–noon at El Buen Café (4240-A Bonita Avenue) and 8–10 p.m. at Caffé Salotto (2240 Otay Lakes Road, suite 303). Free. 805-815-3820, 805-340-0057. (BONITA, CHULA VISTA)

British Trumpet Virtuoso Guy Barker and his jazz ensemble in concerts hosted by Mainly Mozart, April 29 and 30. Barker and com-

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BILLABONG JACK MCCOY Surf Film Festival, La Paloma Theatre and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, April 28-30.

(SEE FILM)



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pany present world premiere of “The Amadeus Jazz Suite.” Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Jimsair Hangar at Lindbergh Field and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$42. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA)

“City Works 2006 Journal” reading and launch party, Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m., in room B-103 at San Diego City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Expect to hear readings from “local and national” writers and poets. Free. 619-388-3400. (DOWNTOWN)

All-Age Comedy Show boasting Brett Gilbert, Joe Wilson, Rod Deez, Mario Rivera, Chelsica, Jason Bang, Saturday, April 29, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Free. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Author Kathi Diamant discusses *Kafka’s Lost Love: The Mystery of Dora Diamant*, Sunday, April 30,

3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center mall, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Gospel Music, Spirituals, and more on tap when 90-voice Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir performs Sunday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista (915 Paseo Ranchero). Free. 619-585-0782. (CHULA VISTA)

Serving “Side-Arm Cookies” and discussing and signing her book *Dark Tort*, mystery author Diane Mott Davidson visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Concert of Hope benefiting Storefront homeless shelter for teens, Sunday, April 30, 4–7 p.m., at Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Music by Tommy Castro Band, Eve Selis,

others; celebrity-autographed items for sale, dancing. \$32. 858-356-0702. (SHELTER ISLAND)

“The Naked Gershwin” presented by Cecil Lytle and Arthur Wagner, Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m., in Faculty Club at UCSD. Lytle plays music, Wagner reads Ira and George’s works. \$40. 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

First-Time Fiction Writers Lisa Fugard (*Skinner’s Drift*), Katharine Noel (*Halfway House*), and Eric Puchner (*Music Through the Floor*) visit Warwick’s Bookstore to sign, discuss their books, Monday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Bluegrass for Lunch? Virtual Strangers perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, May 1, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Stinging Indictment! Chris Mooney signs and discusses *The Republican War on Science*, Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., at Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore (330 North Magnolia). Free. 619-441-0480. (EL CAJON)

The Iranian Hostage Crisis of 1979 is documented by Mark Bowden (*Black Hawk Down*) in his latest book, *Guests of the Ayatollah: The First Battle in America’s War with Militant Islam*. Meet Bowden Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Stories from Hindu Mythology on tap during Javanese Wayang (shadow puppet play), Tuesday, May 2, 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Storytelling, sound effects, music by Javanese gamelan orchestra. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Most Fearsome Creature That Ever Lived? Meet *Carcharodon megalodon*, a 70-foot, 60,000-pound great white shark, the main character in Steve Alten’s novel *Meg: A Novel of Deep Terror*. Author will discuss and sign books Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Surfing’s Greatest Misadventures” read from, signed by Steve Barilotti, Nathan Myers, Chris Cote, Michael Migdol, Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

Cote and Migdol joined by Jamie Tierney to sign, read from book Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668



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Sixth Avenue; 619-702-7420). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Second Delivery bluegrass band performs for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

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Funnier Than Congress? Musical political satire by Capitol Steps, Tuesday, May 2, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). \$32.50. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

"Scion Road Trip" hits town on Tuesday, May 2, 8 p.m., at Belly Up Tavern (143 Cedros Avenue). Street artists, music by Rhythm Roots All-Stars, with Aloe Blacc, Kush, and Bloodfiyah Angels. Free. Required RSVP: 212-475-4919 or 858-481-8140. (SOLANA BEACH)

Novelist Elizabeth Cunningham discusses, signs *The Passion of Mary Magdalen*, Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Jazz in the Park, Bob Magnusson Quintet celebrates new CD *Liquid Lines* and performs Wednesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poet Rose Anderson and music by Judd Handler, Jim Wakefield,

Joanna, Wednesday, May 3, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Hora Nona Gospel Singers, ensemble formed in Torino, Italy, in 1998, plans gospel concerts at 7 p.m. on May 3 and 4. Wednesday's concert is at Our Lady of the Rosary (1629 Columbia Street); concert repeated on Thursday at St. Brigid's Church (4735 Cass Street). Free. 858-926-5162. (LITTLE ITALY, PACIFIC BEACH)

Author Tom Basinski visits Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Avenue) to discuss, sign *No Good Deed*, Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-702-7420. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Elevated" poetry reading showcases Vejea Jennings, Thursday, May 4, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). \$5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

Fantasy Author Raymond E. Feist signs, discusses *Flight of the Nighthawks*, Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy

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HOOPS!

The Harlem Amabassadors, Carlsbad High School, Friday, April 28.

(SEE SPORTS)



Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Innovative Modern Jazz expected when Sam Johnson's Jazz Quartet performs for First Thursday Concert on May 4, 7 p.m., in

Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Twins Expert Nancy Segal discusses, signs *Indivisible by Two, Lives of Extraordinary Twins*, Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Book follows 12 sets of twins, triplets, quadruplets. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

The Surfing Twins, Milton and Michael Willis, sign and discuss *Discover the Greatness in You*, Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

Busy on the 4th? Twins — who describe book as "a surfing lesson for successfully navigating the waves of life" — plan to sign books on Friday, May 12, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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

Former Poet Laureate of the United States, musician, actress, activist Maya Angelou speaks about her life and experiences on Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m., in RIMAC Arena at UCSD. Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$45, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

"Best of Broadway," pianist, humorist, lecturer Bruno Leone performs pieces by Gershwin, Porter, Rodgers, Bernstein, Weber, others, Wednesday, May 10, 1 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

King of the Cabaret, Michael Feinstein promises "cabaret-style concert," a musical journey through some of America's best-loved songs, Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$40-\$55. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Pulitzer Prize Winning Local Steve Breen is editorial cartoonist for *San Diego Union-Tribune*, and his comic strip "Grand Avenue" appears across the country. Breen discusses his work, Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). 619-531-1539. Free. (POINT LOMA)

"Songs My Mother Taught Me" performed by Lorna Luft, daughter of Judy Garland, Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$100, \$150. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

Del Mar National Horse Show, 61st annual show of competitions, instruction, and displays continues with dressage week events through April 30. "Evening of Musical Freestyles" is 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)

Showpark Spring Festival Horse Show, Thursday-Sunday, April 27-30, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Hoops! The Harlem Ambassadors take the court on Friday, April 28, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad High School gymnasium (3557 Monroe Street). Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 for students and those 12 and younger, free for kids under 4. 760-931-5345. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Padres host Los Angeles Dodgers, April 28-30, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads head to San Francisco for games against Giants, at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, May 1, and at 12:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2. Road

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Workout in the Park, 13th annual event hosted by *Self* magazine, Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., on west side of Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Fitness classes by crunch fitness instructors, rock-climbing wall, exhibitors. \$15. 212-679-2233. (BALBOA PARK)

Lucha Libre Returns! Mexican *lucha libre* stars Medico Asesino Jr., Enfermero Jr., Huracan Ramirez Jr. compete in championship matches, Sunday, April 30, 6:30 p.m., at Southwest High



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School gym (1685 Hollister Drive). Adults: \$15–\$20, free for kids under 11. 619-977-4323. (NESTOR)

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Viva Italia! Tower After Hours series continues at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m. \$20 fee includes food and drink, traditional music and dance performances. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Design, Manufacture, or Test Products? Del Mar Design and Manufacturing Show is place to be, Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Free. 858-459-1682. (DEL MAR)

"Art Alive 25," San Diego Museum of Art's annual springtime event runs April 28–30. Almost 100 designers interpret works of art with floral arrangements. Floral designer Christian Tortu presents demonstration Friday, 10:30 a.m. (\$50).

Exhibition is open to public 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$12 general, discounts for seniors, students, youths. 619-696-1999. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Home Show, April 28–30, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 800-999-5450. (DEL MAR)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, April 28, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

Hanamatsuri Flower Festival, food, entertainment, birth of Buddha, rites of spring celebrated Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, noon–6 p.m. at Japanese Cultural Center (150 Cedar Road). *Taiko* drumming, food (for sale), martial arts demonstrations, games for kids. Free. 760-941-8800. (VISTA)

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 *Zapatistas* on Saturday, April 29, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-285-9737. (ENCANTO)

Encinitas Street Faire, over 400 arts and crafts vendors offer their wares, three stages of entertainment, carnival rides, Saturday and Sunday, April 29–30 along Coast Highway 101 between D and J Streets, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Free. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

Poetry

A POEM BY ROBERT BLY

The Resemblance Between Your Life and a Dog

I never intended to have this life, believe me —
It just happened. You know how dogs turn up
At a farm, and they wag but can't explain.
It's good if you can accept your life — you'll notice
Your face has become deranged trying to adjust
To it. Your face thought your life would look
Like your bedroom mirror when you were ten.
That was a clear river touched by mountain wind.
Even your parents can't believe how much you've changed.
Sparrows in winter, if you've ever held one, all feathers,
Burst out of your hand with a fiery glee.
You see them later in hedges. Teachers praise you,
But you can't quite get back to the winter sparrow.
Your life is a dog. He's been hungry for miles.
Doesn't particularly like you, but gives up, and comes in.



Robert Bly

— Robert Bly

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Hester Prynne, Part II, take second look at Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Coffee Time? Home-brewing events offered Saturdays in April, followed by comparative tastings on Sundays, at Peet's Coffee and Tea shops. Programs start at 2 p.m. Free. Locations: 619-296-5995, 858-678-0806, 858-434-0001. (HILLCREST, LA JOLLA, TORREY HIGHLAND)

San Diego Bonsai Club hosts bonsai show on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, 10 a.m. 5 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Equipment for sale; demonstra-

tions at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. daily. 760-431-1014. (BALBOA PARK)

Foods from Malaysia, Thailand, Mexico, and Korea showcased during "cooking extravaganza," Saturday, April 29, noon to 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Food served with complementary wines. \$45. Registration: 619-461-1063. (DOWNTOWN)

"Italia Mia," exhibition of "Italian fantasy" photographs go on display with reception on Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Contributing photographers discuss their work at 3 p.m. Free. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Open Studio/Life Drawing and Painting offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring oil paints, acrylics, charcoal, pencils to work with live model. Sessions begin with a few short poses, followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rose Fair — A Tribute to Jean Kenneally" is theme for annual San Diego Rose Society show, April 29 and 30, in Murphy's Pub at Qualcomm Stadium. Prize-winning blooms displayed, rose arrangements, vendors, more. Show hours: 1–5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday. \$4 general. 619-641-3100. (MISSION VALLEY)

The House of Finland hosts lawn program at House of Pacific Relations, Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Ben's Buck Fundraiser is Sunday, April 30, 1–4 p.m. Artwork donated by Brandon Gallery artists offered for \$100, \$200, \$300 at Palomares House (1815 South Stagecoach Lane). Entry donation of \$25 includes fashion show, wine tasting, food, music. 760-723-1330. (FALLBROOK)

A Classic California Craftsman Orchard House found at 14333 San Dieguito Road is site for San Diego Historical Society's Showcase 2006, open for public tours April 30–May 29. Eighteen designers worked on showcase. Home is on part of Rancho San Dieguito land grant made by Pio Pico in 1840.

Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday, with hours extended to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. \$20. 619-533-7355. (EAST DEL MAR)

Castles to Cottages, Spring Village Home Tour presented by Coronado School of the Arts Foundation, Sunday, April 30, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Day-of-event tickets are \$35, available at Star Park (on Park Place). 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

Get a (Volunteer) Job! Many Balboa Park cultural groups join with county organizations to recruit potential volunteers at recruitment fair, Sunday, April 30, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., in courtyard at San Diego Museum of Man. Admission: free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Cajon Classic Cruise, weekly classic car show featuring "more than 500 classic, custom, and hot rod cars" celebrates Cinco de Mayo on Wednesday, May 3, 5–8 p.m. on Main Street. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Ranunculus Rainbows! The Flower Fields — boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers — are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 7. Visitors stroll pathways through fields from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. daily. Sweet pea maze, All-American Rose Selection Garden, sand sculpture.

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

"Del Mar: Spanning Time and Place" — exhibit chronicling long-term patterns of human/environment interaction prior to European contact and 20th-Century urbanization in Del Mar area continues through May at Del Mar Library (1309 Camino del Mar). On display: artifacts from dozens of Del Mar Mesa archaeological sites. Free. 858-755-8869. (DEL MAR)

"The Art of Photography Show" features 104 images selected by Arthur Ollman from 9517 entries by artists in 35 countries. Exhibition continues through Sunday, June 4, in Lyceum Theatre Gallery at Horton Plaza. Free. Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily. 858-793-0900. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Art Linkletter Collection" is on view through Friday, September 8, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The "media legend" and SDSU alumnus recently donated his archives to SDSU, including television scripts, scrapbooks, photographs, many more items. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

View Eruptions on the Sun during the day and rings of Saturn at night during Astronomy Day 2006, Saturday, May 6, 1–9 p.m., at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Learn how comets are formed, other secrets of universe in media lab. Free. 760-737-2698. (ESCONDIDO)

Tiki Oasis 6 — The Magic of Tiki, gathering for tiki lovers, May 6 and 7, includes tiki marketplace with over 40 vendors offering wares; live tiki-carving, music. Marketplace opens at 10 a.m. both mornings, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday at Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (2270 Hotel Circle North). Admission is free. Also planned: costume contest, educational tours, parties, concert. 415-335-1624. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Reading

La Perdida



Jessica Abel

By Jessica Abel
Pantheon, 2006; \$19.95; 288 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

From the Harvey and Lulu award-winning creator of *Artbabe* comes this riveting story of a young woman's misadventures in Mexico City. Carla, an American estranged from her Mexican father, heads to Mexico City to "find herself." She crashes with a former fling, Harry, who has been drinking his way through the capital in the great tradition of his heroes, William S. Burroughs and Jack Kerouac. Harry is good-humored about

Carla's reappearance on his doorstep — until he realizes that Carla, who spends her days soaking in the city, exploring Frida Kahlo's house, and learning Spanish, has no intention of leaving.

When Harry and Carla's relationship of mutual tolerance reaches its inevitable end, she rejects his world of Anglo expats for her own set

of friends: pretty-boy Oscar, who sells pot and dreams of being a DJ, and charismatic Memo, a left-wing, pseudo-intellectual ladies' man. Determined to experience the real Mexico, Carla turns a blind eye to her new friends' inconsistencies. But then she catches the eye of a drug don, el Gordo, and from that moment on her life gets a lot more complicated, and she is forced to confront the irreparable consequences of her willful innocence.

Jessica Abel's evocative black-and-white drawings and creative mix of English and Spanish bring Mexico City's past and present to life, unfurling Carla's dark history against the legacies of Burroughs and Kahlo. A story about the youthful desire to live an authentic life and the consequences of trusting easy answers,

La Perdida — at once grounded in the particulars of life in Mexico and resonantly universal — is a story about finding oneself by getting lost.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Starred Review. Carla Olivares, a young Mexican-American woman, goes to Mexico City to try to get in touch with her Mexican side. She's got her own distorted ideas about what that means, and her annoyance with an old boyfriend who's leading his idea of the romantic expatriate life (by hanging out exclusively with other expats) makes her even more nervous about coming off like an outsider. She starts hanging out with a bunch of local lowlifes and blowhards who feed her guilt about being a privileged

"conquistadora." They talk big (about stardom and revolution), but barely scrape by on petty crime, which eventually becomes not so petty, and sucks Carla into a vortex of fear and violence. Abel's published several books of her shorter comics stories, but for her first long-form graphic novel she's developed a new, impressively assured style, built around bold, rough brushstrokes. She's got a telegraphic command of body language — her characters' faces are simplified to the point where their eyes are usually just dots — and the backgrounds nicely evoke the architecture and heat of Mexico City. What really makes the story compelling, though, is Abel's sensitivity to character and dialogue — Carla is the narrator, but she's hardly a heroine, and the way crucial

meanings are lost in translation ratchets up the dramatic tension.

From *Booklist*: Starred review. The comic-strip short stories in Abel's *Mirror*, *Window* (2000) and *Soundtrack* (2001), while compelling and closely observed, sometimes seemed as insubstantial and directionless as their twentysomething slacker protagonists. The book-length *La Perdida*, however, is a major leap forward for her. It follows young half-Latina Carla as she rejects the U.S. and heads for Mexico in a misguided search for her roots and meaning in her life. Moving in with ex-sort-of-boyfriend Harry, who hangs out only with other expats, Carla seeks the authentic Mexico and gets more than she bargained for when she falls in with leftist

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She starts hanging out with a bunch of local lowlifes and blowhards who feed her guilt about being a privileged "conquistadora."

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

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

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)

FOR KIDS

"Mother Holly" presented by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, April 30, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist

Lynn Trimble takes stage for *Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus*, May 3–7.

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

Meet Froggy, Jonathan London and Frank Remkiewicz's character visits story time, Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

The 22nd Annual Children's Book Party hosted by Reading Literacy Learning Inc., Saturday, April 29, 8:30–10:30 a.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Entertainment, refreshments, free books for children. Admission: free. 619-266-4118. (BALBOA PARK)

CSI Family Day — learn how little clues can solve big mysteries; forensic scientists will discuss how they discover and use clues left at crime scenes during San Diego Natural History Museum family day activities, Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Storyteller Marilyn McPhie will entertain younger visitors. Participants receive fingerprinting and DNA kits. Included in

regular museum admission. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Student Shakespeare Festival presented by San Diego Shakespeare Society, Saturday, April 29, beginning at 12:30 p.m. on two stages along El Prado. Students from 22 schools, arts organizations give presentations from the Bard's works, as well as demonstrating dance, vocal and instrumental music, juggling, puppetry, and fencing. Free. 619-583-8525. (BALBOA PARK)

Arts in the Park, specifically Live Oak Park, takes place Sunday, April 30, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Expect 30 arts and craft activities, puppet and magic shows, animal petting zoo, exploration of musical instruments, music in the band shell. Free. Shuttle bus service to and from park beginning at 10:30 from Maie Ellis School, Potter Junior High, Live Oak School. 760-723-7319. (FALLBROOK)

Youth Speaks San Diego, spoken-word and poetry-slammng workshops for teens in grades 9–12, first and third Monday of every month, including May 1, 6 p.m., at Boys and Girls Club (3800 Mykonos Lane). Free. Registration: 858-720-2180 x314. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Tuesdays with Teens and Tweens, Michael Buckley signs and discusses *The Problem Child* (*The Sisters Grimm* #3), Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Obsessive, Vindictive, and Secretive! Author Kathleen Krull discusses and signs *Isaac Newton* (*Giants of Science* #2) —

Newton was also brilliant — Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen

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politico Memo, who calls her a “conquistadora,” and small-time drug dealer and DJ-wannabe Oscar. Naive Carla learns that, while aimlessness and poverty might be temporary for young, white Yankees, it can morph into violent desperation in an impoverished country. Besides developing a more purposeful narrative, Abel has progressed in her artwork. Her line is less careful and more confident, employing strong brushstrokes to capture the characters’ personalities and the Mexican settings. In her previous work, Abel was a talent worth watching. *La Perdida* delivers what the watching was for.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jessica Abel is the author of *Sound-track* and *Mirror, Window*, two collections that gather stories and drawings from her comic book *Art-*

babe, which she published between 1992 and 1999. She also collaborated with Ira Glass on *Radio: An Illustrated Guide*, a nonfiction comic about how the public radio program This American Life is made. Abel won both the Harvey and Lulu awards for Best New Talent in 1997; *La Perdida* won the 2002 Harvey Award for Best New Series. Abel’s young adult novel, *Carmina*, is forthcoming in 2007, and she is currently collaborating on another graphic novel, *Life Sucks*, and a textbook about making comics.

A CONVERSATION WITH JESSICA ABEL:

I phoned Jessica Abel at her apartment in Brooklyn on a rainy morning in early April when the daffodils in her garden were up and budded out, but not quite blooming, and the leaf buds on her currants were just beginning to open. I have absolutely no experience with comics and graphic novels, so I am anxious

to learn what I can of what is, to me, a remarkable new discovery.

JM: I’m an overweight, 50-year-old man who has never touched a comic book in my life. A couple of weeks ago, when your publicist sent *La Perdida*, I’ll admit I was skeptical. Then I opened it and couldn’t put it down until it was finished. Now I’m torturing all of my friends about how we have to learn about graphic novels.

JA: Well, I’m glad to have been instrumental in this.

JM: So, have other people of my ilk had this same experience?

JA: I think, actually, yeah. We had a book-release party and a friend of my father’s came; he’s been a friend of mine since I was a little kid. He came with the freshly purchased copy of the book, and insisted I sign it. Then he called me about three days later with just, you know, amazement in his voice. He said, “I really like it.”

He said, ‘Frankly, I didn’t even expect to open it.’ He was just going to buy it and have me sign it and put it on his shelf, but he happened to open it, and he just got really hooked and really, really liked it and called me, which is a call I don’t usually get — you know, I don’t talk to him on the phone so it was, like, ‘Glen is calling me. Why would that be?’

JM: You’ve opened a whole new world to me. So, I, of course have hit the internet, and I’ve hit the bookstore and I’ve tried to learn as much as I can, as quickly as I can. I picked up a copy of *The Idiot’s Guide to Creating Graphic Novels*, and in it, Max Alan Collins talks about when he went to the premiere of *Road to Perdition*, and he’s walking up the red carpet and a reporter screams out, ‘What’s a graphic novel?’ And off the top of his head he says, ‘It’s a great big comic book.’ But, certainly it’s more than that. How do you answer that question if people ask you?

“He was just going to buy it and have me sign it and put it on his shelf.”

JA: Actually, it’s not a lot more than that. It is a comic book and it’s a term that’s created to make the word ‘comic’ more palatable to the general public. I actually wrote a strip that you’d be interested in called *What Is a Graphic Novel*, which is on artbaum.net. In there I explain that it’s a comic, basically.

And the thing that I say about comics is they have such a bad reputation, but it’s totally historical. I mean, think about the word ‘movie,’ like, what a dumb word is that? You know, ‘movie,’ it moves. It’s totally stupid. We don’t think about the

derivation of the word. Same thing with the word ‘novel.’ Novel means new. I mean, how weird is that? So, I think that basically what we need is for people to get used to the term ‘comics,’ which refers to the art form, as opposed to any specific manifestation of the art form, because the word ‘graphic novel’ isn’t flexible enough.

But my book is a graphic novel in the sense that it’s novel. It’s 250 pages long and it has one long story in it. But I have two other books, which are collections of short stories, that are bound with a spine and people

and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the “Juried Fine Art Exhibit 2006” continues through Saturday, June 3. “This, Our Beloved Valley” exhibit focuses on Sweetwater. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s “Jim Crow” segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — includ-

ing displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an “Industrial Product Collection,” with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886–1915, with “some classics and a concept car.”

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

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, “Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900–1950” features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor’s “house call” implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find

the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

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

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

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call them 'graphic novels' too, because there's no other word for them, unless you want to call them comic books which they are. I mean, you aren't going to call it a 'graphic short story collection' or something.

JM: And when my peers hear the term 'graphic,' they immediately go to the other definition of the word.

JA: Right, right. Which is another reason why I think 'comics' is the way to go in the long run. But you know, because

it still holds so many negative connotations for people, it's a difficult transition to make.

JM: So, this is a question you've probably been asked a lot, and it's one with a potentially long answer, so think about it and if you want to answer it later, go ahead. Let's say you were teaching a class for people like me, who have all of a sudden found something that they're really interested in and love but we have no experience whatsoever, what would be your required reading list for Graphic Novels and Comics 101? Where would you take us and why, to learn about them?

JA: People who were, adults who were out in the world and not college students?

JM: Or we are college students, but we've signed up for a class, to learn about comics and graphic novels because we know nothing, but kind of walk me through — what are the big things I should read to learn more about this, the big comics?

JA: I think that the main thing to start out with is an understanding that the way that I would teach a course would be different than the way somebody else would teach a course, and my list is not the same as everybody else's. And probably what I would do is lean toward literary comics, you know, the kind of comics I make.

JM: Uh huh.

JA: And there is certainly an argument to be made for including a lot of genre work also, because that is a big part of what is in comics. But my list would include *Maus* by Art Spiegelman, which you've probably heard of.

JM: Absolutely, I've got that one right over there on the shelf.

JA: *Maus* has this kind of mainstream crossover appeal, it's been something that people have read, but it also created controversial issues with the use of comics form for something serious. So, it's a good jumping off point in some cases, for a discussion about why comics,

and what can this be as a comic that it couldn't be as a novel or whatever it is.

JM: Sure.

JA: And, you know in concert with that I might have people read Joe Sacco's *Palestine*, which is not a graphic novel, it's journalistic, but is of course, called a graphic novel also. And it's a book that he created in the '90s based on a series of interviews and a couple of months that he lived in the occupied territories.

So, this is a nonfiction current book that deals with some of the same kinds of issues, the sort of fall-out of some of the things that happened for *Maus* and is controversial and also not because of the comics so much, but because it takes a political stance and it provides an in-depth look into the issues as they stood in the '90s.

JM: Sure.

JA: Of Israel and the occupied territories. And, what else would I put on the list? I'd prob-

“It all seems to be centered around this ‘moment.’”

ably put *Ice Haven* by Daniel Clowes, a really wonderful complex book, of overlapping stories that take place in a fictional town called Ice Haven, and again, has references to comic history, it has references to the place that comics take in the world, and it's just a really wonderfully layered piece of literature. Let's see, what else would I put on the list?

My other favorite books from last few years are: *Epileptic* by David Dee and *Black Hole* by Charles Burns. Also, in the non-graphic novel but certainly comics area, meaning that it's a pamphlet-sized book, it's not a bound book with a spine, would

be *Or Else* #2 by Kevin Huizenga, which is a story called *Gloriana*, which is just about the most amazing depiction of consciousness I've ever seen. It's really, really incredible. The whole book goes back and forth in time and changes the timeline; it all seems to be centered around this 'moment'; there's a fold-out page in the middle, which tries to depict the multilayered nature of a moment of awareness.

JM: Wow, is that available generally?

JA: Sure, yeah. It's probably not something you can pick up in your local Barnes and Noble, but you can get it online.

— Jerry Miller

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

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

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, “Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day” features a “now and then”-style view of San Diego. Exhibit “illus-

trates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time.” Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May.

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, “Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing” continues through January 2007, tracing history of modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes

in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

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

The museum is located at 1306

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

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

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

Permanent anthropology ex-

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

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

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

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as “the only one on view in San Diego.” Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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“Tribute to Betty Freeman” by SONOR features pieces by Harrison Birtwistle, Nathan Brock, John Cage, Robert Erickson, and Steve Reich, in formats ranging from solo violin to octet. Concert begins at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

“Paradis d’Amour,” Douce Mémoire plays music and dance from court of Henri IV for San Diego Early Music Society on Friday, April 28. The French musical ensemble joined by Florentine dancers of Il Ballarino at 8 p.m. in

Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$30. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Berlioz’s “Benvenuto Cellini” Overture may be heard, along with pieces by Hayden and Strauss when Jahja Ling leads San Diego Symphony for “Jacobs’ Masterworks” concerts, April 28–30. Soloists include Daniel Lee (cello), Che-Yen Chen (viola). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20–\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Selections from Shostakovich’s ballet suite “The Golden Age,” *Hamlet* film score, and “Symphony No. 9 in E-Flat” may be heard when USD Symphony presents concert, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. Concert repeated on Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

“Epigraph for a Condemned Book,” pianist Sarah Rothenberg plans “evocative presentation of video and live music” to transport audience to turn-of-the-century Paris, interweaving music by Chopin, art by Delacroix, and poetry of Baudelaire. This La Jolla Music Society concert begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$15–\$50. 858-459-3728. (NORTH PARK)

Classical Indian selections promised when Kartik Seshadri performs Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Redlands Symphony Orchestra plays pieces by Tchaikovsky, Bruch, Strauss for Fallbrook Music Society, Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Lane). Conductor’s preview: 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 general, \$10 students. 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

“The Naked Gershwin” presented by Cecil Lytle and Arthur Wagner, Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m., in Faculty Club at UCSD. Lytle plays music, Wagner reads Ira and George’s works. \$40. 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobsen plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The World Premiere of Bruce Broughton’s new brass quintet, “Three American Portraits,” is promised when Westwind Brass presents “New Music for Brass,” Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes “stirring music written in the last five years.” \$15 general. 619-237-7892. (LA JOLLA)

The Palomar Electronic Music Ensemble performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, May 4, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

“Just Dance,” Matthew Garbutt leads San Diego Symphony for “Thursday Night Lite” concert, May 4, 7:30 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15–\$58. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

USD Choral Scholars entertain on Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Third Annual Carlsbad Music Festival convenes soon in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The NOW Ensemble performs Friday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. Calder Quartet takes stage at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6; followed by the Ensemble on Sunday, May 7, 2:30 p.m. Festival pass for all concerts, receptions: \$50; \$20 per concert, \$5 student rush. 760-809-5501. (LA COSTA)

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GALLERIES

“Manny Farber: Recent Paintings” opens with reception on Friday, April 28, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). Exhibit showcases 15 small paintings completed over past three years by the 89-year-old artist. 858-454-3409. Closes Saturday, June 3. (LA JOLLA)

“iThe Flying Carp of Nuno Works!” Home accessories created from hand-printed fabrics opens with reception, Friday, April 28, 5 p.m., at Divan Studio (7661 Girard Avenue). 858-551-0873. Through May. (LA JOLLA)

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)

“International Digital Fine Art Exhibition 2006” opens with reception on Saturday, April 29, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Juror was Brooklyn Museum curator Marilyn Kushner. Show closes Sunday, June 11. Call 619-236-0011 to RSVP for “gala reception.” (BALBOA PARK)

“Dreams and Visions,” annual student art show featuring work in a variety of media opens with reception on Tuesday, May 2, 11 a.m., in MiraCosta College’s Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Closes

Tuesday, May 16. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

The Annual Student Art Exhibition at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street) opens with reception, Thursday, May 4, 6 p.m. Closes Friday, June 9. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

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

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

Both exhibits close on Sunday, July 2. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, “Sam Maloof — Dean of American Furniture Makers” showcases work by this self-taught designer craftsman who makes his living working with his hands. The Maloof rocker, his signature object, is part of the White House collection of American furniture, the first work included by a living artist. Closes Sunday, October 15.

Concurrently, enjoy retrospective exhibition of pottery by Martha Longenecker, a designer craftsperson, educator, founder, and director of Mingei International Museum. San Diego State University hired Longenecker to develop its ceramics program in 1955.

“Symbols of Identity — Jewelry from Five Continents” may be seen through Sunday, October 29. Exhibit is composed of adornments from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with traditional work and contemporary designs included. “Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago” includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

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

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

“Horses — Circling the Globe” includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)



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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 in-

clude important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

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

“Cerca Series: Yvonne Venegas, Tijuana Portraits” opens on Friday, April 28, and continues through Sunday, September 3. Venegas created portraits of artists in upcoming “Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana” exhibit, asking each artist to select location for portrait; resulting pieces record physical and physiological spaces connecting places and their inhabitants.

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 Segal, 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 Briggles. Runs through Sunday, September 3.

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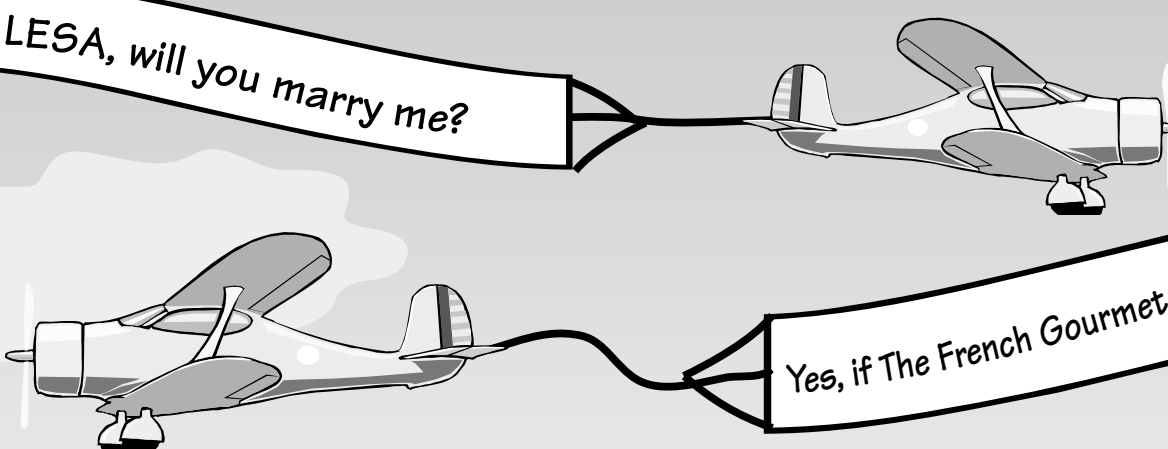
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“Equating oneself with one’s title is a particularly male affliction.”

When Sarah Schorr applies for a secretarial job at the cluttered office of Judge Francis Biddle, she walks into living history. If she didn’t know who he was, she’d think he’s a compulsive name-dropper. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Zora Neale Hurston, Hermann Wilhelm Goering — the names trip off his tongue. But Sarah knows all about the former U.S. Attorney General under FDR and chief American judge of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. So when he tells her a silver letter opener was a gift from Henry James to his mother in 1905, Sarah doesn’t bat an eye.

Now 81, Biddle’s tongue also trips. He can remember events of 50 years past as if watching a movie but couldn’t tell you where he put his coat. He knows he hasn’t long to live, which is why he hired Sarah. Part blunt curmudgeon, part senile, part poet, the judge has been tough on previous secretaries. Little does he know: Sarah can be tough on famous judges.

When she was 11, her father lost his prestigious job to alcohol. In the process, she says, “He lost his identity.”

“Not unusual,” Biddle replies. “Equating oneself with one’s title is a particularly male affliction.”

You can pretty much tell where Joanna Mc-

Clelland Glass’s *Trying* is headed with one eye tied behind your back. The title’s a giveaway. The judge tries cases; she will find him trying (and he, her); and the 25-year-old Canadian woman will tame the judge (symbolized by less and less clutter on his desk). That she becomes pregnant adds a facile death/new-life symbolic arc as well. What you might not anticipate are the moment-to-moment

interchanges in which nothing — and quite a lot — happens.

Most plays illustrate the growth of an identity. You see the making of so-and-so, the courageous feats or tragic falls that come to define a person. In *Trying*, Sarah’s identity is still forming; her life is late in Act One. Judge Biddle’s in his denouement; he fights a losing battle not to develop himself further but, as chunks fade into ether, to retain who he was.

You could say that *Trying* lacks drama in the conventional sense. There’s so little, in fact, the Globe production throws in sound bytes from Great Events. The real drama happens between the lines, as Sarah and the judge team up to “rally” a life that has regressed from the world stage to smaller and smaller rooms — and the judge wondering which will be his last.

Question: most actor training involves making

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Christine Marie Brown, Jonathan McMurtry in *Trying*

Trying, by Joanna McClelland Glass

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Richard Seer; cast: Jonathan McMurtry, Christine Marie Brown; scenic design, Alan E.

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Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Colleen Kollar in *Rehearsal for Murder*

characters cohere, giving them some sort of consistency. But what if yours doesn't? Answer: watch Jonathan McMurtry at the Cassius Carter. Judge Biddle's so arthritic he can barely move (it hurts to watch him drag his left leg, with a metal pin in the ankle, up the stairs). And his mind, which functions "somewhere between lucidity and senility," has become non-linear. It flits about, from the evils of splitting infinitives to historical reminiscences to balancing his checkbook to *Godot*-like repetitions of pet phrases.

McMurtry does some of his finest work in some time as the judge. Biddle is deteriorating in body and mind; each has disturbing lapses from coherence. McMurtry shows how that feels.

Sarah's task with the judge resembles flying a kite without a tail. The character creates a similar problem since Sarah, as

written, is as tip of the iceberg as Biddle. We know so little about her (at one point we learn she's having marital difficulties but Biddle, who must have the last word, stifles more information). The actor playing Sarah would be tempted to make extra-vivid any shard of behavior or revelation. To her credit — and to director Richard Seer's expert stress on understatement and nuance — Christine Marie Brown exercises restraint. She admirably takes just what each moment gives and builds Sarah from way within.

Trying, it turns out, is a memory play about memory loss. In 1967 the playwright — "a green young girl from the Canadian prairie" — went to work for Francis Biddle in his Georgetown office (a room above his two-car garage replicated in detail by Alan E. Muraoka at the Carter). "Occasionally he drove me to

tears," she writes, "but I knew I was witnessing a man of great intelligence doing battle, fiercely, with his mortality."

The best part of Lamb's current offering, *Rehearsal for Murder*, happens before the stilted dialogue begins. Robert Smyth, as a playwright convinced his fiancée was murdered a year ago to the day, sets the stage for a reading of his new mystery. Smyth pushes buttons on a remote lightboard, and the empty stage glooms, dapples, or brightens with theatrical magic. And throughout, Nick Parde's expert lighting rinses the space in various moods, including wispy effects for scenes set in the past.

Great stuff. But as Hamlet says, the play's the thing, and D.D. Brookes's mystery-psychodrama, even with a talented Lamb's cast, lacks interesting characters (each is a type playing a type: the parsimonious producer, the vain romantic lead) and, the unkindest cuts of all, is short on intrigue and suspense.

Rehearsal's about a play within the play to catch the conscience of the culprit. In effect, it's a sting. But it takes all of a long, languidly paced first act to establish a "dunit" — the fiancé didn't "drop" 12 stories by herself; she was nudged — and a long, languidly paced second act to show that the "who" that dunit isn't who you think.

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minimalism of *Our Town*. But the script, originally written for TV (it may have worked better at close-up range), is stencil thin. Its final, surprising twist is a long time coming. ■

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Blue Door

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents the world premiere of Tanya Barfield's drama about a sleepless African-American math prof visited by four generations of ancestors. Leah C. Gardiner directed. JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH MAY 14; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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, 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



My Fair Lady

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 stylistically: 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

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“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.

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Late-Nite Catechism

As part of its “Off Nites at NCRT,” the North Coast Repertory Theatre reprises its hit show, an interactive adult catechism class, taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn’t sound like much. The sister is substituting

(it’s the regular teacher’s poker night, don’t tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. The sister’s authoritarianism takes the class to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when she taps a hard ruler against her palm). The results: an evening of almost non-stop comedy and a thought-coaxing look at religion, education, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 22. (NOTE: LATE-NITE RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM 2. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 858-481-1055.)

Late-Nite Catechism 2

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the sequel to Maripat Donovan’s popular audience-participation show, which claims, “Sometimes we feel guilty because we ARE guilty.”

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, THROUGH MAY 23; RUNNING IN REPERTORY WITH LATE-NITE CATECHISM. 858-481-1055.

My Fair Lady

Cygnnet Theatre celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Lerner and Loewe classic with a pared-down version. The company hasn’t solved all the technical problems of shifting from epic to intimate (slides projected on the rear wall also project on the actors, piped-in music), but the performances are winners, and the production offers inventive twists. Ron Choularton plays Eliza Dolittle’s father, Alfred P., as if to his ill manners born. Sean Cox’s ardent tenor rendition of “On the Street Where



What the Butler Saw

You Live” stops the show. As do Jeanne Reith’s costumes, especially when a transformed Eliza appears before the ball, radiant as a star. Instead of Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn emblazoned across Cinemascope, Sean Murray’s Henry Higgins and Amy Biedel’s Eliza are much more finite and human —

and malleable. Both sing well (and Murray often sings the songs Harrison spoke). In a surprising update, Cygnnet changed the ending. It doesn’t promise the happily-ever-after kind that George Bernard Shaw, on whose *Pygmalion* the musical is based, hated. Let’s just say it suggests that Henry’s and Eliza’s

post-musical lives might be more fulfilling than Shaw’s sterile account, and much more adult. At Cygnnet, *My Fair Lady*’s come a long way, baby! (Due to popular demand, Cygnnet has extended the run of *My Fair Lady*.)

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

National Comedy Theatre

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.

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

Reviewed this issue.

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.

Romance

The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents David Mamet’s contemporary farce about “our screwball struggle to agree on what’s right and wrong with America today.” Sam Woodhouse directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, APRIL 28, THROUGH MAY 21; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SATURDAY, MAY 6) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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“Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept char-

acters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Trying

Reviewed this issue. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH MAY 21; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

What the Butler Saw

The genius, and difficulty, of Joe Orton’s 1969 masterpiece: it’s both farce and literature, a tale of

mayhem in a British psychiatric clinic told with elegant speech. Orton sculpts epigrams the equal of Oscar Wilde. 6th@Penn’s production, however, treats the script as a cipher. Like a rehearsal “run-through,” the breathless cast sprints along as if late for a meal. The language, and some of the funniest jokes in theater, gets lost. This is Joe Orton *dumbed down*. Only Brian Salmon’s Dr. Rance (an Adult Child of a Hitler Youth who attaches labels to reality even as he swirls it into chaos) understands the balance between speech and movement in Orton. Thanks to director Peter Cirino, the show has some knockabout physicality, though the cast pushes too hard and plays too loud for the intimate space. Cut-to-the-chase pacing only serves part of Orton’s “controlled frenzy,” however. It’s a rare thing to say, but the show would improve if the actors relaxed, trusted the lines and their audience’s intelligence, and *added* ten minutes to the running time.

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Too Rude Some Girls — comprising members of the Locust, the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower, and Unbroken — have left lasting

"It was an odd mixture of language barriers, baditudes, and confusion. Apparently, Wes and myself were labeled sexist for Wes's actions. We were told how we're not welcome there and to get our shit out of the venue...it was only spit. At this point, we're hustling to get our stuff out and are hassled in multiple

sightseeing was a bust.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't locate the Eiffel Tower, even though it's the largest monument in the frickin' city," says Pearson. "The plot to see the damn thing is lost in a confused drive that consisted of an irritated driver, drunken passengers peeing out the window and yelling 'Kermit' at the locals, and throwing bottles of beer at rude Frenchmen."

— Jay Allen Sanford

See You at the Office

Twenty-five years after he opened it, George Scolari is selling his "office" on 30th Street. The new owner, Daniel Sobarnia, will shorten the Scolari's Office name to the Office. Sobarnia did not comment about his plans.

Across the street, construction of 200 new condos will be completed soon. A salesperson for the La Boheme development says they're selling about ten units a week (for up to \$540,000 each). New tenants will move in by September.

Scolari's tends to serve older retirees in the day and a much younger crowd at night. Live bands started on weekends five years ago. As

one of the few venues in town that doesn't charge a cover, patrons and musicians are wondering if the place will change much.

"When we moved here [a year ago, from Las Vegas], that was one bar my friends told me to play in San Diego,"



SMOKE BREAK OUTSIDE SCOLARI'S

says Jackson Milgaten of the Vision of a Dying World. "I like it that the stage is small, and it's dimly lit." Because there is no cover, bands are paid from the bar receipts.

Donny, who books most of the bands at Scolari's, says, "We don't know what's up, but as far I know, everything will be the same." The business is expected to change hands within 30 to 40 days.

— Ken Leighton

No Doctors in the House

Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors recently ended their seven-year-long Thursday-night residency at Cardiff's Kraken. On April 13, Moore and club owner Doug Aldred had a disagreement.

According to one attendee, "[Aldred] approached the stage and was yelling at Jeff to turn it down, [saying], 'Why don't you play some nice quiet music for all the nice people?' It was not that loud.... Jeff gave Doug the stink-eye, staring him down.... Doug mumbled something to Jeff, and Jeff announced, 'Fuck it, see if you can keep the crowd without a fucking band!'"

"He was laying into me with criticism after criticism," Moore alleges of the 62-year-old club owner. "About the volume, about our breaks, what songs we were playing, just a checklist of gripes for six or eight minutes.... So we tore down our gear and walked out, and most of his customers went with us."

"They were playing too loud, and it's a small club," says Aldred (who opened the Cardiff venue in May 1976). "Sometimes they listen, sometimes they don't." He confirms that the

Witchdoctors are off Thursday's bill but added, "I think they'll still play here



JEFF MOORE FLIES FROM KRAKEN

weekends sometimes."

"I don't foresee kissing and making up," says Moore.

— Jay Allen Sanford

When Dolls Don't Charm

The Dresden Dolls opened for Nine Inch Nails at Soma last May. Two years ago, the Dresden Dolls co-headlined a New Year's Eve show at 4th & B. Some people say the band shouldn't have played their sold-out April 18 show at Mira Mesa's Epicentre.

"I couldn't see the singer," says a fan. "I could see the drummer because he was on a riser. But because the stage was so low, only the first two rows could see the singer. But you can't raise the stage

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impressions in Europe.

"One young lady [in Vienna] who had been acting like a moron for most of the set managed to make her way up to the stage and put her hand on Wes [Eisbold]'s face as he was singing," says bassist Justin Pearson. "It's a goofy move, as well as irritating. Wes spat at her without hesitation...."



SOME GIRLS JUST WANNA RAISE HELL

languages by other women who were not even part of the event."

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because of that big cross-beam over the stage. Even if they had a higher stage, the singer would be looking at that cross-beam because it hangs too low."

A Dresden Dolls tour staffer concedes that the all-age venue is not meant for national acts.

"It's a flat-out strange room," says the tour insider. "This [ten-date] tour was booked strictly with smaller, under-age venues in mind.... I don't think I really love [the Epicentre]. But we will continue to bring younger, developing bands there."

As to whether the venue



DRESDEN DOLLS, IN FRONT OF THE CROSS-BEAM

attracted a young audience that night, the unhappy fan says one-fourth of the crowd at the show was under 21 and "one-quarter of the people were normal-looking people over 35. One quarter were gay men, and one-quarter was nerdy college kids. The night was all about gay German cabaret. It reminded me of Dieter from *Saturday Night Live*. 'Want to touch my

monkey?'"

Epicentre's music director Jim Diaz had no comment.

The Dresden Dolls will return to San Diego later this year to open for Panic at the Disco. The venue for that show has not been announced.

— Ken Leighton

Pack Up the Blue Suede Shoes

A couple years ago, New York billionaire Bob Sillerman paid \$114 million for an 85 percent stake in Elvis Presley Enterprises. Recently, in advance of a planned Elvis Presley Las Vegas cabaret act, Sillerman is putting all the King's lookalikes on notice.

"If we were going to do a show that was based on Elvis impersonators, then obviously it wouldn't make sense to have unauthorized Elvis impersonators," he told the *New York Times*.

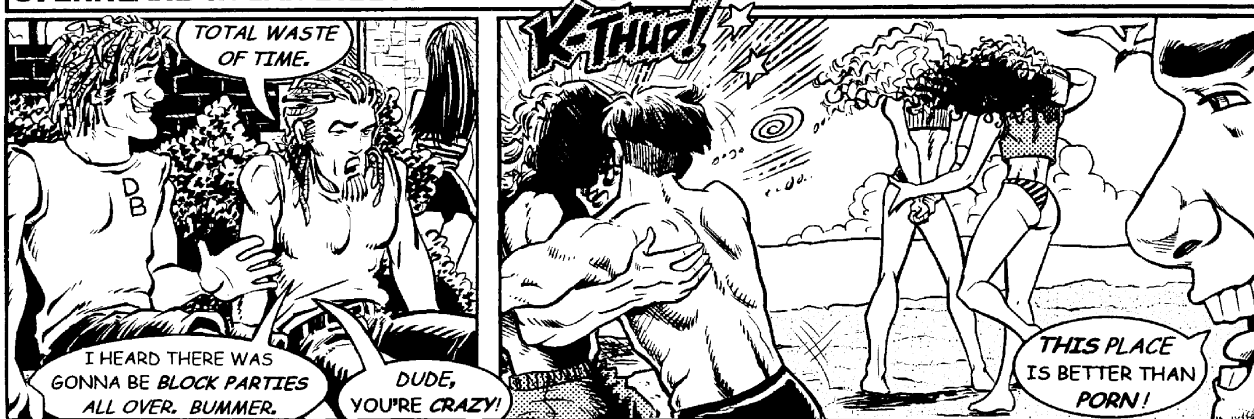
Sillerman wants to charge faux Elvi 25 percent of the performer's fee, and that's if he allows anyone to wear the jumpsuit and sideburns at all (he's undecided). Around a half-dozen local impersonators would be affected.

"It's crazy. You can't claim a public icon as your own," says Skip Banks, whose comedic Elvis act earns him \$300 to \$2400 per performance. Asked how much he'd be willing to pay in licensing fees, Banks (who did his Elvis shtick on George Lopez's TV show) says, "I'll give them five extra squares of toilet paper."

Steven Gabriel, who impersonates "the skinny Elvis," says, "[Sillerman] should be paying us.... We're like the promotion and marketing guys at a record company, spreading awareness and keeping a performer's name out there. [Elvis] impersonators kept the fire going all these years; we're the reason the rights are

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worth hundreds of millions of dollars.... We're walking, hip-wiggling billboards for his baby, and he should reward us, not put us out of business."



ELVIS, IS THAT YOU?

In 2000, Sillerman sold his SFX talent agency for around \$4 billion to radio conglomerate Clear Channel. On April 11, he paid \$50 million for 80 percent of the rights to Muhammad Ali's name and likeness.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Muscle to Back the Rap

Muay Thai boxer Charles Williams isn't the only pro athlete to try to make it in hip-hop.

"Roy Jones Jr. was a great boxer who came out with an album," says Williams. "It wasn't that good.... [Deion Sanders] also came out with

an album. But he should stick to what he does best. They try to rap just because they can."

Billed as Joint Response, Williams and partner DJ Shag have performed at Brick by Brick, Tio Leo's, and Buster Daly's. The duo has released a 16-song CD and a three-song 12-inch disc.

"It's on colored vinyl," says Williams. "It's orange with red streaks. When you have live shows, it's good to have wax.... Financially, I wasn't able to get a lot of copies made," so Joint Response is out of CDs and records.

Williams, who lives in Santee, was raised in Southeast San Diego.

"I have been training since I was 13. I got into [martial arts] because of Bruce Lee movies."

Does the kickboxing ever hinder his music-making?

"Only if I get beat up real bad and have to do a show the next day.... The worst I had was a black eye and bruises.... I've seen people get knocked out where they had to be carried out on stretchers. I saw guys going into seizures."

He says muay Thai is an art form, unlike ultimate fighting. "...where anything goes.... A lot of people just call [muay Thai] kickboxing.

You use your shins, knees, elbows, and hands." His last paid fight was April 1 in Denver. "That was my K-1 debut. The K-1 organization is the highest level of muay Thai."

Williams, born in 1974 (the same year "Kung Fu Fighting" was a number-one hit), says he hasn't written any kickboxing tunes. "I'd like to connect the two, but I don't want it to be corny. I



WILLIAMS: RAISED ON RAP AND BRUCE LEE

would rather come out as an MC and have people say, 'Oh, he's a kickboxer too.'"

— Ken Leighton

Man Down After a year booking events at the Boulevard in San Marcos, Mike Beard of Man Down Productions says, "I am moving my shows to a new

place in San Marcos, the Longshots Saloon." In an e-mail announcing the switch, Beard said, "I am not unhappy or mad or angry or on dope...you will hear Mike Beard is an asshole, gay, fucks the bands over, cheap, a tweaker, fucked up, in jail, quit, etc. If you have hear [sic] anything please call me anytime 24/7." The e-mail goes on to state, "I am not normal and I am crazy.... I got fucked by the venue and [an] agent on the Exodus show."

Reached by phone, Beard said, "What happens to good promoters is that you build a place up by bringing in national bands.... All of a sudden they want to cut you out. That's kinda what happened [at the Boulevard].... They make all this money at the bar and then they don't need you anymore because they think they got the contacts."

Man Down Productions' first Longshots event is tomorrow, April 28, with the Living Things, Shooters, and the Spots.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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TIGERSHARKS

"There are three types of people in this world: sharks, guppies, and shark bait. Sharks are the doers; they act instinctually and without fear. Guppies are the majority; they lack certain qualities necessary to explore deeper waters and are regularly feasted on by sharks. Shark bait tend to be young and female, and even the mightiest shark must realize that, while tempting, shark bait can actually be quite dangerous. We chose to name ourselves after the most stylish shark in the sea: the homey wearing the stripes." — Travis Hunter, guitar/vocals. Tigersharks perform April 29 at the 67 in Lakeside.

VIII FRAUD

"Our band name was taken directly from the pages of Dante's *Inferno*. Our songs are about people in the different levels of Dante's conception of hell. We're completely secular — I'm not even sure if any of us really believe in hell, or gods for that matter, but humans make an interesting study, and humans live to fuck things up. According to Dante, the eighth level of hell is for the fraudulent, the liars, the panderers, and the false flatterers. I think that covers nearly the entire human race." — Jen Otis, vocals. VIII Fraud performs April 30 at the Ché Café.

THE BUZZKILL ROMANTICS

"In my last band, I started to gain a reputation for anti-enthusiasm, eventually acquiring the nickname Shruggs Buzzkill. But that's pretty bland on its own, eh? Everything I write is about the downside of love, the exultation of passion, and the conflict between reason and emotion. Hence Romantics, [although] more Edgar Allan Poe than Valentine's Day." — Jason Hee, guitar/vocals. The Buzzkill Romantics perform April 30 at the Casbah.

ZONE 4

"Our first guitar player was an architect, and he noticed most of the buildings he drew up around here need to have a certain rating to be able to stand up to an earthquake. Seismic zones are labeled one through four, with the numbers representing increasing risks and magnitude of damage likely to occur due to earthquakes in those zones. Here in San Diego, buildings have to be rated to withstand a 'zone 4'—type quake." — Jim Popeney, guitar/vocals.

WHISKEY TANGO

"Our name is a code that police use to describe white trash. Example: 'We got a 4:20 whiskey tango on the corner of Bixby and Fourth.' Translation: We got some dope-smoking white trash...it also means to do the drunken stumble. When you have a lot to drink and begin to stumble around, you are doing the Whiskey Tango." — Phil Bensimon, bass/vocals. Whiskey Tango performs April 29 at O'Connells.

THE COYOTE PROBLEM

"When we moved into this neighborhood, one of the first things our neighbors told us was, 'We have a coyote problem.' I love listening to the coyotes howl almost every night. It's a beautiful, ancient sound. They're magnificent animals, really, just trying to survive like the rest of us. Coyotes ply the netherworld between the city and the country. They're the ultimate suburbanites. They've been hunting these hills for 100,000 years. We've been here for two hundred. Maybe I should have called our band the Human Problem." — Peter Bolland, guitar/vocals. The Coyote Problem perform April 29 and 30 at Artwalk in Little Italy.

EVE WHITE EVE BLACK

"We chose the name of a Siouxsie and the Banshees song that our singer Amy and I love. It's an aggressive and loud song that captures you with its insane howling by Miss Siouxsie. The title is also a reference to psychosis and the multiple personalities of a woman who is schizophrenic in *The Three Faces of Eve*" (the book and film). — Neva Chiva, bass. Eve White Eve Black performs April 29 at Chasers.



The Buzzkill Romantics

THE PLOT TO BLOW UP THE EIFFEL TOWER

"We're a gang of Jews and homosexuals [who] draw our main inspiration from the rioting queers at Stonewall, babies throwing temper tantrums, the Hell's Angels at Altamont, and really ugly, greasy sex noises...we're proud of that piss waterfall that got us banned in Baltimore. So we took the [band] name from a book by rock critic Greil Marcus called *Lipstick Traces*, because we figured he might write about us if we plagiarized him." — Brandon Welchez, vocals/saxophone. The Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower performs May 4 at the Live Wire.

BORBORYGMUS

"[It means] bowel sounds, the gurgling, rumbling, or growling noise from the abdomen caused by the muscular contractions of peristalsis, the process that moves the contents of the stomach and intestines downward. The group has been rumbling around the San Diego area since 2000. The sounds they make are the perfectly normal gurgles and growls from the belly of the musical underground." — Marcos Fernandes, percussionist/improvisation. Borborygmus performs May 4 at the Honey Bee Hive.

ABIGAIL'S ATTIC

"Our first bass player grabbed a dictionary, and I did too. We started at A. She came up with Abigail, and I came up with Attic. An 'Abigail' turns out to mean 'a woman's servant' — weird shit. At every show someone yells out, 'Who's Abigail?' and

we show them our mascot doll. She always sits on the bass drum. Abigail is a cutie pie who aspires to front her own all-mascot band someday." — Val Easterbrook, guitar/vocals. Abigail's Attic performs May 5 at Cat Daddy's Sports Bar.

MIDDLE-EARTH ENSEMBLE

"Besides being an obvious rip-off of Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, the name also describes the style of music we play. Looking at Earth from space, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Europe all come together in the Mediterranean, literally meaning the 'Middle Earth.' A lot of our music is derived from the Middle East. Also, Led Zeppelin had an influence on us. They had a lot of Middle Eastern elements in their music, as well as many lyrical references to Tolkien...we do instrumental covers of a few Zeppelin tunes." — Frank Lazzaro, drummer. Middle-Earth Ensemble performs the third Thursday of every month at Claire de Lune.

BLOODBAT

"It started as a Kinko's error. We originally called ourselves Bloodbath, but the first time we had show flyers printed up, they cut [the flyers] at the wrong size and cut off the *H*. We went ahead and got a refund from Kinko's, but we kept the name Bloodbat because we're goth, so blood and bats make sense. All our [song and album] titles now play on existing titles...our Christmas album was *I Saw Mommy Ripped by Satan's Claws*." — Jose Torres, guitar.



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B-SIDE PLAYERS

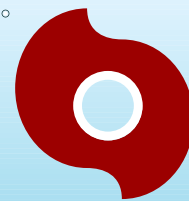
"San Diego is an odd place to grow up if you are Chicano...in my personal opinion, Chicano culture in San Diego is considered a novelty. It has been designated simply to a park in National City and similar areas where you can't deny the overwhelming presence of the people who live there. These are the barrios of San Diego. They were designed to keep a culture and a race of people segregated from the rest of America; glass menageries to keep novelties like Mexican culture in. There are other cultures in similar situations here, to be sure, but Mexico is in our blood, so this is who we represent. We are the Brown Side Players, and we are taking the culture out of glass cases and displaying it to the rest of the world." — Russell Gonzales, saxophone. The B-Side Players perform May 5 at the House of Blues.

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Bill Magee Blues Band
7P-12A
BLUES

OASIS LOUNGE

12

Hello Cleveland
7P-12A
TOP 40

Heatwave
8P-1A
TOP 40/DANCE

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8P-12A
CLASSIC ROCK

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Laguna
7P-11P
CLASSIC ROCK/TOP 40

OASIS LOUNGE

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Lil' Elmo & The Cosmos
7P-12A
CLASSIC ROCK

Boytown Band
8P-1A
TOP 40/DANCE

OASIS LOUNGE

20

Bill Magee Blues Band
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BLUES

Lil' Elmo & The Cosmos
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LATIN/JAZZ

OASIS LOUNGE

25

CLINT BLACK
8P, Open Sky Theater

Nitro Express
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TOP 40/COUNTRY

OASIS LOUNGE

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Hello Cleveland
7P-12A
TOP 40

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TOP 40/ALTERNATIVE

OASIS LOUNGE

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LATIN/JAZZ

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FRIDAY

Taj Mahal /941/: House of Blues, Friday, April 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Avenged Sevenfold /561/: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Case: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Wiggles: Cox Arena, Friday, April 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Jaguaires /301/: Pala Events Center, Saturday, April 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Cheap Trick: Rincon Casino, Saturday, April 29, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399.

Don Carlos: House of Blues, Saturday, April 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

David Wilcox /824/: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, April 30, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

TUESDAY

The John Butler Trio: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Drive-By Truckers /533/: 'Canes, Tuesday, May 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

WEDNESDAY

Aterciopelados: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MAY

Joe Satriani: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

R. Kelly: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, May 5, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Your Show 7" with Bo Bice, Lifehouse, Chris Brown, and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 5, 5 p.m. 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Wishbone Ash /110/: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, May 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Forbert /885/: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, May 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Devildriver: House of Blues, Monday, May 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Fall: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Boyz II Men /620/: 4th & B, Thursday, May 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

KT Tunstall: House of Blues, Thursday, May 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tony Orlando: Rincon Casino, Thursday, May 11, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399 or 619-220-8497.

Guttermouth /129/: 'Canes, Friday, May 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Brad Paisley /781/: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Juvenile and **Bubba Sparxxx:** House of Blues, Friday, May 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Lee Roy Parnell: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

John Tesh /623/: House of Blues, Sunday, May 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The New Cars and **Blondie** /580/: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, May 16, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The Panic Channel: 'Canes, Tuesday, May 16, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Jamie Cullum: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Lynyrd Skynyrd /574/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, May 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

(hed) pe /288/: 'Canes, Thursday, May 18, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Charlie Musselwhite: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Kelly Joe Phelps /960/: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 19, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

B.B. King: Rincon Casino, Saturday, May 20, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 866-468-3399 or 619-220-8497.

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Ministry [572]: House of Blues, Sunday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

W.A.S.P. [588]: 'Canes, Sunday, May 21, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt & the North Mississippi Allstars: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, May 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The New Cars and Blondie [580]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, May 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

War [589]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

T.I.: 4th & B, Thursday, May 25, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

P.O.D.: House of Blues, Thursday, May 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263] and **Bob Schneider** [252]: House of Blues, Friday, May 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 27, 2050

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Robert Earl Keen [785]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, May 31, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Bo Diddley [938]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Slayer [405]: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, June 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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Ashlee Simpson: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June

8, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Charlatans UK: House of Blues, Thursday, June 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Slaid Cleaves: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 9, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

O.A.R.: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, June 10, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Seether: House of Blues, Saturday, June 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Gregory Isaacs [751]: 4th & B, Sunday, June 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago and Huey Lewis & the News [573]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Sunday, June 11, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Calexico: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Smash Mouth: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Bo Bice: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Leon Russell [951]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [576]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Walkmen: House of Blues, Friday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Mulvey: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, June 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Martina McBride [779]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, June 17, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Crowes [523]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Martina McBride [779]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 18, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney [784]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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The Beach Boys
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Hootie & The Blowfish
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Bruce Hornsby
Friday, July 21 • 7:30

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Terri Clark
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Celtic Woman
Friday, July 28 • 8:00

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**Dennis DeYoung:
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Friday, August 18 • 7:30

Dave Brubeck Quartet
Sunday, August 20 • 7:30

Michael Franks
with special guests **Willie & Lobo**
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Etta James
Tuesday, August 22 • 7:30

**Big Head Todd
& The Monsters/
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Wednesday, August 23 • 7:00

**Air Supply/
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
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Gordon Lightfoot
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Steve Tyrell
Thursday, September 14 • 7:30

Tower of Power
Friday, September 15 • 8:00

George Carlin
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**Brian Culbertson/
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Neko Case [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Tracy Lawrence [782]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 21, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

INXS: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, 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.

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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.

Rosie Flores [786]: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, June

23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Indigenous: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, June 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Donna Summer [625]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, June 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

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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.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I listened to **Andrea Echeverri's** eponymous debut CD for a solid month before I learned what it was about. Having minimal Spanish-speaking skills, I had no clear idea what she was singing. Based on the music alone, her disc spent a long time in my CD changer. Echeverri rides a folksy undercurrent with persistent melodies on a sexy groove, intimate, something like post-coital pillow talk. There is a fine blend of club layering and of the earthy folkloric rhythms indigenous to her native Colombian culture. No one has balanced the traditional with pop music nearly so well, I think, since Los Lobos. But it took a translation to point out that half of the songs on the CD are about giving birth to her daughter ("Lactochampeta" — it's about breast feed-

ing) or songs from the bed she shares with her husband, a historian named Manolo Jaramillo.

What did I expect? Airheaded "dear diary" stuff about girl meets boy, I suppose, suspended in a gelatinous ooze of drum beats and song hooks delivered by a hoochie wrapped in spandex with much cleavage, big hair, and a big rump to match. Conclusions based on the current spate of Latina pop superstars.

As far as image goes, Echeverri is a 39-year-old hippie from Colombia. She made her name as one-half of the Latin Grammy Award-winning, punk-infused trip-hop duo **Aterciopelados**. In that setting, her look is somewhat androgynous, and her voice is one of angry defiance. She is a rocker. She's been called rebellious, and Aterciopelados (translation: the velvety ones) has a large international following. Otherwise, her solo work couldn't be more different. Motherhood



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Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, July 1, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: 'Canes, Sunday, July 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Fairport Convention: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, July 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

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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.

Pearl Jam and Sonic Youth: Cox Arena, Friday, July 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497.

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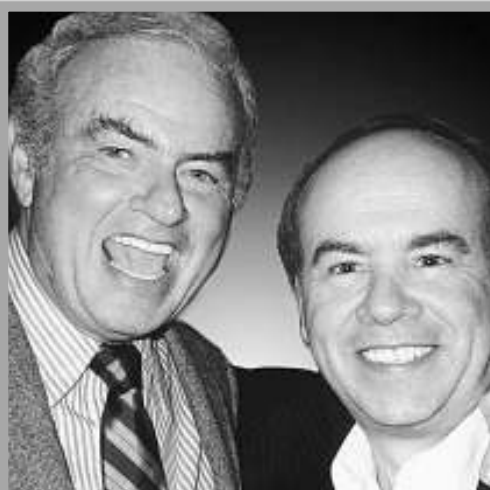
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Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Roy Book Binder [967]: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, July 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys [569]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Hootie & the Blowfish [624]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [621]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 21,

2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Robin Trower [590]: 4th & B, Monday, July 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Steely Dan [591]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Monday, July 24, downtown San Diego waterfront, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, July 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday,

July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 28, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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

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Foreigner [612]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Newman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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], Sinead 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.

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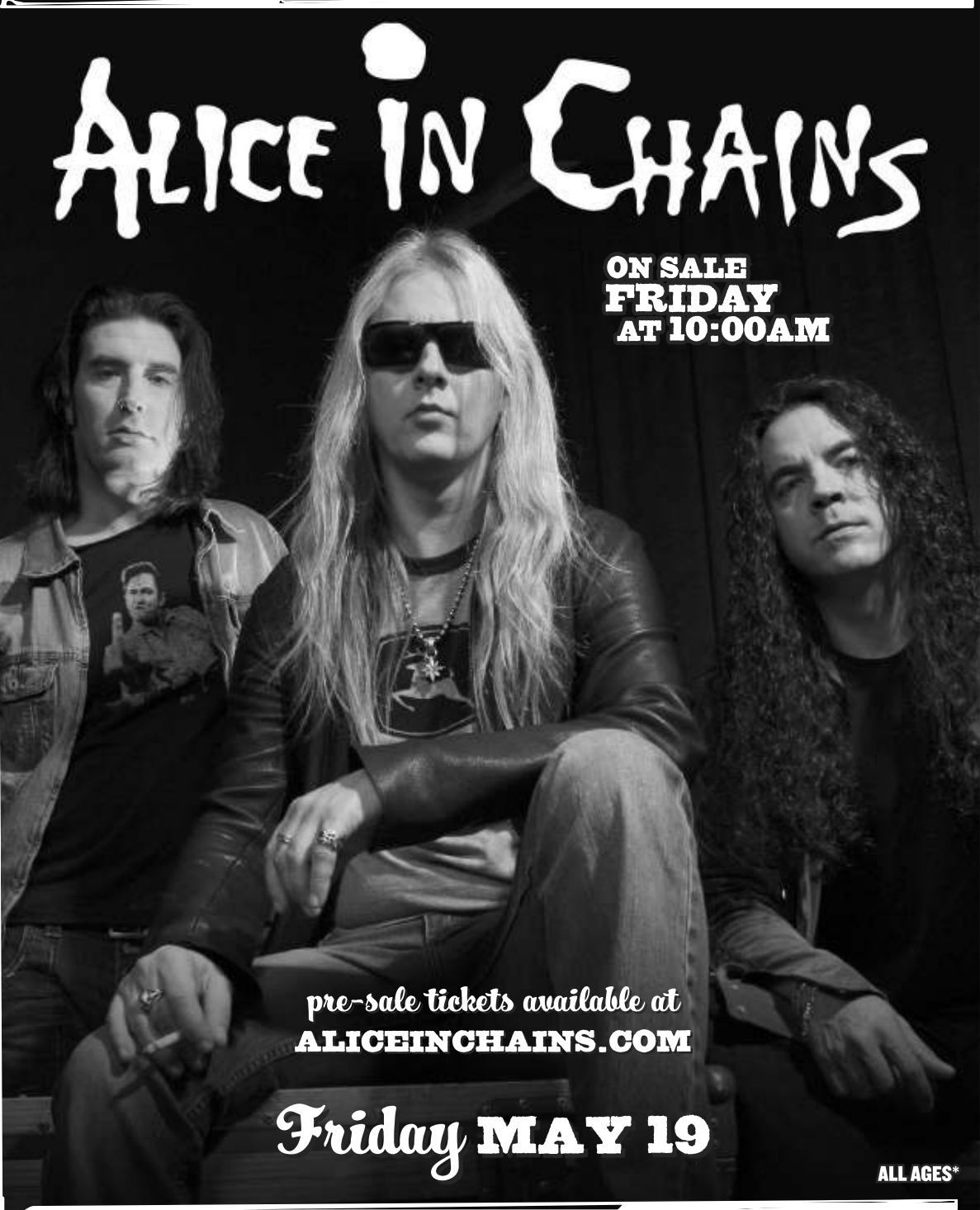
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The Donkeys: Ché Café

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The Duotones: The Calypso Cafe

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

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The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Evil Dead: Longshot Saloon

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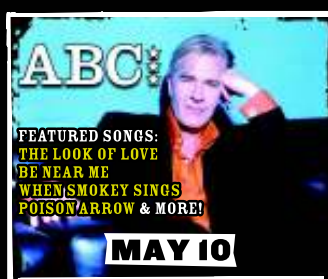
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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Trashy teen-pop sex symbols may get all the media attention, and Generation X and Y acts may get all the TV commercial song-licensing deals, but the real action in the music business these days is with the under-12 set. Currently tearing up the charts are the nine-plus volumes of *Kidz Bop*, a series of CDs featuring untrained grade-schoolers singing along with the chorus of today's Top 40 hits. (Why, you might ask, does anyone need a CD like this? But it is not for you to reason why.) Those veteran oddballs of Devo skipped the middleman by creating their own kid group, Devo 2.0, for all those who desire to hear "Jerkin' Back 'n' Forth" and "Uncontrollable Urge" sung

by a preteen. (So far, no "Mongoloid" or "Jocko Homo.") With some help from Disney, the new band's album is selling remarkably well.

Where the audience is even younger, the market is even better. The preschool crowd's favorite band, the **Wiggles**, are listed as the highest-earning entertainers in their native Australia for the year 2004, ahead of Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe, and AC/DC. With their television shows, DVD sales, concert tours, spinoff projects, and abundant merchandise, the Wiggles are well on their way to achieving similar ranking in the United States.

The Wiggles rose from the ashes of a pub-rock band called the Cockroaches, who did pretty well at home but never had a chance over here. So, struggling young rock musicians, let this be a lesson to you: If you



WIGGLES

can do without the drugs and groupies, the best audiences in the world are waiting for you. Just remember, they need to be home in bed by 8 p.m. at the latest.

WIGGLES, Cox Arena, Friday, April 28, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. 619-594-0429 or 619-220-8497. \$17 to \$32.

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

The Mardi Gras Gypsies: Coyote Bar and Grill

Gregory Michael: Bully's

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Nite Life [934]: Pal Joey's

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band [971]: Patrick's II

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Coyote Bar and Grill

S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno

The San Diego Blues Trio: The Aero Club

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

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Taj Mahal [941]: House of Blues

Joe Louis Walker [953]: Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub & Grille

Caballero's Latin Jam: Chicano Perk Cafe y Cultura

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Don Carlos: House of Blues

Crash Carter [991]: The Calypso Cafe

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Los Ingratooz: Over the Border

Gary Louris: Belly Up Tavern

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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 Walkrawler, 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

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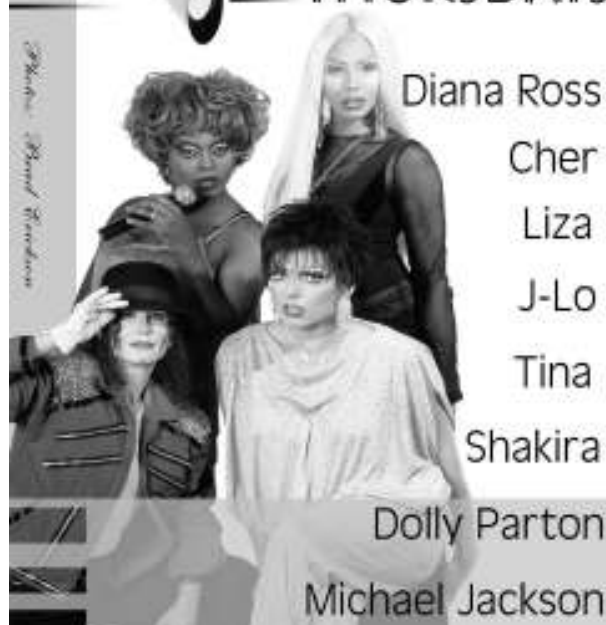
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Hot Wax: Thursdays, funk, classic hip-hop, and '80s dance hosted by Mr. Riddles and guests. No cover. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

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. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m.

Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Sonic Circus: Third Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spin electrohouse and breakbeat, Clay Elliot on live horns, circus feats by local performers. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

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., *Devendra Barnhart* and *Giant Drag*, folk/alternative. Friday, *Jackie Greene*, *Tim Bluhm*, and *Gregory Page*, acoustic. Saturday, *the Long Beach Short Buss*, *Skanic*, and *Dumbluck*, alternative. Sunday, *the Count Basie Orchestra*, jazz. Tuesday, *the Scion Road Trip*, *the Rhythm Roots Allstars*, *Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels*, rock/reggae. Wednesday, *Mark Olson* and *Gary Louris*.

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., *Ed Kornhauser*, folk.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Maddox Revolution*, rock/jazz/funk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Heather Baker*, folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Patty Hall*, folk/funk/blues. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, folk.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Thursday, *Guerilla Transammo*, rock. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*, rock. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *the Duotones*, surf sounds. Monday, *John Scott & the Magnificents*, jazz. Tuesday, *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, live rock/pop/jazz.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len*

Rainey & the Midnight Players; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Dan Connor*, folk rock; 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Mardi Gras Gypsies*, blues; 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Jerry McCann*, solo, reggae/R&B; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, DJ event, rock. Saturday, *Leo Rising*, rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, live blues. Friday, 9 p.m., *Custard Pie*, classic rock. Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Paige Aufhammer*, folk, and *Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice*, Latin pop.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *the Living Things, the Shooters, Daredevil Jane*, and *the Spots*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *the Smut Peddlers, the Hitchhikers*, and *Evil Dead*, rock. Sunday, *the LeperKhanz*.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland band. Friday and Saturday, live rock/acoustic/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Moods*. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Mother Funk*, rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the CREDIT Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Blind Date*, classic rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Big Sound*, rock. Saturday, three live bands, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, pub rock. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Brehon Law*, acoustic pop.

Universal Temple of Higher Consciousness, 16512 Old Guejita Grade Road, Escondido. 760-749-9749. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Scott Huckabay*, guitar.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido.

760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *West of 5*, classic rock.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Char Star, the Experiments, Stuntdoubler*, and *Worth Every Scar*, rock. Friday, *Murdock* and *Zero2None*, rock. Saturday, *the Stone Senses*, reggae, and *Agave with Zen Robi*, rock. Sunday, *Satta*, reggae. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

Bully's, 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gregory Michael*, Motown blues/funk.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *FM Revolver, Gecko, Johnny Different*, and *Unbeknown*. Friday, *Irie Side, HB Surround Sound*, and *the Stone Senses*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., dance party. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Drive-By Truckers* and *Son Volt*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *One Drop, Elephants in Mud*, and *High Tide*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Mecca Normal, the Donkeys, La Guerre des Mitaines*, punk rock.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Custard Pie* and *Pickford's Party*, rock/funk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Full Day Affair*, original rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Ryan Montana, Ripple Groove, the Buzzbombs*, and *the Big Fellas*. Friday, *Those Dang Robinsons, Audio Antics, Mpire Da Regiment, J. Downs, Rembrandt*, and *DJ Artistic*. Saturday, *Too Loose* and *Futyle*. Wednesday, live bands.

Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, *Ritmo Tropical*, Latin jazz.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant & Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Thursday, 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Split Finger*, rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: 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.

Old Venice Cafe, 2910 Canon Street, Point Loma. 619-222-5888. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Nena Anderson* and *James Forston*, blues/jazz/rockabilly.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *P. Trac Armenta, Gil Barron, James East*, and *Israel Maldonado*, Latin/smooth jazz/soul/pop. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nick Fiore, John Giulino, Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the David Borgo Trio*, jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, 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, call club for information. Friday, *420 Blackbirdz*, rock. Saturday, *the Fremonts*, 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.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Super Unleaded*. Friday, *Delta Nova*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Hammer Smith Band*, 9 p.m., *Plump* and *the C.H.I. Club*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday and Wednesday, call club for information.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *R.W. Hampton*, country. Friday, *Peter Case*, folk. Saturday, *David Wilcox*, acoustic folk.

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. Call club for information.

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.

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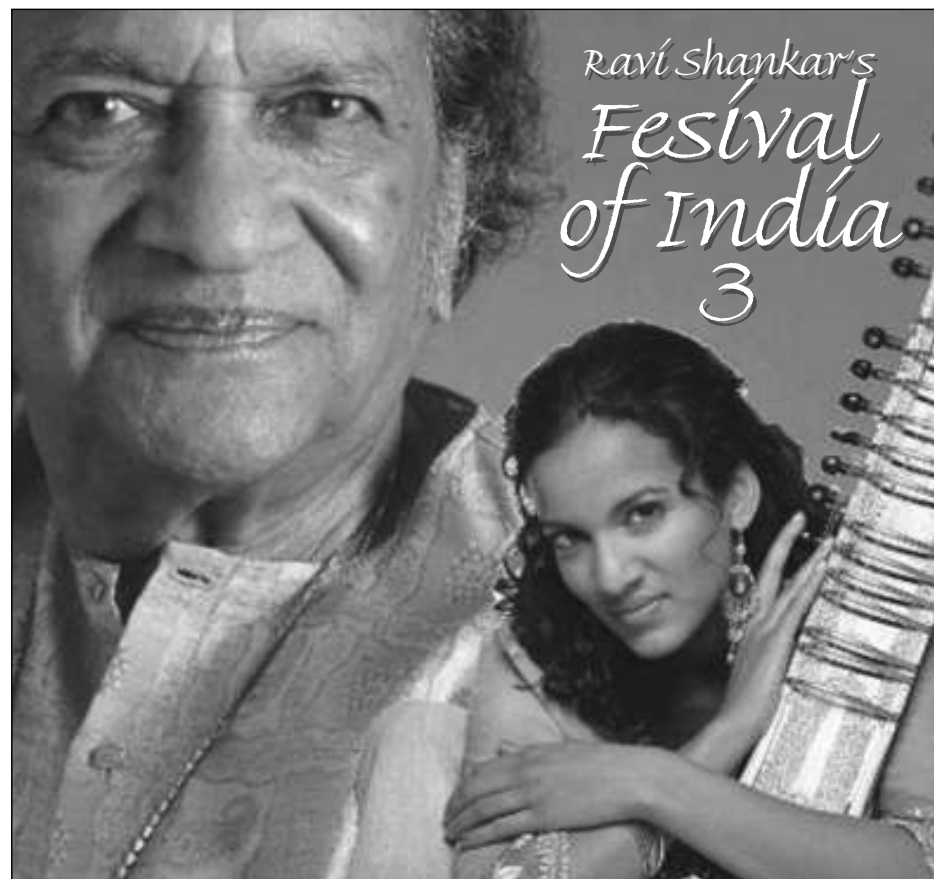
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Band: Randy Phillips, vocals; Peter Sprague, guitar, keyboard; Justin Grinnell, bass; Bob Magnusson, bass; Kevin Hennessy, bass; Gabe Witcher, fiddle, vocals; Steven "Hoops" Snyder, organ; Duncan Moor, drums; Tommy Aros, percussion; Tripp Sprague, flute; Terri Carpenter, piano

There are a couple of totally forgettable songs on this album. "Change of Heart," "Sanctuary," and "Around the Bend" are guitar, drums,

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Here's the thing with this album: Randy's a little folksy; she's horses, billowy dresses, and fields of poppies, which is cool if you dig it. But her band far outstrips the folk genre. The songs — the not completely boring songs — are backed by music that's complex and jazzy. Her band is "Come Fly with Me," a little "Girl from Ipanema," and "You Give Me Fever," while Randy's sound is a little more "Lesbian Seagull."

Peter Sprague's guitar work is top notch. I kept want-



Randy Phillips

ing to turn the vocals off so I could hear the band play, but I couldn't do that so I went to the record store and bought *Autumn Leaves* by Barney Kessel. Yes, Peter's guitar is that good.

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Diving for Pearls

Red Pearl Kitchen made a splash in Huntington Beach. Now it's testing the waters of San Diego, and if the nearly full houses are any indication, it's getting on swimmingly.

Enter the restaurant from the mezzanine and you can look down on the action. Half of the dining room's walls are brick with horizontal racing stripes in shiny metallic glaze; the other half are drywalled and painted bright red; the floor is made of glittery dark pebbles set in poured epoxy. The open ceiling is painted black, pipes and ducts fashionably on display, hung with large red Japanese-style lampshades. Smaller pendant table lamps are made from amber plastic slats held together at odd angles by red plastic "chopsticks," like a sophisticated arts 'n' crafts project. Most seating is at black leather banquettes or booths for two. From the mezzanine, the hostess leads you down a ramp, past a comfortable-looking bar-lounge with straw chairs. A stone Buddha presides over the diners with a faint, benign smile, unbothered by a noise level so high that, if there's a large party seated anywhere in the room, you'll have to yell at your servers and tablemates.

The long menu is an anthology of Asian "pick hits," reinterpreted by a young American chef, Jason Marcus. His menu differs from that of the Huntington Beach flagship, where the chef is Vietnamese. Marcus culled his dishes from favorites he's enjoyed at Asian restaurants in the U.S. and during a three-month eating tour along the Mekong River (Vietnam, Cambodia, southern Thailand). It's not precisely Asian food — it's Asian-flavored food.

The menu is heaviest on starters, with 21 choices. With the exception of 11 "dim sum" and six desserts, dishes are grouped in sets of five. Our company found the entrées better than the starters.

The "dim sum" list includes Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese-style nibbles. Scallop-Bacon Beggar's Purses offer delicate flour wrappers, flecked with black sesame seeds, containing a moist Cantonese-style forcemeat of pork ground with bacon, scallions, light soy, and ginger and amended by non-Cantonese mint, orange zest, and *shiro dashi* (Japanese bonito broth). Each purse supposedly contains one small bay scallop, but in two orders on two visits, we found them in only two of ten purses. The chef



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later explained that the scallops tend to "melt" into the filling. (Maybe he could use two little scallops instead of one? Or perhaps the sous-chefs don't always put in a scallop?) The dumplings come with a light lemongrass-sesame oil dip. Eat them while they're hot; once cool, the filling loses its attractive liquidity.

In the Dungeness Crab-Pork Spring Roll, we found more pork forcemeat (with stronger seasonings, including mint and Thai basil, inspired by the cuisine of Vietnam rather than China). The crab purée into the filling isn't discernible, beyond adding a whisper of a seafood flavoring. The filling's foam-rubber texture reminded me of ill-made versions of Vietnamese minced shrimp on sugar cane. Coconut Katsu Chicken Tenders are fingers cut from the breast, dredged in panko with a few coconut shreds and fried whole, then sliced; some of the pieces are half naked. These come with a sauce of crushed pineapple with *sambal* (Indonesian chili paste) — hot chili, fish sauce, and red onion. The pineapple tastes anemic, but it's the best anybody can hope for at this time of year.

Next on the menu are five salads. The Shredded Duck Lettuce Wraps shouldn't be missed. The lettuce is velvety butterhead, easier to roll than iceberg. The filling consists of crisp duck and shiitake shreds with minced scallions in a thin, slightly sweet, slightly spicy sauce, enlivened by more *sambal* and a touch of ketchup. The condiments include a mini-salad of oval cherry tomatoes, chopped cucumbers, and red onions — and (*ta-da!*) a luscious banana purée with cinnamon and spicy *sambal*. The purée has the soft, moist texture of baba ganoush, a perfect complement to the crackly duck. On the other hand, a pretty-looking molded cone of Thai Green Papaya Salad with rock shrimp was devoid of flavor. Even the papaya shreds tasted tired and neutral rather than crisp and pleasantly sour, and the dressing lacked zest — or hot chili heat. This dish was an omen: We later encountered others that were bland compared to their "ethnic" versions, compromised by the attempt to please all palates.

A section called "Grill" offers more small dishes and finger foods. The most spectacular

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Red Pearl Kitchen ★★★ (Very Good)

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HOURS: Sunday–Wednesday 5:30–10:00 p.m., Thursday–Saturday until 11:00 p.m.

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PICK HITS: Shredded Duck Lettuce Wraps; Strawberry-Cinnamon Ribs; Red Curry Short Rib Hot Pot; Five Spice-Braised Pork and Lychees; Chili-Garlic Shrimp; Chili-Roasted Yams; Sake-Poached Pear; Passion Fruit Andagi.

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choice is the Strawberry-Cinnamon Ribs — fall-off-the-bone braised spare ribs crisped on the grill and slathered with a thick, sweet sauce redolent of cinnamon and star anise. It's a dish that the chef first ate in Ho Chi Minh City; it's changed a bit in his version. The gravy is made from cooked-down strawberries, touched with honey, miso, and Asian red vinegar; the fruit is transformed beyond recognition, resembling a gentled-down hoisin sauce. Sorry, no witticisms from the posse — we couldn't hear each other over the din — but we did give four thumbs up

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for this dish. On the other hand, while the Pineapple Kobe Beef Satay was tender, with its Snake River (Idaho) Kobe flap-steak, we were underwhelmed by the indistinct marinade and topping of pallid pineapple and minced peanuts.

The Hot Pot selections include the best dish we tasted: Red Curry Short Ribs with Pumpkin. A handsome iron pot with a wooden lid contains tender short-rib meat, stripped off the bone, and chunks of soft pumpkin and banana in a pond of thick coconut-cream curry seasoned with nutmeg and enriched with pumpkin purée. This luxuriously unique combination of flavors bespeaks its Cambodian origins, but the recipe is the chef's invention. Get it while it's hot — it's going off-menu soon because pumpkin season is over.

Another night, we tried the Hot & Sour Jungle Shellfish Curry hot pot. It's a tasty dish, but the only true word in the title is "X." It's not hot — the spice level is a two at most. It's only slightly sour from a shy touch of tamarind, and it's nothing like the spinach-laden (and incendiary) Thai dishes called "jungle curry" — here, a few shreds of *gai lan* (Chinese broccoli greens) represent an entire rain forest. As for shellfish — yes, there are mussels and clams, but even more salmon cubes and calamari rings. (The squid's cartilage beak and "backbone" do not an exoskeleton make.) With the truth-in-labeling issues out of the way, what do we have? A light seafood soup that tastes more Japanese than jungle — worth ordering if you know what *not* to expect.

The only dish we tried from the Noodle & Rice section was Mee Goreng, Indonesian-style pan-fried noodles, here mixed with sweet Chinese *lap chong* sausage and balls of pork forcemeat (like that in the Beggars' Purses), plus the usual odds

and ends. The noodles are dressed with a slightly greasy, faintly sweet curry sauce. We found the combination depressing. After this and the papaya salad, I didn't have the stomach to try the chef's Pad Thai. However, another untried dish made my list for next time: Udon noodles with pork belly (unsmoked bacon, much prized in China) and fried egg in a smoky miso sauce sounds like a bowlful of adventure.

Wok-Fired dishes are next on the list. Here, the pick hit is Five-Spice Braised Pork and Lychees, made with long-braised, tender chunks of Kurubota pork (the pig equivalent of Kobe beef) from the cheek — a cut that stews up moist and rich. It pairs off with a delicate sauce dotted with canned lychees, an aggressively sweet-sharp Asian fruit with a mustardlike undertone. Rounding out the flavors are *gai lan* greens, scallions, chopped water chestnuts, and black sesame seeds. The effect is light and savory-sweet.

Chili Garlic Shrimp proved vibrant, if salty: Soaked in salt water to soften the shells, the shrimp are wokked unpeeled. The shells, all but the tail pieces, melt away in the heat, leaving a smoky maritime flavor on the plump and tender prawns. (If you want to try this at home, kids, you'll need very fresh, never-frozen thin-shelled shrimp, such as Thai tiger prawns.) The dish is finished with a sweet-hot-garlicky sauce and garnishes of chopped long beans and baby corn on the cob.

I found Shaking Kobe Beef less satisfactory, a walk on the mild side compared to the lively versions you can find at good Vietnamese restaurants (e.g., Le Bambou in Del Mar, not to mention the definitive rendition at Slanted Door in San Francisco). Kobe or no, the beef slices are chewy, with sinewy bits. They mingle with

diced red papaya, tomato, red onions, and white sesame seeds. So far, pretty good — but the sauce is nondescript, lacking the assertive black pepper and caramelized sugar flavors that are the *raisons d'être* of this dish. Another evening's wok dish of Ginger-Scallion Scallops and Snow Peas proved a standard combination. Flaccid dry-pack Maine scallops were garnished with stemmy, near-leafless pea shoots, along with stringy pods picked past their prime. (All veggies here come from two large purveyors based in L.A.) The mild, thin sauce tasted as if it might be based on vegetable broth rather than the hearty chicken stock of Cantonese restaurants.

Vegetable side dishes are worth every penny of their modest price. I don't know what the Chinese province of Yunnan (famed for its hams) contributed to Chili-Roasted Yunnan Yams — but the crisp-soft cubes dusted with spice powder and touched with garlic yogurt are irresistible. Garlic Chinese eggplant slices are soft but crackly and caramelized at the edges, robbed in an oily Szechwan-style sauce dotted with hot pepper seeds. Oddly, the spicing recedes after the first bite. Although the menu includes only one vegetarian dish each among the dim sum, salads, and main courses (a tofu hot pot), the generously sized sides — which also include Asian greens, dry-sautéed long beans, and roasted edamame — amply fill the gap.

The staff is large and well trained. Servers seem enthusiastic, bussers circulate to whisk away dishes as soon as you're done, and a charming floor manager makes regular rounds to ensure that everyone's taken care of. There's even a helpful *sommelier* who can help you navigate the unconventional wine choices.

Desserts, called "Happy Ending," are provided by the

corporation, but they're charming, too. The lightest is a pear poached in sake with a scoop of zingy ginger ice cream and a fig-nut cookie. The menu says it comes with pomegranate, but it arrived with sliced kiwis instead. We forgave it — although pomegranate would be more interesting. Passion Fruit Andagi are fresh-made, airy donut puffs (resembling Hawaiian *malasada*) set atop a tangy passionfruit cream sauce with a scoop of superb coconut ice cream served alongside. Cardamom custard is rich, more *pot de crème* than *panna cotta*. It tastes exotic with chopped lychees on the side and a plum wine glaze on the plate. Banana cake is light and homey, plated over jasmine caramel (be sure to inhale its spicy-floral aroma) and comes with chai-spiced ice cream. Chocoholics will also find a chocolate soufflé with Mandarin ice cream, which we didn't try. Or you can just go for ice cream (from Gelato Paradiso) in any of these inventive flavors as well as the conventional chocolate and vanilla. Even if Asians don't eat dessert, Americans do and should be pleased with this assortment. You may have to pick your way through the menu to enjoy Red Pearl's most lustrous gems, but the sweets are all good.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"Cooking was a hobby that grew into my profession," says Jason Marcus, aged 26. He grew up in New Jersey in a family of passionate gourmands. Everyone loved to cook, but the family also ate out frequently at New York's ethnic and "fine food" restaurants. "Food is an integral part of my upbringing," he says. "By the end of high school, it was important to me to do something that had some civic responsibility. Cooking was always something that made people happy."

He majored in philosophy and leadership studies at University of Richmond (Virginia). "When I was in school, I did a little professional cooking — I'd do some catering for professors' parties," he says. He toured Europe during junior year, before a semester at Oxford and subsequent internships in law, finance, and political science. "It was always assumed I was going to go into law or something like that, but when I graduated school [in 2001], I told my parents I wanted to take some months to give cooking a shot. It was always something knocking at my tongue. No one thought I was going to do it until I did it. I don't know what it was like 20 years ago to be a chef, but right now — intellectually, artistically, philosophically — one can really pursue this profession as far as one wants."

With no formal training, he found an apprenticeship at Sunset Beach restaurant in Shelter Island, New York City, where he learned the basics before working under the renowned Bill Telepan at Judson Grill. In 2002, he took off for three months to travel along the Mekong River, visiting Vietnam, Cambodia, and southern Thailand. "Every day I was learning. I was discovering something new, eating delightful food. Vietnam is one of my homes away from home."

He went on to cook under chef David Kinch at the acclaimed Manresa Restaurant in Los Gatos (near Santa Cruz). "It was the most amazing restaurant I'd been to, ever. David was intrigued with new techniques, with avant-garde flavor combinations. But most of the chefs there were trained in classical French techniques as well. It was really a great experience for me, but it's in a small town, and there wasn't enough for the other side of my life there." He moved to New York City to work at Punch

and Judy, where he sought to create original dishes. "My idea was, don't do anything anyone else is doing. The owners were looking for someone with a lot of energy and passion and let me do pretty much whatever I felt like doing. It really was a dream."

Returning to California as chef de cuisine at Los Angeles's Meson G, he was offered the position of executive chef at Red Pearl Kitchen. Before the new restaurant opened, he spent a month observing at the Huntington Beach flagship, but for the San Diego location, he was given largely free rein to create his own Asian menu. "I didn't know much about San Diego before I came here. I wouldn't have done it if it was in a big city like Los Angeles or New York, but I knew there would be nothing like it here, nothing like the menu that we were putting together. I was excited about coming to a town that would appreciate us being here. I felt like I could really make a difference."

"It's fun — it's fun and at the same time it's difficult to learn about all these ingredients and how they work together. I take some sort of pride in recreating dishes that do exist somewhere else in the world, even if they're not quite the same...I love Asian food, and I want people to fall in love with what I fell in love with. It's like feel-good cuisine to me. I would love if these dishes became part of the pantheon of comforting, familiar food. It's got to become a part of you. As long as these dishes are still considered exotic, different, not normal, it's hard for the food community to really grow...In this country, we need to learn a little more about eating. I think it's important for the food community as chefs, for the food community as diners, for us, in general, as people who eat." ■



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Same Latitude

"You must enjoy your life while you can. That was his philosophy."

Ohmygod, it's Omar...again!" This is me, standing under a big poster on the wall here at Darband's. "Which Omar would that be?" says Hank. "Who else, bro? Omar Khayyam." "Oh Lord. 'The bird of time...short distance to fly...' I should've guessed."

This is a Persian place, after all. Hank likes 'em 'cause of their fresh everything, salad-wise, and fire-cooked meats, easy on the oils.

We look up at the poster. There's the great old wine-loving mystic and mathematician with his words floating out and women dancing to them below.

Of course, the words're in Persian script. Big, flowy, backwards.

"Uh, what does it say?" I ask Tony, the owner. "It says, 'Everything passes.' You must enjoy your life while you can. That was his philosophy."

I followed Hank in here 'cause he needs to eat before taking his little old mom to choir practice. We parked beside this maroon awning and strode into a patio with climbing vines growing up the sides and flowers hanging along the front.

A group of men stood around one of the outside tables, throwing dice into a box. Huh. Backgammon. They make the place feel genuine. Inside, it seemed to be all men too, sitting 'round the dozen tables. On the left wall they have a grocery section, shelves filled with rice and spices for sale.

The high counter and kitchen are at the end. That's where, for the second time in a month, we find ourselves staring at our old friend Omar Khayyam.

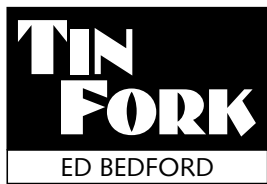
Tony hands us menus. We sit down with them. Only now do we notice the four-foot-wide plasma TV, the pretty pictures of places like Persepolis and Esfahan, ancient capitals of Persia, on the walls.

"Quick," Hank says. "I can't be late."

I look hard at the menu. Yes, the words are foreign — "Koobideh Kabob," and "Shirazi," and "Baghali Polo," but when I think about it, the foods aren't that different, even though they seem exotic. "Koobideh Kabob" is ground sirloin cooked on a skewer, with salad and rice. "Shirazi" is chopped cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and parsley in olive oil and lemon juice. From Shiraz, the Poets' Capital, one Iranian friend told me. Also a famous grape, right? And "Baghali Polo" is...baked chicken. With different sauces, and not cooked like the Colonel's, for sure, but what can be strange about baked chicken?

And hey, look at the atlas. They're on the same latitude as us. "Now," orders Hank, when the guy comes. "You first," I say. He looks up at the waiter. "Number 13."

I race to see what it is. "Khoresh Bademjan." Baby eggplant stew. "Sautéed baby eggplant, beef, homemade tomato sauce, and special seasoning served with basmati rice, \$9.95."



It's the daily special for today, which is Thursday. I love eggplant.

"Oh, I'm low. Can't pay for you," Hank says, without looking up.

Jeez. This was his idea. Good thing I didn't blurt out some expensive dish like Number 22, "Barg," marinated beef tenderloin with rice and charbroiled tomato, \$13.95. Even the vegetarian plate is \$8.95 (though a veggie wrap's \$5.95).

So now I'm looking at salads (around six or seven bucks) and kabobs (the menu "highly recommends" number 40, the "Chicken Shish Kabob, \$7.45," which is boneless chicken with grilled onions, green peppers, tomato, and sauce in lavash bread).

But wait: they also have these "mini plates." Mini chicken kabob with a skewer of chicken, salad and rice (\$7.95), or the same, but with ground sirloin ("Mini Koobideh, \$6.95"), or chunks of filet mignon ("Mini Shish Kabob, \$7.95").

"Now," says Hank. "Or never."

"Okay, okay. *Koobideh kabob*," I tell the waiter. I can get through ground sirloin quicker than chewy chunks of meat, and Hank's gonna be gone, in about five flat.

But the "mini" tag worries me. How mini? Hey hey! Our plates are both, like, bi-i-ig. Hank's eggplant stew comes in an oval dish set on a larger plate with a big salad, with another little pot of *shirazi* salad.

My "mini" *koobideh* is a beautiful-looking plate

of basmati rice with saffron-colored rice sprinkled on top, a salad at one end, pita bread, lemon, a long de-skewered kabob of ground beef, and a grilled Anaheim pepper that's just as big as the kabob. What a seven-buck deal, and not in polystyrene boxes as I expected. Really, these dishes look as good as anything you'll find in the Gaslamp.

My beef's marinated, and the giant chili gives a modest amount of heat. And when we do some exchange, Hank's stew goes down tangy and warm, as if the beef and eggplant have had plenty of time to get acquainted. Slow-cooked, I'm guessing. Great with the rice. The salad has chunks of mango in it, too. Cool.

Oh Lord. They have desserts like rosewater ice cream and saffron rice pudding and passion fruit mousse. But Hank's already heading for the counter to pay his part of the bill.

"What does 'Darband' mean?" I ask Tony — he's Iranian — while I fork over my Jefferson. (I also got a bottle of Perrier, \$1.50 — I know, but it's about the cheapest drink here.)

"Darband is a beautiful valley, a resort in the mountains north of Tehran," he says.

Has he been back? "Not for 20 years." "That's too bad." "Don't worry," says Tony. "I will." He looks up at old Omar Khayyam's words. "Everything passes." ■

The Place: Darband Fifth Avenue Grill, 1556 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-1001

Type of Food: Persian

Prices: *Tah-Deeg* (crunchy rice under stew), \$4.95; *Maust-O-Khiar* (yogurt, cucumber, mint), \$2.50 (small), \$5.00 (large); *mini chicken kabob* (with salad, rice), \$7.95; *mini koobideh* (ground sirloin kabob, salad, rice), \$6.95; *khoresht bademjan* (baby eggplant stew with beef, rice, salad), \$9.95; *barg* (marinated beef, rice, charbroiled tomato), \$13.95; *vegetarian plate*, \$8.95; *veggie wrap*, \$5.95

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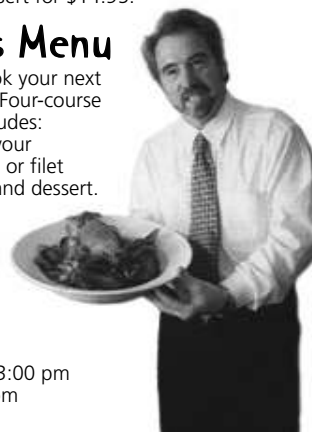
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"We want you to walk away with the notion that it's worthy of careful consideration."

As of 2005, Pinot Noir is now outselling Zinfandel in California. This is nothing short of remarkable, a testament to the tremendous power of cinema. Zinfandel has a long history in this state; its reputation was made here, instead of in Europe. Producers have risen to prominence because of their success with the grape: Turley, Ridge, Ravenswood, and Rosenblum, to name only a few. It may not have been born here, but it's "our" grape. It has, in Zinfandel Advocates and Producers, a well-organized promotional body behind it. Every year, there is an enormous ZAP gathering in San Francisco, and after that, a touring version of the festival.

Pinot Noir has only *Sideways*.

Pinot Noir — temperamental, fragile, thin-skinned — was the favorite grape of (and analogue for) Miles, *Sideways*' middle-aged loser-hero. Somehow, Miles, a failed novelist who steals from his mother and drunk-dials his ex, managed to make Pinot a winner. He also did his best to make another grape a loser, and it wasn't Zinfandel. With one desperate (and rather blue) oath taken outside the Hitching Post restaurant, he also gave a rallying cry to a certain segment of the wine-drinking world: "I am not drinking any fucking Merlot!"

Why was Miles so hostile? Because Merlot, the party line goes, isn't "serious wine." The most common descriptor I've heard associated with it is "plush." "Plush" isn't bad, really; it's just not thrilling. Merlot, according to this characterization, is pleasant. What it isn't is deep, powerful, complex, elegant, intense, or structured. It's comfortable, simple, easy.

Perhaps in some measure because of this, it is the most popular red wine in the U.S., outselling Cabernet by a little and everything else by a lot. Sure, it's nowhere

near Chardonnay — which seems to be weathering its own backlash (the "Anything But Chardonnay" campaign) nicely, thank you. But it's big enough to allow for that special disdain reserved for the hulking behemoth in any industry. *"Sideways* actually helped to bring up a pressing issue about Merlot," says Stu Harrison, general manager at Swanson Vineyards, which devotes some 70 percent of its production to estate-grown Merlot. "Seven months before the movie came out, the 14 people who work at Swanson got together to talk about various problems. One of our employees in the hospitality area — we call it the salon — said that people were coming in, sitting down, and saying, 'No, I don't drink Mer-

lot,' or 'I don't like Merlot.'"

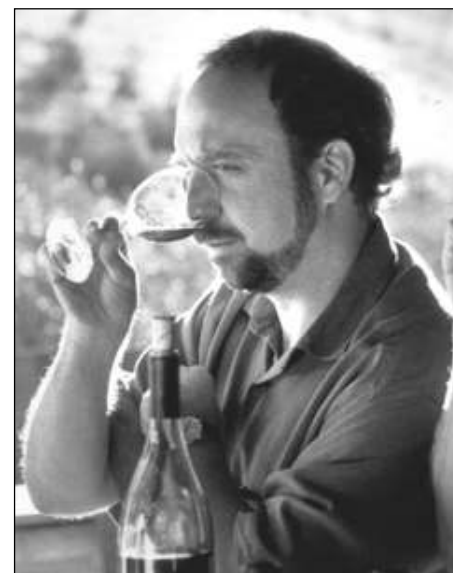
This was distressing news. "We were saying, 'No, that's not right — Merlot is what we do; we're fanatical about it. We're getting lumped in with the vast ocean of Merlot out there. Let's do something about it.'"

Part of what they did about it involved hitting the road with a tasting seminar entitled "Merlot...The Untold Story." That seminar stopped by San Diego a few weeks back, setting up shop in the clubby confines of Donovan's steakhouse in the UTC area. Harrison, a veteran of Mumm and Opus One (among others), was joined by winemaker Chris Phelps, himself late of Dominus and Caymus.

The "untold story," says Harrison, is "the notion that Merlot is a pretty serious varietal. There is a special set of criteria which define what are really exceptional Merlots. We want you to walk away with the notion that it's a pretty specialized category and worthy of careful consideration...it's a noble variety, and in very specific growing conditions, with specific cellar treatment, it can produce a world-class wine."

Gosh, but that's a lot of specificity. A body might get the impression that Merlot was another Pinot Noir — a grape so temperamental that even its most famous producers, the Burgundians, have endless troubles with it. But Harrison says nay, and there's the rub. "I've actually heard, 'Oh, my gosh, Pinot Noir is getting so popular, it's going to be the next Merlot.' No, it will not become the next Merlot, because Pinot Noir is the worst workhorse varietal in the world. Pinot Noir grown in less-than-optimal conditions produces an insipid, light, almost rosé wine."

Merlot, on the other hand, "has the unusual trait" of serving as both noble varietal and workhorse — and a workhorse is what you need to become really popular on a grand scale. First,



"Miles"

"It's a bountiful producer." If you let it do its thing and don't thin your crop, you can get "10 to 12 tons of fruit per acre." Second, "In less-than-optimal growing conditions — even in the hottest region of the San Joaquin Valley, it will still produce a red wine with color." Third, "With Merlot, you have less angular, less astringent tannins" than in many other red grapes. That means that, even without all those specialized growing conditions and cellar practices, "You can grow a wine that is soft and approachable for the entry-level drinker." Harrison calls this confluence of easy growing and mass consumer interest "a perfect storm" that has created "a sea of interest." Not to mention a sea of product.

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lot” — the noble grape that doubles as a workhorse — “which has created the situation today.” Today, Merlot sales are huge, but about half of it “wholesales for less than \$36 a case. You cannot make anything but a very ordinary Merlot for \$36 a case.” And if the very ordinary Merlot is setting the standard, your specialty Merlot may be in trouble. (Cabernet seems to have dodged this particular bullet — perhaps because it isn’t quite as friendly at the entry level? Plush, plush, plush.) “In the wholesale \$13-\$20 bottle range, you saw phenomenal growth in the year 2000. Sales doubled. But it wasn’t healthy for the market — everybody was jumping into Merlot.” Sales plateaued in 2002 and dropped sharply in 2003. Bad news for Swanson and company.

“I was talking to a gentleman before the seminar,” says Harrison, “and he agreed with almost every single point I made with regard to Merlot. One of his comments was, ‘Boy, you guys are screwed.’ But I disagree. I think that at the end of the day, quality will out. The reason we’re doing this seminar is to offer people the notion, ‘You’ve got to be very selective. You’ve got to look for certain things. There are people who are very serious about this category who should be taken seriously.’”

What are those “certain things”? More next week. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra’s Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It’s a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami’s Cafe and Honey’s), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and “Beach Benedict” with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the “maple” syrup and “butter” spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and

dinners feature multiethnic “coastal cuisine,” with the best results in seafood dishes like “Moroccan crabcakes” and the fish ‘n’ yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/01)*

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant “pizzette” (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “crotons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outline the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Pacifica Del Mar Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It’s quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen’s capacities, not to mention diners’ tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. “Pacifica Dine-In” offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs

to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Ruby’s Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There’s a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren” presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly “small-townish” saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish “peasant” potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as “wraps” for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday

breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Tony’s Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales’s wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the “La Colonia” combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And “Jacal”? It means “shack.” No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

NORTH INLAND

Abbey’s Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny’s), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner


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Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open weekdays, from 10:30 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of

whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

LA JOLLA

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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-

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Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its

toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W.* (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast

through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W.* (9/02)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and bis-

cuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here:

plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the pork *lau lau* (pork and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually

friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama-ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san's* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you're reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

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Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. De-

fault choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*kotiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the

brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Hong Kong-style Cantonese menu runs to many dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches

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Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches*, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. *Aztec huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head.

The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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, spinach, and guacamole) or the Spanish Benedict (three eggs, cheeses, chili sauce, frijoles, choice of bacon or sausage, plus tortillas). Beyond breakfast, good gut liners include Jack Daniel's BBQ Ribs, Campo Firehouse Chili, and the yummy Texas Melt (sliced prime rib, Swiss cheese, chili, caramelized onions on Texas toast). Best way to enjoy this: Eat, then gambol (not gamble). Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/04)*

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yel-

low and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — *E.B. (10/01)*

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-corners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaur-

ant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

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)*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterranean or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (5/04)*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for

lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken, and a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Sushi Itto Sushi Itto, 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is Mexican sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating

rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

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Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and

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Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat-in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is

not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recomended sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about,

try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up

to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

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Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining

room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National

City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Dimiguan*, a Filipino specialty, is

pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steamtable combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork.



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Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday; dinner only Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cien Anos Calle José María Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive

flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada, near CESUN Universidad), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Lena ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as

shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B. (10/04)

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication

problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Río South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody,

plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — E.B. (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489

Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

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Akeelah and the Bee — An eleven-year-old black girl (the appealing Keke Palmer) in the South L.A. ghetto braves the taunts of “freak” and “brainiac” to enter the Scripps National Spelling Bee and, on her first try, go clear through to the televised finals in Washington, D.C., where it all comes down to “logorrhea” and “pulchritude,” two words to make even an average speller feel like a champ. In short, it’s the documentary *Spellbound* with a fictional stacked deck, a palatable if not exactly swallowable family film, the sort of thing Oprah could get behind a hundred percent. Laurence Fishburne is the moody private tutor and Angela Bassett the distracted single mom: Ike and Tina Turner together again! Written and directed by Doug Atchison. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/28)

American Dreamz — Paul Weitz’s satire of a television talent contest, starring Hugh



Akeelah and the Bee

Grant, Dennis Quaid, and Mandy Moore. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Ask the Dust — Depression-period romance, written and directed by Robert Towne, in a largely dark, nocturnal, unsunny Southern California, a star-crossed

affair between a gringo and a Chicana, or more disparagingly a “dago” and a “spic,” an impoverished young novelist taken under the wing, at long distance, of H.L. Mencken (whose voice in correspondence is provided by film critic and historian Richard Schickel) and a consumptive diner waitress from south of the border, two marginals with a tenuous sense of belonging. (The source material is a 1939 autobiographical novel by John Fante.) Because it is no sort of thriller, it avoids the plotting snarls and snags of Towne’s

screenplays for things like *Chinatown*, *The Two Jakes*, and the two *Mission: Impossible*’s, but it does not avoid the structural weaknesses of slow, shapeless, and exasperating development. And notwithstanding the compatible blackness of their hair, Colin Farrell and Salma Hayek do not have a great deal of chemistry between them, although the combustible Hayek all by herself has enough chemistry for them both. With Idina Menzel, Jeremy Crutchley, Donald Sutherland, Eileen Atkins. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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)

Brick — Affected debut film from Rian Johnson, writer and director, a test-tube species of teen *noir*, a hard-boiled high-school hybrid, featuring a junior detective, a *fille fatale*, a small-time Mr. Big, and a brawny henchboy. Opaquely plotted, arcanelly scripted, darkly photographed, and reverberantly recorded, incomprehensible on several levels. With Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, Nora Zehetner. 2006.

● (KEN, THROUGH 4/27)

Date Movie — In the mode of *Scary Movie*, a witless collection of references to, thefts from, and spoofs of, assorted romantic comedies, nonromantic comedies, non-comedies, anything at all, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* to *Lord of the Rings*. The assumption seems to be that mere recognition will bring forth laughter. With Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard, Tony Cox, and Eddie Griffin; directed by Aaron Seltzer. 2006.

● (VOGUE)

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 situa-



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Brick

tion 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. Zoëy 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

Friends with Money — There are, to be exact, three friends with money, and one without, a former teacher toiling now as a free-lance maid, helping herself to the bedside vibrator of one of her employers, and in her spare time harassing an ex-boyfriend with all-hours phone calls and hang-ups. The three with money additionally have mates. One of them, Catherine Keener, is collaborating with her husband on a screenplay, while adding an unsightly ocean-view second story on their home. Another, Frances McDormand, is a successful clothes designer with one child, plus a peculiar aversion to washing her hair, a reservoir of repressed anger, and a British-accented husband, a bath-products manufacturer, whom everyone but his wife recognizes as a closet homosexual (“Just because you care about what you wear doesn’t mean to say you’re gay”). The third, Joan Cusack, has a passel of kids, plenty of hired help with them, no job and no need of one, enough money to donate a spare couple of million to her children’s school. Assuming the role of matchmaker, she introduces the moneyless and mateless friend, Jennifer Aniston, to her personal trainer, who begins to tag along with her on her housecleaning jobs and to demand a cut for haphazardly pitching in. Writer and director Nicole Holofcener, of *Walking and Talking* and *Lovely and Amazing*, is very adept at finding and pointing out the faults in all these people (no one is exempt), and the entire movie has an air about it of catty girl talk, very concrete and specific and yet ultimately insubstantial and desultory: a litany of everyday outrages (people who cut

in line at the cash register or steal parking spaces in the lot), a few useful tips for budget living (free cosmetics samples at the department stores), and of course some gripes about men (the cold-fish husband who won’t be drawn into an argument, the blind date who can’t tear his eyes from an old flame at the far end of the restaurant). Keener and McDormand are in another acting league, a tougher one, from Cusack and Aniston, but the facileness of the latter pair is not the sort of fault that the filmmaker is adept at pointing out. She is adept at minimizing it. 2006.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Hard Candy — Internet hook-up between a pedophile (Patrick Wilson) and an underage girl (Ellen Page), directed by David Slade.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/28)

The Hills Have Eyes — At first blush, a slick remake of the schlocky Wes Craven gorefest of 1977. But because the director (Alexandre Aja) is French in origin, besides being the offspring of a film director and a film critic, perhaps it’s also an *homage*. Perhaps, too, there’s something of significance to be read into the breed of deformed yahoos spawned by U.S. nuclear tests in New Mexico, the crater of abandoned autos, the ghost town of mannequins (-Surrealism for Dummies), and the transformations of a wimpy Democrat into a warrior and of a gun-toting Republican into a toasted marshmallow. Or perhaps not. Perhaps the mind yearns to wander.

“The lucky ones,” the ad misinforms us, “die first.” Not really. The lucky ones stay home. With Aaron Stanford, Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan, Ted Levine, Robert Joy. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

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 doomsday 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 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; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

In Her Line of Fire — The Vice President’s bodyguard (Mariel Hemingway) is called upon to rescue him from South American kidnappers, directed by Brian Trenchard-Smith.

(MISSION VALLEY 7, FROM 4/28)

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 money-

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bags, plus a couple of poised mid-dleweights, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Willem Dafoe as role players on the police team. The script by Russell Gewirtz (his first to reach the screen) is thick with intrigue: the robbers seem in no hurry to gather their loot and make their getaway, and the Chairman of the Board at Manhattan Trust is concerned to safeguard nothing but his own safety-deposit box. Having stirred up a slight bit of interest, however, the script neglects to answer key questions (how does Owen know what he knows? how did Foster get where she's got?), and it cuts some corners ("You saw *Dog Day Afternoon*," the top cop unwisely raises a close point of comparison), and it uses every ounce of its cleverness simply to avoid difficult choices. Lee, too, appears anxious to stay out of trouble. He tosses off a parody of violent video games (Kill Dat Nigra), and shows

some sensitivity to racial profiling (post-9/11, in particular), but his primary target has been selected for unanimity: Nazis and their collaborators. His direction of the essentially static action is ostentatiously busy. And yes, he remembers to roll out his trademark dolly at one point to give a lift to the riled hero: hell, literally, on wheels. 2006.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Kinky Boots — Painless gender-bender comedy about a staid old British shoemaking firm ("since 1895"), which, to survive in the brazen new world, seeks out a "niche market," namely women's shoes for men, under the counsel of a cabaret drag queen: "Look to the heel.... The sex is in the heel." (Quality craftsmanship will be insufficient compensation if the style suits "a bloody Ukrainian peasant.") The latter role permits quite an expansion of range for the protean Chiwetel Ejiofor, who looks a little



Friends with Money

bit Diana Ross, a little bit (more) Jesse Norman. The third-generation shoe man, Joel Edgerton, looks a bit Michael Anderson, Jr., just past his prime. Directed by Julian Jarrold. 2006.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/28)

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 face-tious 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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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)

My Summer of Love — Director Pawel Pawlikowski, in faded color and with unstable camera, details the youthful indiscretions of two English girls of vastly different backgrounds, a horse-riding, cello-playing aristocrat on suspension from school ("Apparently I'm a bad influence on people") and a freckle-faced commoner who, together with her born-again ex-con brother, runs a Yorkshire pub having the same name as the cellist's practice piece: The Swan. The one introduces the other to Nietzsche, Edith Piaf, magic mushrooms, and the love that dare not speak its name (except after ingestion of magic mushrooms). Despite intimations of a drastic and dramatic turn of events ("In France, crimes of passion are forgiven" and "If you leave me, I'll kill you" and the like), the plot settles for the gentle curve of sadder-but-wiser. Or from the moviegoer's point of view, sadder possibly, but none the wiser. Nathalie Press, a Sarah Polley type, corners the acting highlights, mimicking the sexual gyrations of her latest boyfriend and imitating Mercedes McCambridge's devil-possession dubbing from *The Exorcist*. Emily Blunt, a Robin Tunney type, monopolizes the nudity. With Paddy Considine. 2005.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5/1, 6:30 P.M.)

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 naive and unreflective (so portrayed, anyway) Southern-bred sex object. Yet, besides missing something in the hips, replacing the dangerous curves with the gentlest of slopes, she cannot hope to match the charisma, the mystique, the mystery, of her assigned character. (It's no problem to match the raven hair and



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bangs.) She finds herself in much the same predicament as past impersonators of Marilyn Monroe or Elvis Presley — and no, it is no overstatement to place Bettie Page, sometimes Betty Page, in that company. (Icons of the Fifties.) This mischievous, mute phantom of salacious still photos and silent fetish films is a fantasy figure par excellence; and filmmaker Mary Harron’s stiff, flat, plodding rehearsal of some of the known facts of her life — a molesting father, a battering husband, the private camera clubs of New York City, the under-the-counter bondage sideline of the podgy Irving Klaw, the cheerful cheesecake of Bunny Yeager, the reversion to That Old-Time Religion — adds nothing to, even subtracts something from, the enigmatic evidence in her portfolio. It almost makes her seem (what would have been thought impossible) quite dull. 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)

On a Clear Day — Feel-goodery with a stiff upper lip. A “redundant” Glasgow shipbuilder, still haunted by the drowning death of one of his sons thirty years ago, and protectively walled-off from his thirty-something surviving son, undertakes a secret six-month training program to swim the English Channel with nothing at stake but his self-worth. (“He’s not going to achieve anything by it,” sniffs the uncomprehending son when he finds out about it.) Peter Mullan has one of the great Common Man faces on the contemporary screen, blockish, pinched, intricately creased, and director Gaby Dellal fully appreciates it. The early depression, however, somehow carries more conviction than the later uplift. Brenda Blethyn, as the fretful wife who’s in a secret training program of her own as a would-be city bus driver, appears to have had an expensive eye-widening operation, but is otherwise as common as you please. Billy Boyd, Ron Cook, Sean McGinley. 2005. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 4/27)

RV — Vacation comedy starring Robin Williams, Jeff Daniels, and Cheryl Hines, directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-

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★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN

SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Silent Hill — Horror film with Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean, and Deborah Kara Unger, directed by Christophe Gans.

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Slither — Oafish sci-fi comedy scrupulously follows the alien-invasion conventions (grade-Z budget) but smarts off all the while. Elizabeth Banks, as the distressed damsel with a mutating hubby, would clearly have been up to the challenge of playing it straight. With Nathan Fillion and Michael Rooker; written and directed by James Gunn. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days — Fact-based story of student resistance to the Third Reich, directed by Marc Rothemund. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/27; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/28)

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Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same "realistic" conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspens interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who's who, it's still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Take the Lead — Inspirational pablum, "inspired," to begin with, "by a true story," that of Pierre Dulaine (played by that lovely Latin, Antonio Banderas), who vol-



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of any English or History class. A tango demonstration staged by the swarthy dance instructor and a lithe blond ice queen, and chopped to bits by the erstwhile music-video director Liz Friedlander, widens the students' eyes and horizons, and a formulaic dance competition offers them the Gerber Strained Carrots at the end of the stick. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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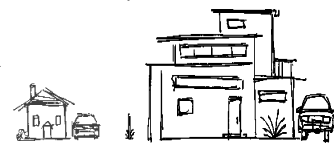
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Thank You for Smoking — Satire with teeth, discolored though they may be. There is nothing exceptional cinematically about the directing debut of Jason Reitman, son of the mainstream comedy director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*, *Twins*, *Kinder-garten 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 superegent: “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.

★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada — Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend’s killer, a carpetbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as 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)

Tsotsi — From South Africa, the Oscar-winner for Best Foreign Film, 2005. That the simultaneous Oscar for the best non-foreign film went to *Crash* tells you pretty much all you need to know about the legitimacy of that honor. Writer and director Gavin Hood, adapting a novel by Athol Fugard, demonstrates conclusively that a film from South Africa can be as flashy and fashion-conscious as a film from anyplace else. He makes an effort, in addition, to supply a reason, a “motivation,” for why a vicious cold-blooded punk who has hijacked a car with a baby in the back seat would decide to keep the baby and personally care for him. The reason, nothing to do with thoughts of ransom, is unpersuasive. And objections will not be swept away un-

der the onslaught of pathetic details: dithering the baby in newspaper, brushing ants from his face on the first morning, carrying him around in a shopping bag, soliciting parenting lessons at gunpoint from a beautiful young mother in the neighborhood. The depiction of a segregated shantytown, for all its music-video glossiness, does provide something of what we want from a foreign film, a window on the world. If the very same scenario, however, were transplanted to Atlanta or Detroit, and if it had no subtitles for an air of rarefaction, the film might have been more easily dismissed as contrived, manipulative, maudlin. Then again, it might have won an Oscar all the same. With Presley Chweneyagae, Terry Pheto, Kenneth Nkosi, Mothusi Magano.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

United 93 — Paul Greengrass’s re-enactment of the 9/11 hijacking, with a no-name cast.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; 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 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; FROM 4/28)

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

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TOM SIGNAIGO
President, Satellite Video Productions, www.satellite-inc.com

Okay, golf comedies aren't going to win any Oscars, but here are three available on DVD that are certainly good for laughs. First, *Happy Gilmore* with Adam Sandler as a hockey player turned golfer. Even though I'm not a huge Sandler fan, this is a classic. Don't rent it, buy it.

Next up is *Caddyshack*, which is right up there with *Airplane* as one of the most quoted comedies ever, which is nice. Bill Murray (battling a gopher) steals the show. This one's worth a permanent spot in your library.

And, finally, *Tin Cup* with Kevin Costner as a washed-up golf pro. Not as much fun as the other two, but still in the money for top golf comedies. Certainly a good rental.

HAPPY GILMORE (USA) 1996, Universal
List price: \$24.98

CADDYSHACK (USA) 1980, Warner Home Video
List price: \$24.98

TIN CUP (USA) 1996, Warner Home Video
List price: \$24.98

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Wild — Campy, effete, antimasculine computer cartoon, in the latter-day Disney manner. A cacophonous quintet of talking animals — lion, koala, squirrel, giraffe, and snake — follow closely in the footsteps of the menagerie in *Madagascar*: Manhattan zoo animals loosed in the wild. The copycat

JESSE GUERRERO
Vice president, Satellite Video Productions

In The Weather Man, Nicolas Cage plays a weatherman recently separated from his wife. He's completely lost as he struggles to get his life back. It's funny, sad, and at times very real. This is Cage at his finest, and Michael Caine as his dying father is also very good.

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* is beautifully acted, and Donald Sutherland is great. Classic story! Excellent remake!

Zathura offers wonderful family adventure. Tim Robbins plays a single father with two kids. One of them finds an old board game in the basement and the fun starts. Jon Favreau, from *Swingers*, did a great job directing. You've got to see the behind-the-scenes extras. You'll be amazed at how little computer animation was used.

THE WEATHER MAN (USA) 2005, Paramount Home Video
List price: \$29.95

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE (England/France) 2005, MCA Home Video
List price: \$29.98

ZATHURA (USA) 2005, Sony Pictures
List price: \$28.95

SANDY JACK
Producer, Satellite Video Productions

If you want a crazy-weird movie, pick up *Naked Lunch*. I watched this movie and the only words I could come up with were....

Actually there are no words to describe it, other than freaky. Good movie to relive on a rainy day.

Walk the Line was fantastic, and Joaquin Phoenix was awesome. I discovered things I never knew about Johnny Cash, especially about his drug habit and who he toured with.

Crash is surreal, and definitely offers something to talk about after it's over. And I don't mean just saying, "Hey, good movie." This is pretty powerful, and I'm not even a Sandra Bullock fan. But the movie was much more than just her. It should be shown at high schools everywhere.

NAKED LUNCH (Canada) 1991, Criterion
List price: \$39.95

WALK THE LINE (USA) 2005, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$29.99

CRASH (USA) 2005, Lion's Gate Home Entertainment
List price: \$19.98

quality rather underscores the cranked-out quality. With the voices of Kiefer Sutherland, Jim Belushi, Eddie Izzard, Janeane Garofalo, William Shatner, and Greg Cipes; directed by Steve “Spaz” Williams. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The World's Fastest Indian — Roger Donaldson’s indulgent, ingratiating character sketch of New Zealander Burt Munro (an oddly cast Anthony Hopkins, feigning extroversion), on a mid-Sixties pilgrimage to the hallowed ground of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, where, battling a bad heart and a bad prostate, he hopes to set a land-speed record on his retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-goody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005.

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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; **Hard Candy** (R) Fri. (2:35, 5:00) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 2:35, 5:00, 7:45, 10:05; **Kinky Boots** (PG-13) 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, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 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)

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; **Ring of Fire** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Whales** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **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) Fri. (11:30, 2:25, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **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, 2:15, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:45) 6:45, 9:50; **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; **RV** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 12:00, 2:05, 2:30, 4:35, 5:00) 7:05, 7:30, 9:35, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:00, 2:05, 2:30) 4:35, 5:00, 7:05, 7:30, 9:35, 10:00; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:55, 4:55, 5:30) 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:55) 4:55, 5:30, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (11:30, 1:50, 2:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:50, 2:15) 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:35, 5:15) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; **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, 2:00, 4:20) 6:40, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:20, 6:40, 9:00; **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; **United 93** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:55, 10:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:15, 7:00, 9:25; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:10 Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:10, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:15; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:20, 1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:40; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:30) 4:55, 7:10, 9:20 Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 4:55, 7:10, 9:15; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)

Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

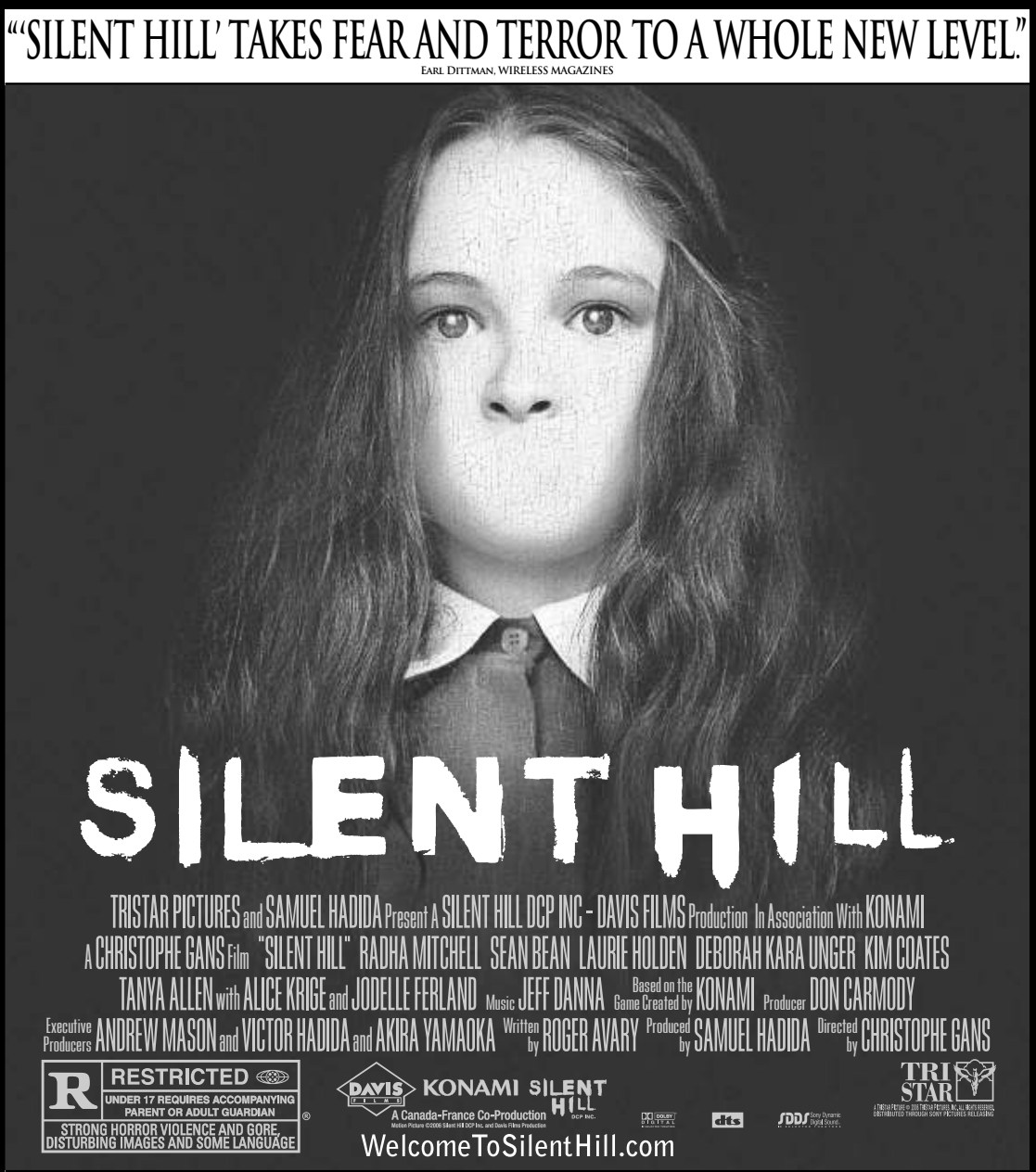
Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:45, 7:25, 10:10; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:10, 8:00, 10:20; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:45, 4:05) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:30) 4:05, 7:05, 9:35; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:35) 7:40, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30) 4:40, 7:40, 10:45; **RV** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (11:55, 12:45, 3:00, 4:00) 6:55, 7:55, 10:25, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:00, 1:55, 4:00) 5:00, 6:55, 7:55, 10:25, 10:50; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 2:05) 4:55, 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. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (11:15,

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 11:35; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 11:35; **She's the Man** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:55

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:45 (2:15, 4:30) 7:00, 9:15; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 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; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 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 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG); **American Dreamz** (PG-13); **Friends with Money** (R); **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG); **Inside Man** (R); **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R); **Lucky Number Slevin** (R); **RV** (PG); **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13); **Silent Hill** (R); **Stick It** (PG-13); **Take the Lead** (PG-13); **Thank You for Smoking** (R); **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13); **The Sentinel** (PG-13); **The Wild** (G); **United 93** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40, 5:05) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 10:10; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:45, 7:10, 9:45; **Inside Man** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:15) 7:35, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:35, 10:35; **La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 8:00, 10:20; **RV** (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (2:05) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (12:55, 2:00, 4:10, 4:55) 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55, 2:00) 4:10, 4:55, 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:40; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:30; **Take the Lead** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 9:55; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 6:55, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 6:55, 9:35; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:20) 8:05, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:20, 8:05, 10:45; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:15, 4:35) 6:50, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:35, 6:50, 9:30; **United 93** (R) Fri. (2:10, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (2:10) 5:05, 7:55, 10:40

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

Date Movie (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:15, 9:30; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:30, 7:45; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sun. (12:30) 4:20, 7:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:30, 8:10, 10:35 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:30, 8:10; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 2:25) 5:30, 8:00, 10:10 Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 5:30, 8:00; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 4:45, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 4:45, 7:05; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 8:15, 10:25 Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 8:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 4:55, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. 4:55, 7:50; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:35,

2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 2:40) 5:25, 8:20, 10:25 Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:25, 8:20; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:55) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:00, 7:15; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **RV** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri. (4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat. (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) 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; **American Dreamz** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **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; **Pinocchio 3000** (G) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Stick It** (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 Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. 11:45 (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)

Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old

California Walk (760-471-3711)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:40, 4:45) 7:35, 10:35; **American Dreamz**

(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:40; **Failure to Launch** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 7:20; **Friends with Money** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 4:55) 7:50, 10:00; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 6:50, 9:30; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:25, 10:10; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:40) 5:45, 8:30; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:35, 4:25, 5:10) 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:50) 6:45, 9:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:50, 4:15) 7:00, 10:05, 10:45; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **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. (11:10, 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. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:40; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:25

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:35, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25 Sun. 11:35, 2:00, 4:30,

7:00; **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. 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35 Sun. 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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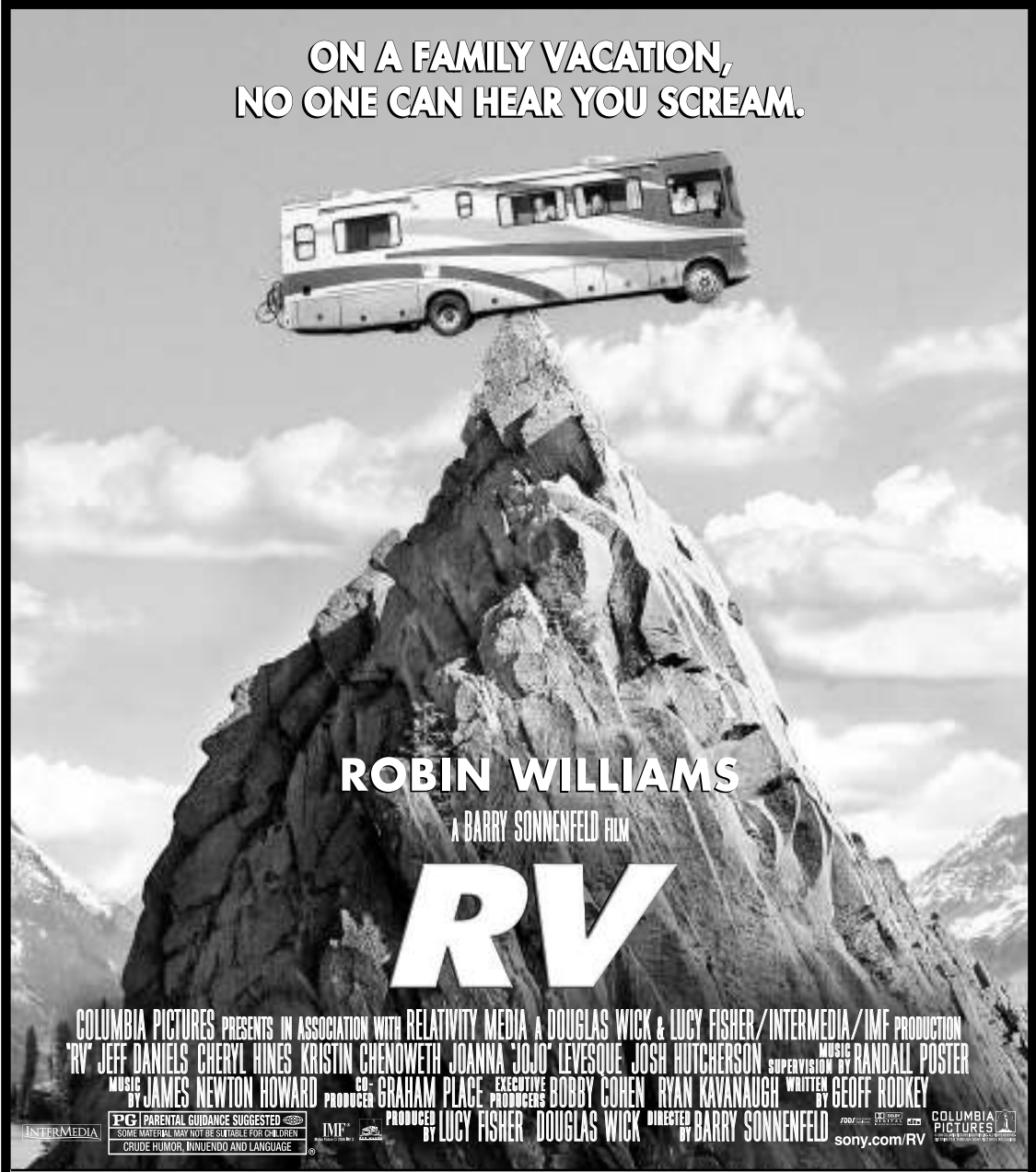
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El cantautor mexicano Juan Gabriel defendió la iniciativa de abstenerse a consumir productos estadounidenses el próximo primero de mayo, porque "es lo menos que podemos hacer por los mexicanos que tuvieron que emigrar".

Por ello el artista mexicano secunda la campaña de apoyo a los inmigrantes en Estados Unidos en el marco del debate de la propuesta de ley de Inmigración que discute el Senado estadouniden-

se y que ha llevado a la movilización de cientos de miles de inmigrantes latinos.

"Hasta Superman llegó de ilegal", afirmó Juan Gabriel, quien remarcó que estas iniciativas son "lo menos que podemos hacer por los mexicanos que tuvieron que emigrar, que mantienen a nuestro país con sus remesas".

"Hagamos este pequeño esfuerzo de un día", subrayó respecto al "boicot" comercial del 1 de mayo.

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Apoyan boicot

Nelly Cervantes E.

Trabajadores hispanos aseguran que participarán en el boicot del próximo primero de mayo aunque les cueste su puesto de trabajo.

Muchos hoteles no tendrán quien limpie al igual que los grandes edificios.

Se prevé que las oficinas trabajen a menor capacidad, pues hasta los empleados administrativos que tienen

días de descanso pendientes están pidiendo no trabajar ese día.

Se espera que el primero de mayo asemeje lo que plantea la película "Un día sin mexicanos".

"Yo no voy a venir ese día a trabajar, me voy a quedar todo el día en mi casa, aunque me corran", comentaron empleados de varios restaurantes a Diario San Diego.

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Los atoraron

Autoridades migratorias de San Diego detuvieron a un hombre que intentó cruzar por la garita de Tecate a tres personas escondidas que viajaban en un compartimiento especial junto al tanque de gasolina de una camioneta.

Un sujeto de 18 años era el conductor de la camioneta Ford modelo 1989 quien fue acusado de intento de traficar tres personas indocumentadas al país dentro de su camioneta.

Al inspeccionar la camioneta mediante la máquina de rayos gamma, los agentes de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza (CBP) descubrieron a los migrantes dentro de una división fabricada junto al tanque de gasolina por lo que los oficiales acudieron a bomberos del Departamento de Bosques y protección de incendios de California (CDF) para sacar a los sujetos.

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Está carísima

América Barceló-Feldman

Esta semana los precios de la gasolina rompieron en San Diego el récord de precio por galón.

El costo promedio por galón es de 3.10 en el condado, y se espera que los sandieguinos sigan pagando más de tres dólares por varias semanas más.

“Desgraciadamente esta semana los sandieguinos pagarán el precio más alto registrado en esa región rompiendo el record de 3.06 de septiembre del 2005”, comentó Paul González del Club de Automovilistas de California.

De acuerdo al especialista, los precios

han estado aumentando debido a que existe gran demanda por gasolina a nivel nacional y la producción del combustible sigue en niveles bajos.

Según un reporte del gobierno federal, estas semanas la demanda incrementó en 1.2 por ciento en comparación con el año anterior en el mismo periodo.

De acuerdo a González el aumento en los costos se debe a que existe un déficit de combustible nacional, tan sólo en California se registra una falta de producción de dos millones de galones diarios.



Buena billetiza

La selección mexicana de futbol triplicó su potencial económico en los últimos cuatro años y los 26 jugadores convocados al Mundial de Alemania 2006 alcanzan hoy un valor de 76 millones de dólares.

El valor aproximado de las fichas de los 26 seleccionados mexicanos representan 2.65 veces el valor de 26 millones 800 mil dólares de dólares en los que estaban considerada la selección mexicana antes del Mundial Corea-Japón 2002.

El defensa Rafael Márquez (Barcelona) recibió la consideración más alta con 12 millones de dólares y el defensor Claudio Suárez (Chivas USA), la más baja con medio millón.

En la selección mexicana de 2002, Rafael Márquez, entonces con el Mónaco de Francia, también fue considerado el jugador de más alto precio de la selección mexicana con ocho millones de dólares, de acuerdo con la información.

El delantero Francisco Fonseca (Cruz Azul) es el segundo jugador mejor cotizado con seis millones de dólares, delante del delantero Omar Bravo (Guadalajara) con cinco millones de dólares y los defensas Carlos Salcido (Guadalajara), Ricardo Osorio (Cruz Azul) con cuatro millones cada uno.



Cruzan seguros

Cuando Pedro López Vázquez cruzó ilegalmente la frontera a mediados de abril, no entró en Estados Unidos con el propósito de buscar trabajo. Ya tenía uno asegurado.

Por cierto, su futuro empleador había pagado mil dólares a un “coyote” para que le ayudara a traspasar la frontera y completar el trayecto desde la ciudad mexicana de Puebla hasta Aspen, en Colorado.

“Íbamos a Colorado a trabajar en la carpintería porque ya tenemos un amigo que nos iba a dar trabajo”, dijo Vázquez.

El mexicano de 41 años fue entrevistado en la frontera de Arizona después de haber sido

deportado dos veces por la Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos. Dijo que seguiría intentando llegar a Aspen.

Su historia no es inusual. Un número creciente de empleadores estadounidenses e inmigrantes están apelando a una red de empleo clandestina que vincula a unos con los otros, a menudo antes de que los extranjeros salgan de sus países.

“Sigue estando bien en claro quién controla la inmigración: no son los gobiernos, sino más bien el mercado”, comentó Jorge Santibáñez, director del Colegio de la Frontera Norte, un grupo de estudios con sede en Tijuana.

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Talia White
Teacher
Pacific Beach

Yes. I drink it for the taste. I'm not a water snob; to be polite I'd drink tap water. Kids drink bottled water; their parents pack it for them. Kids still drink out of the water fountain; if you're a kid at school and you're thirsty, you drink out of the water fountain. It's a good reason for a kid to get out of class. I'm not a scientist, but what I have heard is that tap water is not all that good for you. I think the water in San Diego is better than L.A. water. I think everywhere else in the country, water is better.



Abbey Feifer
Associate Director of Admissions
Pacific Beach

No. I drink all manner of water. [At home] I drink Brita filtered water. I don't think tap water is actually bad for you; I think there'd be a lot more class-action lawsuits if that were the case. Bottled water, though it does seem like a capitalist scheme, has improved people's desire to drink water on a more regular basis because you can just pick it up and take it with you. I don't remember anytime in my life when I took a to-go cup of water. Also, you can be somewhere like a movie theater and have water in your purse; before bottled water, you didn't really have that. Nalgene bottles also got really trendy; so then everybody wanted to carry water around. The water in my building tastes really bad, so I won't drink it unless it's filtered. If my cat won't drink it, then I shouldn't drink it either.



Grant Elmore
Student
Fashion Valley

No. I drink everything: beer, wine, and vodka. Tap water is good; it's the best thing for you. It tastes like it's good for you because you get a little bit of minerals. I do drink bottled water. Where I come from, in Imperial Valley, we actually drink ditch water. I'm used to drinking hose water. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I don't associate myself with snobs who don't drink tap water; you can't be closed-minded like that, you got to try everything. My best hangover remedy is two Aleve, two glassfuls of tap water, and relaxation. Get over bottled water, it's not that good.



Miles Gorman
Student
Point Loma

No, I have filtered water where I live, but beforehand I did only drink bottled water. I'm originally from Sacramento, and the water is a lot better up there. I noticed bottled water a lot more when I moved down here. A lot of the water up north comes straight from Tahoe, so you could bottle the tap water. George Carlin says something along the lines of pansies walking around with bottles of water. I don't really want to be seen with bottles of water. Around [San Diego] State, you mostly see girls carrying bottled water.



Mark Fieger
Chef
Paradise Hills

When in the San Diego area, yes, I only drink bottled water. When I'm back in Michigan, I drink the water from wells. I try and drink bottled water whenever possible. I have a house in Michigan that's next to a 100,000-acre wilderness area, so I pretty much trust the well water to be good; it's pumped from a deep well. It's better than bottled water. I never try and drink San Diego tap water if I have a choice, unless I'm boiling it for coffee. Most of the people I know only drink bottled water. When I was a kid, water purity was hardly an issue. The water purity awareness wasn't even thought about.

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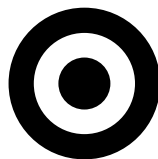
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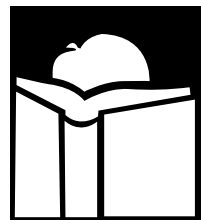
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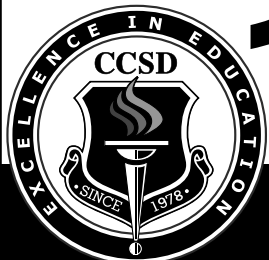
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THE READER PUZZLE

by David Levinson Wilk

- Across
- 1. Sonny and Cher songs, e.g.
 - 6. Punch server
 - 11. Franken and Sharpton
 - 14. Liability's opposite
 - 15. More accurate
 - 16. It might receive feedback, briefly
 - 17. Result of normal use
 - 19. Mom-and-pop org.?
 - 20. In a cranky mood
 - 21. Bedroom fixture
 - 23. Try to catch one's breath
 - 26. 20% of cuarenta
 - 30. Absorb the cost of
 - 31. Tach reading
 - 32. Close to one's heart
 - 37. Where some search for information
 - 38. Went "blah, blah, blah"
 - 43. Like the relationship between Amherst, Massachusetts, and Amherst College
 - 47. Status _____
 - 50. Sue Grafton's "____ for Innocent"
 - 51. Off the coast
 - 52. Hearty meal
 - 57. Noted misspelling of 1992
 - 58. Class of racing cars
 - 63. Suffix with suburban
 - 64. Woo someone by bringing them to a fancy restaurant
 - 67. Pal of Rover
 - 68. "Gladiator" setting
 - 69. Makes
 - 70. Repair shop fig.
 - 71. Comic Foxx and others
 - 72. Lovett and Alzado

- Down
- 1. TV toon Deputy _____
 - 2. Rehab qualifier
 - 3. Isaac's eldest
 - 4. Period in office
 - 5. Kind of infection
 - 6. Inc., abroad
 - 7. Oil field?
 - 8. Labor day?
 - 9. Pick up
 - 10. Flubbed
 - 11. Intensifies, in slang
 - 12. Easy listening station's phrase
 - 13. Gobble (down)
 - 18. Greenwich Village sch.
 - 22. It begins in Mar.
 - 24. Disgusted, with "up"
 - 25. It's in one year and out the other
 - 26. Artist who appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone in 1981 with her naked husband

- 27. 100 yrs.
- 28. Actor Holbrook
- 29. "Either he goes ____ do!"
- 33. Fire _____
- 34. Prefix with conservative
- 35. Author Rand
- 36. "Sweet!"
- 39. Ryder Cup org.
- 40. +/- Abbr.
- 41. Ram's ma'am
- 42. Paternity determiner
- 44. Made broader
- 45. Tiny criticism
- 46. The Sun Devils' sch.
- 47. Contents of Bartlett's
- 48. Musical composition's original form
- 49. "Birds _____ feather ..."
- 52. Cathedral topper
- 53. Fighting
- 54. Bete _____
- 55. LBJ's successor
- 56. Che chum
- 59. Setting of the opening scene of "Saving Private Ryan"
- 60. "You go, _____!"
- 61. Kin of -ess, -ette and -trix
- 62. Julia's role in "Ocean's Twelve"
- 65. Put a stop to
- 66. Walkman batteries

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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>

LAMPLIGHTERS, audition notice. "Dames at Sea," a musical. 8053 University Avenue, La Mesa, 7pm, May 15-16. Questions 619-464-4598 or www.lamplighters theatre.org.

LOST/FOUND, puppy found on 4/17/06 in Hillcrest on Dove Street. Please call 858-352-8613 and give full description.

MARTIN LUTHER, King Jr. community choir San Diego presents a 3-day cruise on Carnival Cruise, August 25-28, 2006. For more info visit www.mlkccsd.org.

MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays 7:30pm, Saturdays 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308. or www.dharmacenter.com.

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OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Free, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

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VICTIMS ELECTRONIC Harassment or Group Stalking. Free support group meeting: Sunday, April 23, 1pm, Mission Valley Branch Library. For more info call 619-822-9194 or 858-213-6383.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "The Crucible of Relationship" May 18, 7-9pm, 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. Call: 858-259-1880.

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WHY WISH, upon a star, when I know what you are. Bringing bliteness into me. Which I want the world to see. TMC of Carlsbad.

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NO GAMES HERE, White, 32 years, very attractive, loving, caring. Seeks white male, 21-36, serious minded. Ready for serious relationship and down to earth must. (5/10) 50961

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ASIAN EXOTIC SULTRY, Healthcare professional 5'3" 115lbs, great legs, curvaceous figure, childless properties owner. Desires nonsmoker, fun, fit, upscale, generous, compatible 35+ stable Caucasian gentleman. (5/3) 50959

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

RETRO MINDED GAL, 42, Caucasian, beautiful, simple, eccentric, outspoken, fun, creative, genuine in South Bay, desires similar guy 38-46, appreciating music, integrity, sarcasm, old stuff. (5/10) 50975

BLACK, PROFESSIONAL, TALL, Fit 45-55 Me Caucasian, tall, 44, attractive, likes compassionate, sexy, fun, movies,

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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

PRETTY SINGLE BLACK GIRL, 40s, great smile and legs, 5'3", 130lbs. Seeking handsome white gentleman who enjoys life, fun and romance, 6' or taller, respectable. (5/10) 50978

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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. (5/10) 50970

SINGLE FILIPINA WOMAN with one child, full figured, late 30s. Seeking single man, presentable, kind, honest to share conversation. (5/10) 50971

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A GOOD CATCH, Attractive single white male 45, adventurous, spontaneous, easygoing, sense humor, healthy, secure, outdoors, beach, barbecues, walks, poker, dining, concerts, Las Vegas week-ends. (5/3) ☎50360

APPEALING TO MY Beautiful black goddess: This attractive, white male, professional, fit and trim, 43, humble, adoring-awaits you with romance and respect (5/10) ☎50397

SOUTH BAY, Hispanic businessman, 52, fit, enjoys hiking, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports, clean, neat homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with doggies. (5/10) ☎50407

NEED A QUEEN, Looking for somebody who likes to be treated like a queen. I am king material, you decide. Come sit by my side. (5/10) ☎50394

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN Looking for a nice woman in North County, non-smoker, with a good sense of humor and who likes her life. (5/10) ☎50391

SPORTS MINDED, Seeking female, 45-55, who likes all sports. No drinking no drugs, no games. I play tennis also, call soon. (5/3) ☎50363

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

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

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE male, 43, 6'3", 235lbs. Looking for attractive, passionate lady for long-term relationship, to enjoy traveling, dining, romance, movies, fun weekends, hugs. (5/10) ☎50409

KINDNESS COUNTS. Strong, kind man, 51, 6'2", trim, employed. Seeking very female woman, 40s-50s, to protect and spoil. You'll like the respect and warmth. (5/10) ☎50416

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

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 25-45, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (5/10) ☎50400

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

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 175lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable, homeowner with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly lady. (5/10) ☎50413

LATINO MAN, Fit, slim, 5'8", 50, college educated. Seeking Latina woman 5'3"+. (5/3) ☎50383

REAL MAN SEEKING ASIAN or Italian woman for passionate romance. I'm athletic, generous, financially stable, spontaneous, adventurous, 33 years, with lots of heart. Handsome. (5/10) ☎50419

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

LOOKING FOR SERIOUS Relationship. Please be honest, caring, thin, and like kids, family, and outdoors. I'm 37, have brown hair and green eyes. East County. (5/10) ☎50404

DANCE PARTNER WANTED. Salsa, hustle, etc. Beginners welcome. Will teach. Me: mature, youthful, romantic, caring, 5'9", 140lbs, fit and trim. Start slow, see what happens. (5/10) ☎50417

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

NORTH COUNTY NATURE LOVER, creative. Young 53, 5'10", slim. Enjoy quiet times, dogs, motorcycles, exercise, laughter, classic rock, country. Seeking happiness and contentment with woman. (5/10) ☎50415

FIREMAN, WHITE, 45, Fit and frisky. Seeks attractive, classy, quality lady for

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SUPER SIZE, Older lady wanted for casual dating, fine dining, must be open-minded and good sense of humor. Please be between ages 35-50. (5/3) ☎50379

SAN DIEGO NATIVE, Late 70s. Likes bridge, dancing, theatre, dining out. Seeking lady with sense of humor, up-to-date, smiles easily, with similar interests. (5/10) ☎50402

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 70, retired. Love to travel, movies, cruises, walks, home life, stable finance. Like to share life with like-minded lady, East County. (5/10) ☎50410

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

SAN DIEGO NATIVE, outdoors man, 45, 6'1", 190lbs. Like skiing, sailing, desert, mountains, easygoing, fun, witty. Seeking same in slim, outdoor woman for life's adventures. (5/10) ☎50418

ARE YOU ATTRACTIVE, Female, light to dark mocha skin, full lips, sensuous eyes, sensitive, honest, caring, heart 35-45. Please call, attractive white male 43, 6'3", 250, shaved head, hazel eyes. (5/3) ☎50358

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

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

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

SINGLE HISPANIC MALE, 28, 6'1", teddy bear, enjoys music, people, dancing, family and movies. Seeking one special woman, 21-35, for serious relationship. No games. (5/10) ☎50405

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

60, WHITE, DIVORCED marine officer, 6'1", handsome, fit, kind, outgoing, homeowner, North County. Seeking younger, attractive, pleasant, open-minded, voluptuous, trim, near Oceanside, happy, fun loving. (5/10) ☎50414

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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

CAUCASIAN, 5'8", Author, teacher, medium built, 58, Psychology graduate student, transpersonal metaphysical interests. Enjoy film, music, outdoors, museums, hugging. Seeking female 40-48, similar interests. (5/3) ☎50361

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

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

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PRETTY ASIAN WANTED, 35/45, non-smoker, I'm 5'11, 220lbs., muscular body, age 53, mixed Indian and Black, never married, no kids, honest, easygoing, fun and sexy. (5/10) ☎50392

I LIVE IN PACIFIC BEACH, I am a huge sports fan, football, soccer, boogie boarding, etc. I would like to meet an Asian lady. (5/10) ☎50403

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

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE, Blue eyes, 50+, single, white, slender, fit good communicator, smart, sensitive, kind, financially ok.

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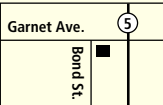
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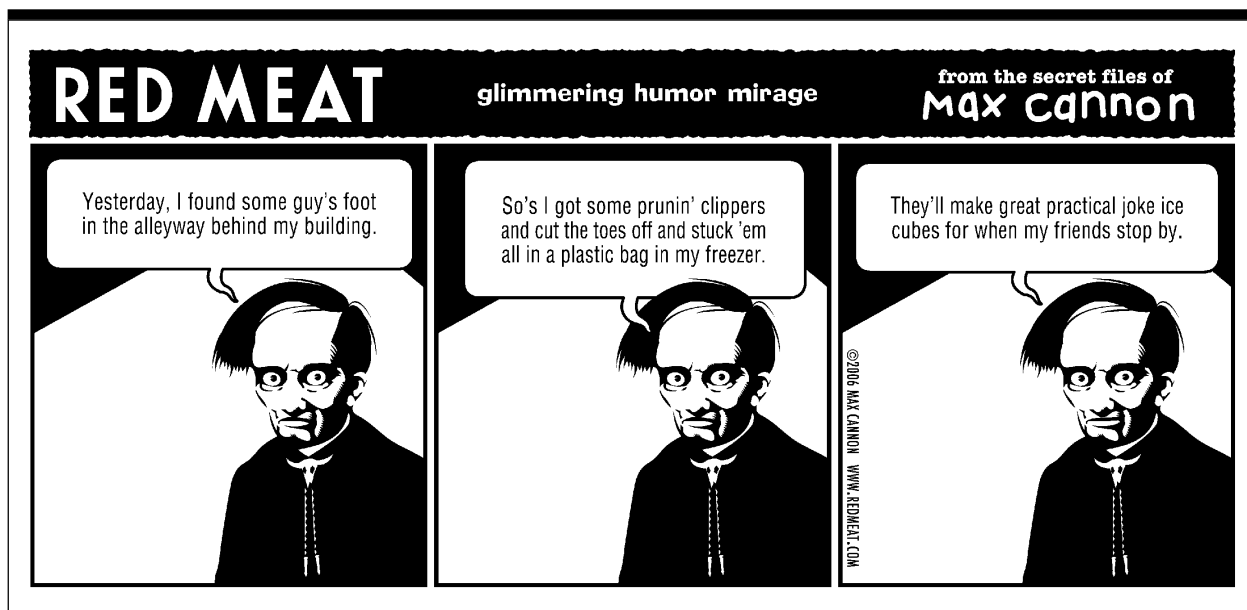
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HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$780. Studio at 3661 Georgia Street. Extra closet space, hardwood floors, laundry on-site, street parking. Available 5/17. Call 858-583-0182 or 858-688-0287, www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$1395. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs. Gated 6-unit. Tiled kitchen and bath. Formal dining room, air conditioning. Detached 1-car. Cat OK. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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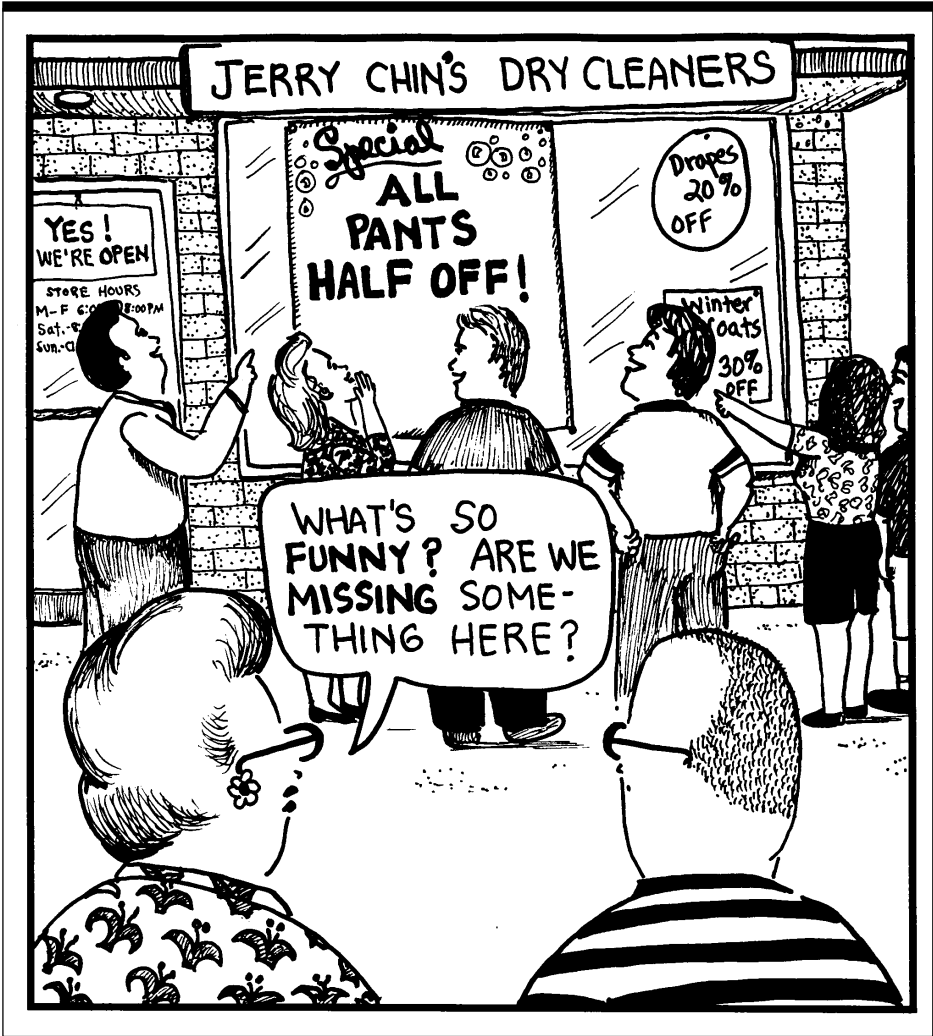
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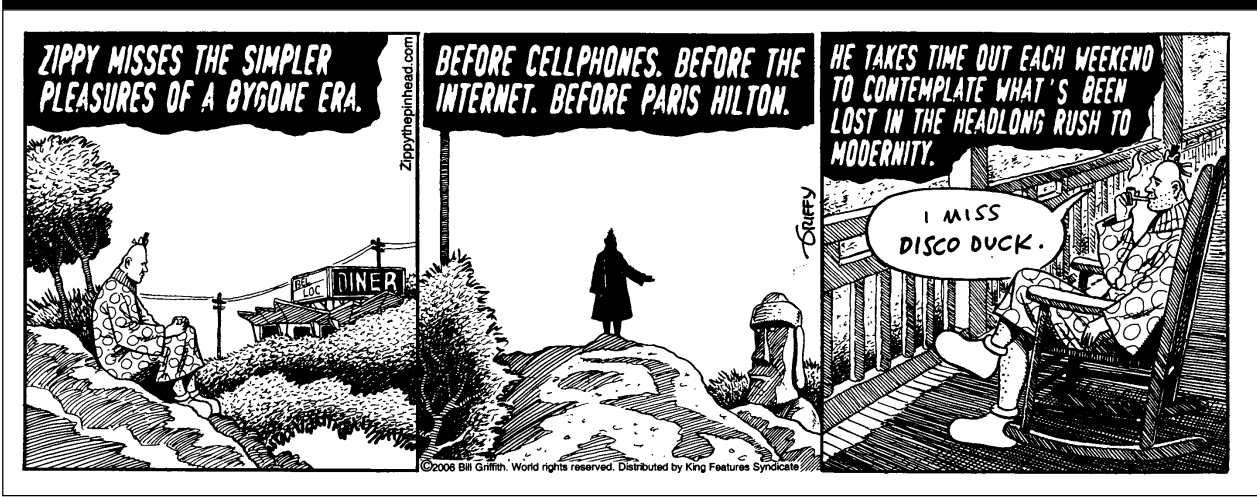
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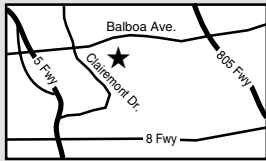
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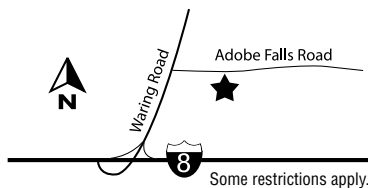
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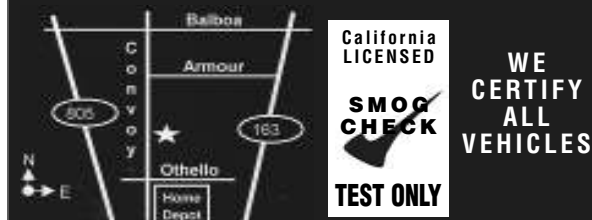
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The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Bold Marketing: (1) Among men's colognes recently launched: the Elizabeth Arden-NASCAR "Daytona 500" fragrance and the Ecuadorean Football Federation's set of three soccer-motif scents, ranging from a "sporting" aroma to "an intense smell ideal for after work." (2) Butte, Mont., has long been unhappy with the presence of the Berkeley Pit, a huge, putrid, toxic lake filled by runoff from arsenic, copper, cadmium, cobalt, iron, and zinc mines. Last year, however, the town began to figure out that tourists would actually pay to see the 500-acre, 900-foot-deep, foul, wretched mess. Attendance was so good that the admission price was recently increased. — Specialty Products: The apparently successful Iraq Insurance Co. (a state-owned firm with 50 salespeople nationwide) is thought to be the only company in the world to offer "off-the-shelf" terrorism life insurance (paying a body-guard's beneficiary, for example, the equivalent of about \$3500, which is a policeman's yearly salary, for a \$90 premium, according to a *New York Times* dispatch). As of mid-March, no policyholder had been killed. (2) Among the "brand" names used by marijuana traffickers to sell dole-laced candy, according to federal agents who made arrests in March in Oakland, Calif., are Buddafingers, Pot Tarts, Double Puff Oreo, Puff-a-Mint Pattie, and Toka-Cola.

— Volleyball is quite popular among female devout Muslim refugees in Kenya, according to a March *New York Times* dispatch, even though the women's bulky hijabs frequently shift around, hindering the "digs" and "spikes." The Nike company recently came to the rescue by designing (and then donating) sleek hijabs that cover the skin and hair appropriately, but also permit much freer movement on the court. Nike is silent on its marketing plans, but worldwide, the number of Muslim girls and women of prime sports-playing age is huge.

Science on the Cutting Edge

— In work by various labs in the United States, the Netherlands, and Australia (reported by Toronto's *Globe and Mail* in March), meat was grown in test tubes, and such dishes may yet be a staple in progressive kitchens. "Before bed, throw starter cells and a package of growth medium into the (coffee maker-sized) meat maker and wake up to harvest-fresh sausage for breakfast," wrote the *Globe and Mail*. Engineered meat would taste like beef or pork, but could be created to be as healthful as salmon. One private group told researchers it was interested in growing human meat, but funding for any of the work will be difficult, said a Medical University of South Carolina scientist. — A family has been found in Kurdish Turkey whose members walk on all fours, use the palms of their hands for balance, and stand upright only with difficulty, according to researchers who filmed the family for a March British television show. According to Professor Nicholas Humphrey of the London School of Economics, scientists' best guess for the family's condition is that their inbreeding caused the reprise of genetic traits long thought to have been evolutionarily passed over.

Man's Best Friend (Except Sometimes)

— In February, two girls (aged 12 and 13) ran away from home in Cleveland, headed by bus for Minneapolis, along with Bambi, one girl's family dog (represented to the driver as a "guide dog"). However, the girls overfed Bambi on junk

food, and the dog became so flatulent as to cause a commotion on the bus, which eventually drew police officers, who then discovered the girls were runaways.

Bright Ideas

— In February, the *Missourian* newspaper reported that Columbia resident Adam Ballard, 22, now in his second year in the Army, is overeating and under-exercising so as to gain weight rapidly and exceed the Army's body-fat requirement, which will force his discharge rather than his deployment to the Middle East war zone. According to *The Columbian*, 3285 soldiers were discharged for excess body fat in 2004 (although not all were war-zone shirkers). Ballard said he had no qualms because recruiters had originally assured him a desk job.

Least Competent Criminals

— Inexplicable: Phillip Williams, 47, for some reason approached two uniformed police officers in Tampa, Fla., in March to ask their opinions of whether the substance he had just purchased for the crack pipe he was holding was indeed cocaine. After examining the pipe, the officers suspended their then-current investigation of a burglary and put the cuffs on Williams. ... The month before, in Orlando, Michael Garibay, 34, approached a sheriff's deputy in a marked patrol car and asked him if he was "straight," which, as Garibay proceeded to explain to the befuddled officer, meant, "Do you want to buy cocaine?" After Garibay pulled out a baggie of white rocks, he was arrested. — Recurring Themes: In March, Gary Brunner became the latest person to go to a police station and ask if there were any warrants on him, only to find the answer to be yes and that he was under arrest (for drug possession, Carmel, N.Y.). ... And Bryan Palmer, 21, and Peggy Casey, 31, were interviewed by police investigating a burglary in South Windsor, Conn., in March, but were released. Detectives changed their minds, though, and were futilely searching for them when the pair showed up at the police station to ask how the investigation was going.

The Sacred Institution of Marriage

— (1) In February in Pattaya, Thailand, the woman who was the former Guinness Book recordholder for living in a cage with scorpions was married to the man who holds the equivalent record for time spent with centipedes, with consummation immediately afterward in a coffin. (Kanchana Ketkaew had stayed 32 days with 3400 scorpions and Buntawee Siengwong 28 days with 1000 centipedes.) (2) After Ms. Sohela Ansari told friends in their village in West Bengal state in India that her husband had mumbled "talaq, talaq, talaq" in his sleep, word got to local Muslim authorities, who declared the couple divorced. (A Muslim husband may obtain a divorce merely by the utterance, and the West Bengal clerics ruled that he need not be awake at the time.)

Readers' Choice

— In March, Deputy Fire Chief Leroy Johnson, 52, of Mesa, Ariz., announced his retirement after becoming possibly the highest-status person in the country in recent years to be allegedly witnessed having sex with a barnyard animal (a lamb). ... Another possible record-setter was Kimberly Du, 36, who was charged in February in Des Moines, Iowa, with faking her December death to avoid prosecution on several traffic tickets, which might be the pettiest criminal charge anyone has ever tried to avoid by faking death.

Not Even Safe in Your Own Bed Anymore

— People who recently had their sleep disrupted by out-of-control vehicular traffic crashing into their homes and right over their beds: Maryella Wallace, Davenport, Iowa, June 2005 (no serious injuries). A couple in Altamonte Springs, Fla., December (driver in a stolen car; no serious injuries). Juan Diaz, Fairdale, Ky., March (no serious injuries). A couple in the Houston suburb of Missouri City, Texas, March (two fatalities).

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

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—CITY LIGHTS: "PAPER MONEY," Paul Krueger,

April 29, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Some weeks ago, with no new movie in town worth writing about, I decided to rustle up remarks about my dissatisfaction with my mail at this paper. I went ahead and rustled. And came the deluge! Part of the response to that article can be attributed to postal splurging before the rates went from fifteen cents per letter to eighteen.

Majority leader, by dint of time holding the floor, was J. Michael Straczynski. He set the tone for the return-fire by referring to me in his letter as "Dunky" and as "old Dunky" — a rhetorical device I have rarely run up against

since second or third grade.

—"CEASE FIRE," Duncan Shepherd, April 30, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The man lies in a South Bay intermediate-care facility.... His name is Clint Gary, he's seventy-seven years old, and in Ocean Beach he's known as the Spaceman of O.B., a nickname since he first moved there in 1963. Six years earlier, while camping in the California high desert, Gary claims to have been visited by the Rillisporean aliens and taken aboard their space ship, where they told him secrets of the universe. After his arrival in Ocean Beach, he spent time on the beach at the foot of Newport Avenue, telling anyone who would listen of his encounter with extraterrestrials.

—CITY LIGHTS: "SPACEMAN," Thomas K. Arnold,

May 1, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

Stranded inside the 15 pounds that make up the proposed San Diego City budget are thousands of items about a year in the life of San Diego. A sampling:

Ordinances and resolutions prepared by city attorney: 3052

Meetings attended by city attorney's staff: 5560

Drunk-driving arrests: 8544

Calls for police service: 1,903,805

Percentage of calls where officers are dispatched: 35

—CITY LIGHTS: "SO MAYBE IF WE REMOVED OUR OWN DEAD ANIMALS AND LET A LOT OF PEOPLE DROWN, WE'D BE ABLE TO AFFORD ANOTHER RUSSIAN-EGG SHOW," Colin Flaherty, May 2, 1991

Ten Years Ago

"In the early '80s, Mitrovich was director of public affairs for David Dominelli, the local financier later imprisoned for fraud and tax evasion.... [W]hat happened was that Dominelli sent [*Paris Review* editor] George Plimpton a thousand-dollar check, and that made you a lifetime [associate of] the *Paris Review*. So he listed J. David and Company on the back page, with some of the most distinguished names in America, for instance Brooke Astor, doyenne of New York society, who's a friend of Plimpton. So George — because that's George Plimpton — he would often ask me, 'How's Dominelli doing?' One day he said to me, 'You know, some of my friends are asking me, 'Who is this J. David fellow?'" I said, 'Who's asking?' and he said, 'Well, Mrs. Brooke Astor, for one.'"

—CITY LIGHTS: "PRESIDENT CLINTON SAYS HE READS



San Diego Reader, April 30, 1981

ABOUT 250 BOOKS A YEAR," Mani Mir,

April 25, 1996

Five Years Ago

I am writing to you concerning my eldest daughter, who is a high school freshman.... But the high school she will be attending is one in the news recently. She was traumatized by the gunfire on campus and refuses to return to school. We think Charlton Heston and people like him who campaign against gun control are to blame.

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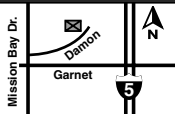
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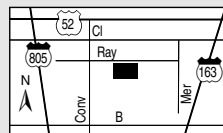
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Dear Saffron,

I was lucky enough to be given some tickets to several Padres games this season. My friend Morris and his 20-year-old son are huge baseball fans, and I have been looking forward to asking them to attend some games with my wife and I. Here's the rub: Morris's wife is a real pain. She's grumpy and takes offense at everything. I get along with her as well as I can in order to maintain my friendship with Morris, but I can't say I enjoy her company. She's a big whiny drag. Since she and Morris do almost everything together, and she gets hurt so easily, my wife pointed out that she might be upset if I asked only Morris and his son Perry to the game. I have four tickets to each of the games, so my wife and I can only ask two guests, not three. I want to ask Morris and Perry. My wife wonders what I'm going to do if Morris says Perry can't come but his wife

can. Is there a polite way I can finagle this so Morris and his son come, but not the wife?

TALMADGE PADRES FAN

Dear Padres Fan,

You can try to customize this invitation by calling the husband and asking if he and Perry want to go to one Padres game. Explain that you were given four tickets and have two extras. See how he reacts. If it's cool, and there's no fallout, great. You can then extend invitations for later games. If Morris feels he needs to ask his wife, or if she complains or insists on being included, you or Morris could try to obtain a fifth ticket for her. Or you can bite the bullet and go out as a foursome with Morris and the bum-mer wife and invite another duo to the rest of the games. Handle this situation cautiously — in effect, you're trying to bar your friend from bringing his wife, and you did say they do almost everything together. An attempt to separate them could get awkward quickly.

Dear Saffron,

My next-door neighbors have acquired a cat. They don't seem to take very good care of him. This cat is always getting into fights, and these neighbors act like they don't notice his injuries. I don't think they ever take him to the vet. I have a

couple of cats, and this cat is friendly with my cats. The neighbor cat not only hangs around with mine a lot but comes over to our house to eat a few times a week. My wife finally put a flea collar on him because he was giving fleas to our cats. If the neighbors noticed the flea collar, they didn't say anything about it. This cat has a regular collar and tag with the neighbors' name and address on it, but that seems to be the extent of their responsibility for this pet. Recently, when this cat got into yet another fight and had a cut near his eye that looked abscessed, I was the one who put antibiotic ointment on it so that it would heal. I would like to kidnap this cat and take him to the vet and get him neutered. Then he wouldn't fight so much and get wounded so often. It seems like the right thing to do. My wife says that while she understands my motivation, it's not our cat and we really don't have the right to just grab a neighbor's pet and get him neutered. I say this cat is neglected and deserves better. I think my plan is best for his welfare. What do you think is the right course of action?

DISGUSTED ENCINITAS CAT DUDE

Dear Disgusted,

I applaud your humane attitude toward this rowdy feline. Sadly, though, your wife is right. You cannot seize your neighbors' pet and bring it in for elective surgery without

the owner's consent. You *can* march over to your neighbors' house and ask permission to do this. If you are willing to go to all the trouble and expense to get their embattled cat neutered, it's hard to believe they'd refuse to let you...but the world is full of nuts who don't know when someone's doing them a favor. I hope these people allow you, as the cat's godfather, to implement your plan and get him fixed. Even better, maybe they'll get the hint and take him to a good vet themselves.

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MEGA PIXEL Digital camera, 3.0 Oregon Scientific, "Thin-Cam," it's aqua blue and in great condition. I bought it for \$120. Selling it for \$95, 619-565-7575.

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I'm thinking about the future, I guess: where I'll be in two months, what shape my life will take. There is so much to do, and it feels impossible. Time is beginning to slip through my fingers. It's cruel, how slow it went at first, when I wanted it to speed up, and how now, when I need it most, time has quickened. How much I gained this year and how much I lost, what I had and *thought* I had and *never* had and never *will* have and might get again but then again, might not. And what it all means and what it all doesn't. I kick a rock.

Without reason, I start to sing. I'm at the top of the hill on which I live, crossing it to get to my street. I don't know what I'm singing, but it matches my step, and it takes me two blocks to realize that it's "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." A spiritual.

I was about six years old when I learned that song, sweet

voiced and pigtailed and sitting up tall in my folding chair in the music room. Jane, our faithful, blue-eyed teacher, poured out song after song on the school's box piano, a honey-colored, chipped affair that looked as though it had been through at least one world war, and we chirped and mumbled along. Our favorite, "Drill Ye Tarriers Drill," was a loud, sturdy number that chronicled the building of the railway system, one we memorized the words to and sang at our Harvest Festival assemblies with the dark autumn sky poking through the windows.

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How the hardship comes through, the barbed edge poking its head up.

I'm approaching my door; I can see it and the glowing light of the laundromat below my building.

I'm still singing, letting the song fill me up and tug me empty, the way I now know it will. I'm not a great singer

but not a terrible one, still possessing a sweet voice but, if I'm honest with myself, one best suited for harmony, for descant. It is not a leader's voice, but it is tonight, on this lonely street, in this lonely song. And it was when I sang out for the first woman I ever loved, the first time I opened my voice to another person. I sang for her as I sing now, though I lost my nerve there with her and dropped off after

three lines, the only lines I remembered. Here, I press on strong, verse for verse, singing for me, I guess. Singing to keep my head from bowing, to keep my eyes from filling? Singing to whom? To myself? To the moon?

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KIDNAPPING AND ASSAULT**Location:** 300 Broadway, Downtown**Time/Date:** 8:00 p.m. on 3/11/06

Officer's Investigation: I received a radio call to investigate a [sexual assault] at the Balboa Naval Hospital. Upon arrival, I spoke with B.T. He told me essentially the following.



T. told me he met an Asian male only known to him as Phil at Horton Plaza on Saturday, March 11, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Phil helped him with his camera and they became friends. T. parted ways with Phil that morning and met on the street at 300 Broadway at approximately 8:00 p.m. that night.

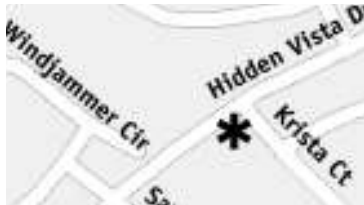
T. told me that Phil offered him alcohol. Phil stated the alcohol was in his car. T. went with Phil to his vehicle and drank three shots of tequila in a parking lot. Phil was drinking too. T. told me he did not know the location of the parking lot. T. watched Phil make the drinks that he had. Phil wanted to go to a strip club. T. agreed and Phil started to drive to the location. T. said he was coherent as Phil drove him around. T. said he entered into an unknown location in Mexico and blacked out. T. told me he may have been drugged.

T. woke up on Saturday afternoon at approximately 1:30 p.m. when the manager of the Mexican Hotel knocked on the door and told him to pay for another night or leave. T. said he has only blacked out one other time in his life due to drinking alcohol. T. noticed his clothes were off except for his boxer shorts and his shoes. He saw a condom on the floor in the room.

T. said he walked to the border entry that took him five minutes to reach after getting dressed. As he crossed the port of entry at approximately 5:00 p.m., T. was stopped by the Border Patrol and arrested for being

drunk in public. The Military Police arrived and took custody of T. A call was made to his shop and [Military Police] arrived and picked T. up and drove him back to his ship.

T. said later on in the evening he started to feel discomfort...[he] decided to seek medical help at the Naval Hospital and admitted himself...prior to his ship sailing port.

ROBBERY**Location:** [400] Krista Court, Chula Vista**Time/Date:** 10:00 p.m. on 4/16/06

Investigation: Chula Vista Police received a 911 call of a robbery. Responding officers located the victim and obtained a description of the suspects and their vehicle. The suspect vehicle was described as a silver Ford Taurus. The suspects were described as a Hispanic female, and a Hispanic male with tattoos. The victim was robbed of a cell phone, necklace, cash, and a watch.

Chula Vista Police Officer C. Rolain heard the suspect vehicle description and was standing by the I-5 Freeway at H Street. Officer Rolain saw a vehicle silver Ford Taurus southbound I-5 and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle continued south on the freeway into San Diego, where it eventually struck an object and stopped. The female was arrested on

the spot, and identified as 22-year-old Vanessa V.

The male suspect ran from the vehicle to a nearby trailer park on Cathy Street. The male suspect was ultimately located in a trailer on Canal Street, which is adjacent to Cathy Street. The male suspect was identified as 29-year-old Gabriel P., who is on active state parole. Officers arrested P., and found the property taken from the Krista Court robbery victim. The victim positively identified P. as the suspect who robbed him.

KIDNAP AND ROBBERY**Location:** [600] Douglas, Chula Vista**Time/Date:** 10:53 p.m. on 2/4/06

Report: Chula Vista Police officers responded...on a report of a home invasion robbery. The victims told officers that two suspects, later identified as Jose B. (25) and Refugio C. (27) who were armed with semiautomatic handguns and wearing ski masks, had kidnapped two victims from in front of the residence.

B. and C. forced the victims at gunpoint to drive to a nearby ATM to withdraw money. The suspects then instructed the victims to drive back to the Douglas Street residence. B. entered the residence and robbed a third victim at gunpoint. B. then forced a fourth victim out of the house at gunpoint. B.

got back into the first victim's car, ordering him to drive away.

Near Hilltop Drive and L Street, B. exited the victim's car and was picked up by Patricia S. (25) and C. in a 2000 Toyota Corolla. A short time later, Chula Vista Police Agent Brian Stevens and Officer Bryan Maddox saw the suspect vehicle in the 200 block of H Street and conducted a traffic stop. During their investigation, officers found two handguns, ski masks and the robbery victims' property inside the vehicle.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for B.'s residence in Murrieta. Detectives located three rifles, an assault rifle, ammunition, and property linked to a January 20, 2006, kidnap/robbery case. In the January case, a 16-year-old was walking home from school when a suspect with a handgun demanded money and valuables from the victim. The suspect forced the victim to his home where he removed property and fled.

KIDNAPPING**Location:** [5800] Central Avenue, Bonita**Time/Date:** 7:52 a.m. on 4/13/06

Incident: A. I. was forcibly taken from his vehicle as it was parked in his driveway. The suspects were described as three males, all of whom were armed with handguns. The suspects were driving what was described as a newer model blue or green minivan with paper plates. A. I. was forced into the suspect's vehicle, which was last seen leaving the scene westbound on Central Avenue.

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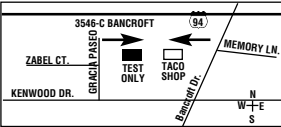
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Ron said, "Oh, no. This is a terrible time to get a cold."

I thought *No, this is a great time to get sick. Rob and Eddie's wedding is next week. My 30th birthday is on the 6th, and we don't go to San Felipe until Memorial Day. We don't have anything going on.*

Ron glared at me until the wheels of cognition caught traction and I said, "Oh, crap! We've got the Rosarito-to-Ensenada bicycle ride this weekend. I can't get sick now."

"Yes, that ride," Ron said. "The one we've been planning on for six months."

The ride that is on my "List of Things to do Before I Turn 30." The ride that I bought a new bike for.

Friday I felt things get worse. I'd become dizzy and could feel the burbling glop in my lungs percolate when I breathed deeply. With resignation I dragged my warbling, coughing ass to the drug store for Tylenol and orange juice. I called a list of friends who had connections to the medical industry or had been sick recently and cobbled together a rock soup of remedies.

In my kitchen I mixed the cocktail of pills: a few big white oval capsules, a few small blue circles, a red and a brown. I washed it down with a mouthful of orange juice and called Ron, "I've just taken a wad of dope that could kill a dinosaur, and I'm going to do it again tomorrow morning to see if I can ride the race."

In the morning I treated my mouth like a medical disposal canister again, swirled the candy-colored pills down my gullet with half a gallon of OJ, and called Ron, "I'm in. I'm doing it."

It wasn't until I was at Mile 42 that I thought I could actually finish the race. Over the whole course I couldn't breathe deeply, and if you can imagine a bicycle ride that spans over 50 miles and climbs from sea level to over 800 feet, you can imagine that one would need to breathe deeply to traverse it. But, I did okay. Over the hill I coughed. Down to the sea I wheezed. When my ass would burn on the seat, I'd stand up until my legs hurt and then I'd sit down until my ass burnt again.

Here I am, in bed, with an ice pack on my goonch and a hot towel over my face. Oh, 30. Here I come to you. Coughing, wheezing, with a crotch of fire, body aches, and sore knees. Oh, 30, here I come!

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

THE ULTIMATE FIGHTER

SPIKE 10:00 P.M.

Sure, dodge ball has had its day, and it's a fine sport, but what I'd like to see is more pillow fighting. Specifically, I'd like to see a Lingerie Model Pillow Fighting Championship. And, I'd like to be drunk. With a plate of tacos.

AQUÍ Y AHORA

KBNTCA 10:00 P.M.

If you want to attach a broom to the bottom

of that flag, I'll actually encourage you to protest.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

THE 33RD ANNUAL DAYTIME EMMY AWARDS

ABC 8:00 P.M.

I've got an awards show for ABC. It's called the 29th Annual Nobody Gives a Damn and That's Why People Watch Cable.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

MRS. DOUBTFIRE (1993)

FAM 12:00 P.M.

Now, I'm not one for violence against the elderly, but dammit, lady. The card goes in, you punch a few buttons, and money comes out the front. You've been standing there poking keys with that befuddled look on your face so long I could've established a satellite uplink to an account in Switzerland by now. If you don't get away from this ATM and back in your PT Cruiser to continue selling overpriced condos to hipster couples, I will slap and pull your old damn ears off.

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN (1976)

PBS 9:00 P.M.

Before my rise to the position of Emperor of the United States of America, the Senate will try to quell my ascension by dispatching assassins to my safe house. Through the clever use of body doubles in matching garb, I'll be safely hustled onto a freight train and packed in by my loyalist guards for the long trip to Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

MURDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: THE PAMELA SMART STORY (1991)

COURT 12:00 P.M.

New Hampshire is one of those states they use to show how dumb Americans are. Can you find New Hampshire on a map of the United States? No. And do you want to know why? Because nobody gives a crap about New Hampshire and nobody ever will.

MONDAY, MAY 1

JAMIE'S SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT

TLC 7:00 P.M.

Here's good television. An hour dedicated to a "nutritious, affordable school lunch that students will eat." I'd rather strain Tijuana tap water through a bum's underpants and drink it out of a fake leg.



Meet the Fockers

TUESDAY, MAY 2

SO NOTORIOUS

VH1 10:00 P.M.

Tori used to be mine. We sat in lazy fields beneath the shade of sycamore trees. She grazed next to cool mountains streams, and I rode her to the peak of Mt. Elsinore to watch the sun go down over the pine trees. Her hearing is sharp, and when she'd spook I'd say, "What is it, girl? Bandits on the trail? Easy, girl, easy," and I'd brush down her long mane with my gloved hand.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

MEET THE FOCKERS

HBO 8:00 P.M.

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"You want me to hire a girl? Then will I be all right?"

By John Brizzolara

The line at the border is once again a matter of at least three hours on foot to approach customs. I have Protonix or some Mexican version of the antacid, some Levoxyl for my thyroid, and the wrong dose of Coreg for my heart. I have prescriptions for all of these; but the dosage, as with the Coreg, may be wrong, the quantity may or may not be legal (is it 30 days' supply? 60? 90?), and getting swift, sure answers from customs either in person or by phone can be an absurd runaround. Telephone information on the legality of what med one might like to bring over the border is in one way or another discouraging. That is the key word. Purchasing pharmaceuticals in Mexico and bringing them to the United States is effectively discouraged with Kafkaesque bureaucracy or Orwellian doublespeak.

Then there is the line. *La linea*. Much longer for autos, but it can easily involve a large part of a pedestrian's day. On more than one occasion when doing this (Lord, I try to avoid Fridays, but that is payday), I rented a hotel room for \$25 just off Revolución, where renting by the hour proves convenient for prostitution or "massage" clients, and now a side business provides middle-aged, beer-sodden gamblers from Caliente or med-hounds from the States a room to sleep away the heaviest and hottest part of the day when the line is longest. I could have paid a fraction of the \$25, I believe, except that I registered as a journalist, and my guess is they did not wish to advertise as a brothel.

At 4 p.m., sunlight jostling its way between stunted cumuli heading for Japan fills the room at the Adelita or El Rey Hotel rooms (right next door and interchangeable) with swords of dirty amber, like sienna tint on an old daguerreotype, lending the border desperation, the poverty, and implicit crime in the woodwork a certain historical quality. Stretched out on the surprisingly comfortable, very firm mattress (never remove the bedspread), I have dreamed in those rooms and

the dreams are of a kind.

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Revolución, the main drag, itself a kind of dragon entity in some eternal urban New Year's dance of the Worm Ouroboros. Whistles, sirens, waiters shaking the heads of your missing children like maracas as they pour tequila, Kahlua, mescal with the worm that makes you dream of flying 100 miles an hour exactly one inch off of the ground. Those dreams come later, nightmares are likely first. Faces come at you out of the night and indeed you are likely to hear the Lizard King singing that exact Peso Opera piece from subsonic weapons-grade sound systems. But this is not Berlin, wall or no wall, it is Tijuana.

Through your open window, set high, as if in the cinder block of a cell wall, curdled blue/gray smoke writhes inside. Shot through the charred *carnitas* fumes like lightning is the staccato stuttering detonation of distant disco balls. The trustee is outside now, banging at your cell wall and asking if you want anything to read; but the cart is filled only with implements for cleaning. The second floor is tiered like a cell block, as is the third and fourth. You are back in jail. The charge this time was? It will come back in a moment, or you may never know what you have done. The trustee tosses you a rolled magazine called *Black Flag* and you see that it is really insecticide, the stuff you asked for at the desk, along with a remote control for the tube, with which you will kill the stately circling flies doing a mindless pavane in the middle of your cell.

Momentarily you wake and realize you have been dreaming. What were you thinking? You will not gas yourself with this stuff to kill the slow dogfight of flies in the gone-amber/now neon-stained pool of margarine moonlight. You had just been reading the Dalai Lama, and you remembered his advice on getting rid of flies, and so you do it. You turn off all the lights except the television and the light in the bathroom. You open the bathroom window. One by one you watch the flies desert their aerial ballet and flee to the bathroom, discover the open window, and seek out the abyss of blue-black freedom beyond. The master was right. All of them are gone, bloodlessly, within minutes.

Times have changed. Years ago you spent hours in rooms like this in Mexico, snapping flies out of the air with rubber bands, crippling them, watching them die against the floorboards. You listen to the quiet you have created; Revolución barking and crumping like a battle down the street. The Silence of the Flies, you think, and congratulate yourself on your spiritual growth — even if measurable only in this way.

The television Spanish lulls you to sleep. It is Friday night and the line will still be impossible. You will wait for that window between midnight and the last trolley out of San Ysidro at two a.m.

It is a movie in English that comes on during your own rapid-eye-movement late show. *The Animal Factory*, a prison film directed by Steve Buscemi. A guard stands at the bars to your cell; you seem to know him, and he's a character actor. "They think you're smoking *drogas* in here," he says.

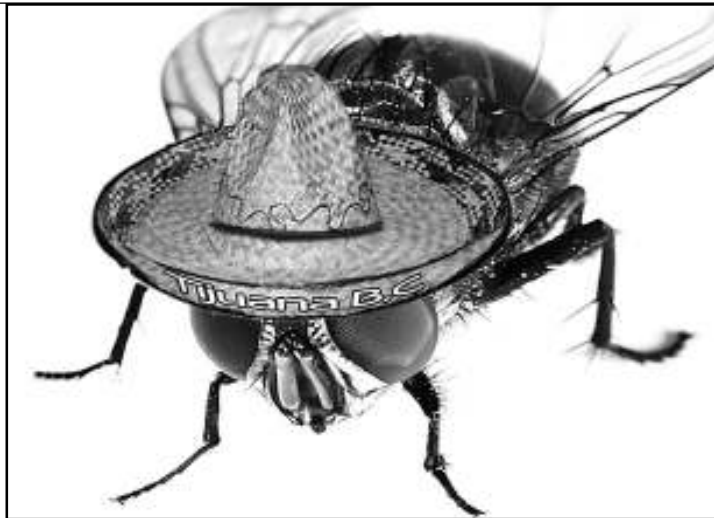
"It is pipe tobacco. Virginia Burley with Turkish latakia and perique. Maybe it smells like drugs."

"If they want it to, they will make it so."

"I have nothing to hide."

"Of course. You are innocent." A cachinnation like a burst of automatic rifle fire echoes up and down cell block two. It is laughter. The Laughter of the Innocents.

"You're smuggling drugs. Personally, I don't care."



"Which way to the donkey show?"

"Blood pressure, Lotensin, Lipitor, cholesterol." You recite them all: drugs you have been prescribed, taken off of, re-prescribed. "Lexapro, an antidepressant." "The police have been called. How much money do you have?"

"You want me to hire a girl? Then I will be all right?"

"You have certain anti-anxiety drugs. The *municipales* will want you to give them some money. You have money?"

I see now that it is William H. Macy, but it was another actor a moment ago. Behind him is Mickey Rourke in drag, pointing a gun at me.

I get up, push past the guard, now dissolving in an anti-anxiety-cloaking haze into another actor. He calls after me as I leap down the stairwell, two steps at a time. "Scarface! Scarface!" He's laughing his ass off, and it's a real guy. Pipe smoke is billowing from my room, and three Mexican men, associated in various ways with the hotel, are laughing with him. Rourke pulls the trigger and the 9mm shot is echoed by thunder over the Tijuana River levee.

"Key and remote are on the bed. *Lo siento. Mi español...*"

The rain wakes me in the pedestrian line. I stare up at the huge television advertisement screens and realize that I am as awake as Lorazepam will allow and that I have all along been on the set for the film *Bladerunner*. Surely Ridley Scott meant Tijuana and not Los Angeles or wherever that was supposed to be.

At customs, Harrison Ford asks what I brought with me from Mexico. "Prescription drugs. I have San Diego and Tijuana prescriptions for them."

He removes the Protonix, says, "Too many." Confiscated. "How much have you had to drink?"

"None. Nothing. Do I appear drunk?"

"It's just the hour. Didn't want a margarita, some shooters?"

"Want them? Ah, no. No. Didn't have to."

"Yeah, gets pretty crazy, I know what you mean."

It took me some miles along the trolley to understand, unlike Harrison Ford, who seemed to know immediately what it was that I had meant when I said, "I didn't have to."

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