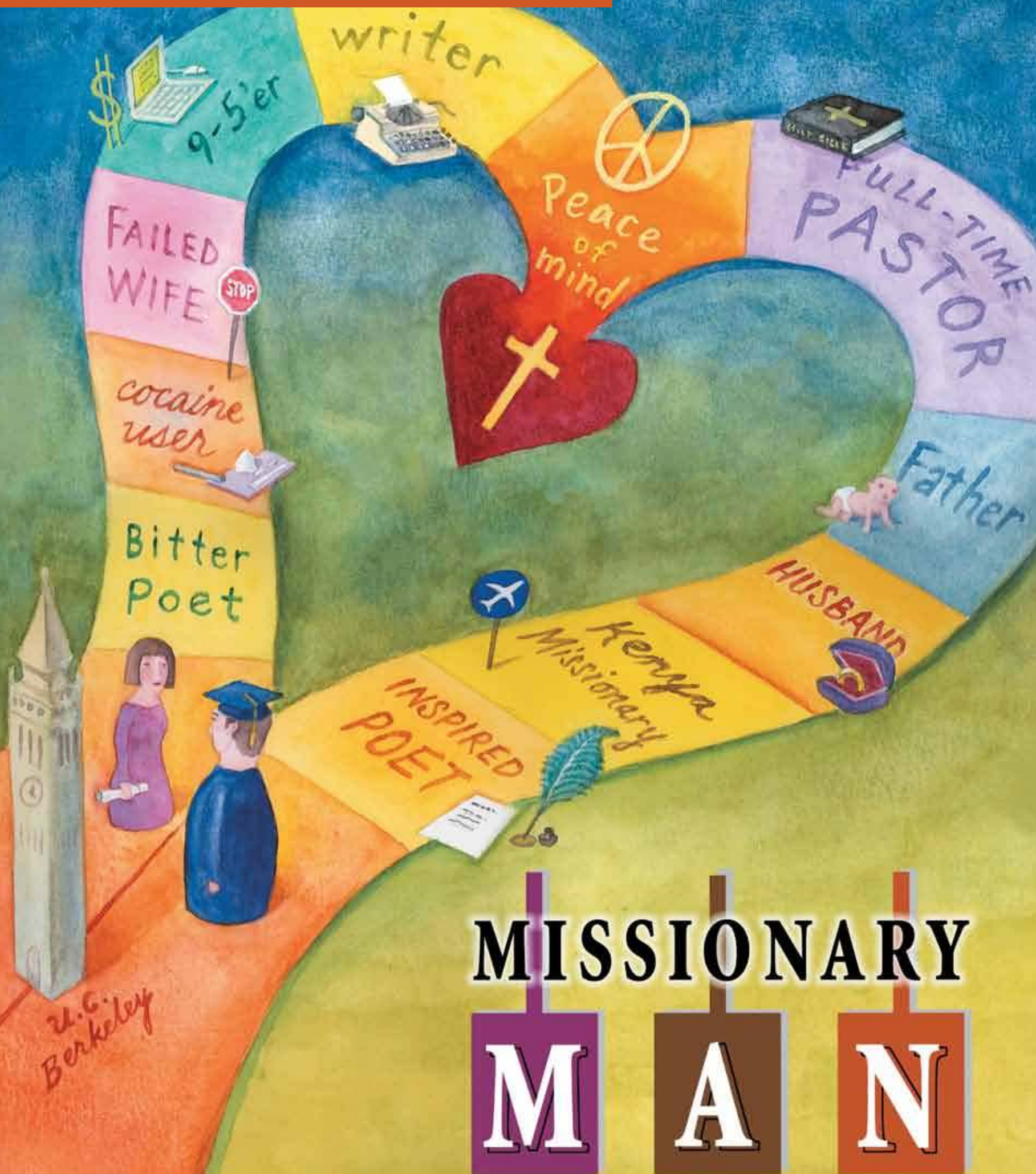


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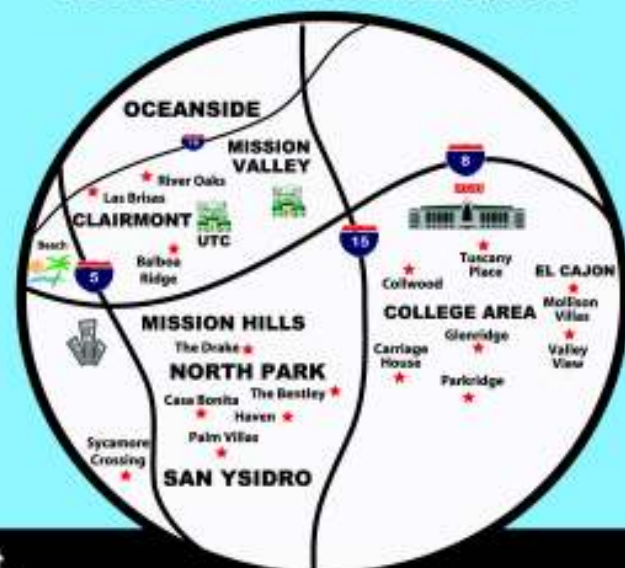
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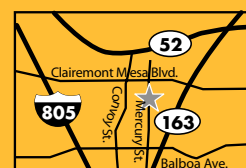
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Influence peddling That big two-page ad in the Sunday *Union-Tribune* of April 16 touting San Diego Mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s proposed budget was the brainchild of **Pam Hardy**, "communications director" for Councilman **Scott Peters**, according to documents obtained from city hall last week under the Public Records Act. The advertisement — criticized by some as being more promotional than substantive — was paid for by big corporations tapped by the mayor's office. Hardy's role — previously unknown to the public — appears to illustrate a strategic tie between Sanders and Peters, who as president of the council is supposed to play an independent role in reviewing the mayor's budget.

On February 27, Hardy e-mailed **Fred Sainz**, PR man for Mayor Jerry Sanders: "Hi Fred. We need to get our heads together about how to draw more media attention to the budget process. Should we try to get **Jerry/Scott/Toni/Jay/Andrea** or any combination thereof before the *U-T* ed board? How can we get the *U-T* to run the 'citizens guide to the budget' insert the Sunday before the budget goes to Council? And how can we get them to do it for free? Got any great ideas?"

The mayor's office did not provide a record of Sainz's reply, but two days later, on March 1, Hardy e-mailed him again: "I have a copy of the Phoenix budget guide, if you'd like to get together for a few minutes today and take a look." Hardy e-mailed Sainz once again on April 4. "Wanted to check in with you about our fundraising for the citizens budget guide. Do we have a fund set up with the SD Foundation? Do we need to craft a letter on behalf of Jerry and Scott?"

By April 13, **Aundene Hugg**, the mayor's director of "appointments, boards and commissions," had taken command and was aggressively hustling for checks. "We need the check for \$4,000 made payable to *The San Diego Union-Tribune*," Hugg e-mailed Sempira's **Lisa Howard**. "If we can get that delivered here to the Mayor's office by close of business today, we will forward those checks to the *U-T* with the Mayor's budget ad art work." The same day, Qualcomm's **Monique Rodriguez** requested to see a copy of the advertisement. "We still want to help but wanted to see what the ad looks like."

There were a few snafus. "Our apologies for the misunderstanding on Friday regarding payment," e-mailed Gen-Probe's **Monica Aguirre**. "As Hank left the office that day he said that he had already

taken care of this with you.... Good thing that Mindy was around and able to help you. We need a receipt or acknowledgement of the \$2,000 contribution for our accounting department. Could you please fax or email one to me this week?"

Lobbyist **Chris Wahl** of Southwest Strategies also got into the act, rounding up checks from the Downtown Residential Marketing Alliance and an entity he called "WF." City lobbyist disclosure records show that Wahl's clients include Westfield Corporation and Beachfront Properties. "I have the DRMA check in my hand, and will get it to you by tomorrow midday. As for the WF check, we can have that to you by Thursday morning first thing. Does that work?" Other major Southwest lobbying clients dependent on the good will of Sanders and the council include Lennar Communities, Pardee Homes, the Otay Mesa Planning Coalition, and Wal-Mart.

Peters chief of staff **Betsy Kinsley** e-mailed a status report to Sainz on April 12. "I apologize for the delay, getting 8 [to] sign off was an interesting experience." The *U-T* was paid \$25,000 for the ad.

The Don and John Moores Padres owner **John Moores** has given \$100,000 to Rebuilding California, a so-called issue advocacy committee controlled by state senate leader **Don Perata**. Since the beginning of February, Democrat Perata has raised \$570,000 to promote his "Perata Plan," a scheme to sell bonds for a slew of costly new projects like highways and "affordable housing."

The money raised from Moores — who contributed on February 16 — along with cash from fat-cat corporations including Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric, and contractor Tutor-Saliba (\$50,000 each) is being plowed into a statewide TV campaign touting Perata's huge debt-raising plan as an alternative to one sponsored by GOP governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. Because the committee isn't promoting a candidate, it is exempt from campaign contribution limits.

F. Warren Hellman, a friend and business associate of Moores's as well as father-in-law of UC president **Robert Dynes**, gave the effort \$25,000, as did the L.A. Arena Land Co., an outfit owned by Denver billionaire **Philip Anschutz**. Anschutz is seeking big public subsidies for his "L.A. Live," a \$1.7 billion sports and entertainment hub in downtown Los Angeles being built with partners including Florida home-building giant Lennar. Insiders suspect that Moores may have the same motive. Moores has lucrative development rights in the east part of downtown San Diego and is also partnered with Lennar. Ex-state senator **Steve Peace**, who was hired by Moores last year, is said to be involved in the behind-the-scenes legislative action. Another rumored scenario: Moores may join with Chargers owner **Alex Spanos** to try to build a stadium in Chula Vista.

— Matt Potter

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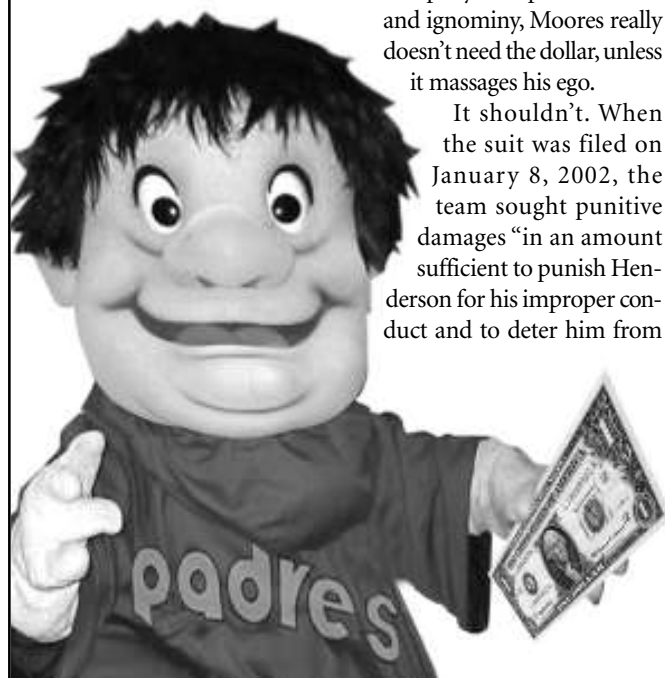
Henderson Suit Gets Padres One Dollar Bill

By Don Bauder

Rejoice, fans. The Padres are one dollar richer. The team's long-running malicious-prosecution suit against former councilmember Bruce Henderson was settled last month for a buck. Henderson pays that sum to the Padres.

to John Moores, majority owner of the team. Since he raked in \$600 million selling off Peregrine Systems stock before the company collapsed in fraud and ignominy, Moores really doesn't need the dollar, unless it massages his ego.

It shouldn't. When the suit was filed on January 8, 2002, the team sought punitive damages "in an amount sufficient to punish Henderson for his improper conduct and to deter him from



But it's dwarfed by the \$134,000 in legal fees that the Padres paid Henderson's lawyers, as ordered by one superior court judge.

Most of that dollar will go

engaging in similar acts in the future."

A dollar isn't much of a deterrent, but Henderson had legal bills beyond the \$134,000 the Padres paid his lawyers.

Other civic-minded people are expected to cover the rest of his bills. "It would have been extremely costly for Bruce to continue," says his attorney, Roy Cannon. "Both sides would have had to pay substantial legal fees."

The Padres asked for settlement talks, and Henderson agreed, he says. (The lawyer for the Padres did not return phone calls.) As a condition of the settlement, neither side admits to any wrongdoing. Decisions made at both the superior and appellate court levels along the tortuous route do not become legal precedents.

The original suit charged that Henderson, who on behalf of clients had filed 6 of the 14 suits against the ballpark project, improperly used the legal system to stall construction of the \$450 million city-subsidized project. The Padres charged that Henderson had cost the team hundreds of thousands in litigation costs and attorneys' fees and had wasted greater amounts of taxpayer money.

He had filed the suits with malicious intent, claimed the Padres. To win its suit, the team would have to show that no reasonable attorney would find any merit to the underlying claims.

Henderson had "attempted to use the lawsuits to decide

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Park and Road Snag

By Joe Deegan

In a surprise visit, San Diego District 7 councilman Jim Madaffer appeared at the City's December 1 Planning Commission meeting. Visits by councilmembers are "rare," writes Commissioner Carolyn Chase in the April *San Diego Earth Times*, "because decision makers are supposed to make land-use decisions based upon the

park space in a community that has less of it than most other San Diego neighborhoods. The Planning Commission's discussion initially seemed to favor the same position.

That's when Madaffer chimed in, according to Chase. He assured the commission that "he was personally going to see that the street would be paid for by redevelopment 'tax increment' funds," she writes. "Finally, due to instructions from the city attorney that we could not remove the street from the project," the commission approved the road-park project. But it also "voted to create a task force to [reconsider] the street, feeling that if all the factors were honestly taken into consideration, then the park without the street would [prevail]. Let's just say we were a little naïve," writes Chase.

In 2004 Madaffer was instrumental in helping the City acquire a \$2.3 million California Urban Parks grant to develop the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Park. The City then committed \$930,000 in matching funds. The park would lie at the southern tip of Winona Avenue next to Auburn Creek. It would feature, according to the City's project summary, "a children's playground, picnic area, shade structure, basketball court, a walkway, interpretive kiosks and a grassy area for play."

When the City applied for the park grant, it made no mention of a road as part of the project. In fact, a drawing in the City's grant application showed the road site as a southwest leg of the park. To justify the change, city staff reported that originally they thought the road site would be vacant. "Subsequent to the grant application," said the report, "the project changed to include the road connection reflecting input from the community." Other public input, however,

apparently troubled the city's hearing officer in the case. The report stated that he expressed "strong concern that staff had received two different recommendations from the community," the road's rejection by the City Heights Area Planning Committee and its promotion by the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association.

For several years, the neighborhood association had been counting on a road to connect Winona Avenue on Fox Canyon's northeast side with

maps since 1911. That means the City has a right-of-way at that site, whether or not it decides to build the road. But no funding has ever been committed to build it.

According to the city staff report, the proposed road-park project would be built on 2.7 acres in Fox Canyon. It would include 0.4 acre for the creek bed and 0.4 acre for the road, its curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Thus, "of the 2.7-acre site," says the report, "0.4 acre is lost due to the proposed

property owner Larry Zajonc to buy 1.9 acres. Proponents of the road argue that since the park has the same acreage in the new plan, nothing has been lost. But even they admit that only 0.4 acre of that land will be "usable" as a park. That's because much of the property to be purchased from Zajonc is sloping hillside.

The park-road issue resurfaced during the March 16 meeting of the Park and Recreation Board, which makes recommendations to the city

ity to take anything off the agenda. That would be a violation of the Brown Act, since the agenda had already been posted for the public." Mendoza was arguing that the Park and Recreation Board did not have purview over streets. The board decided to discuss the matter over Mendoza's objections, finally voting in favor of the park without a street.

Ottile says that afterwards he phoned Madaffer, who expressed regret that he had ever suggested putting in the park.



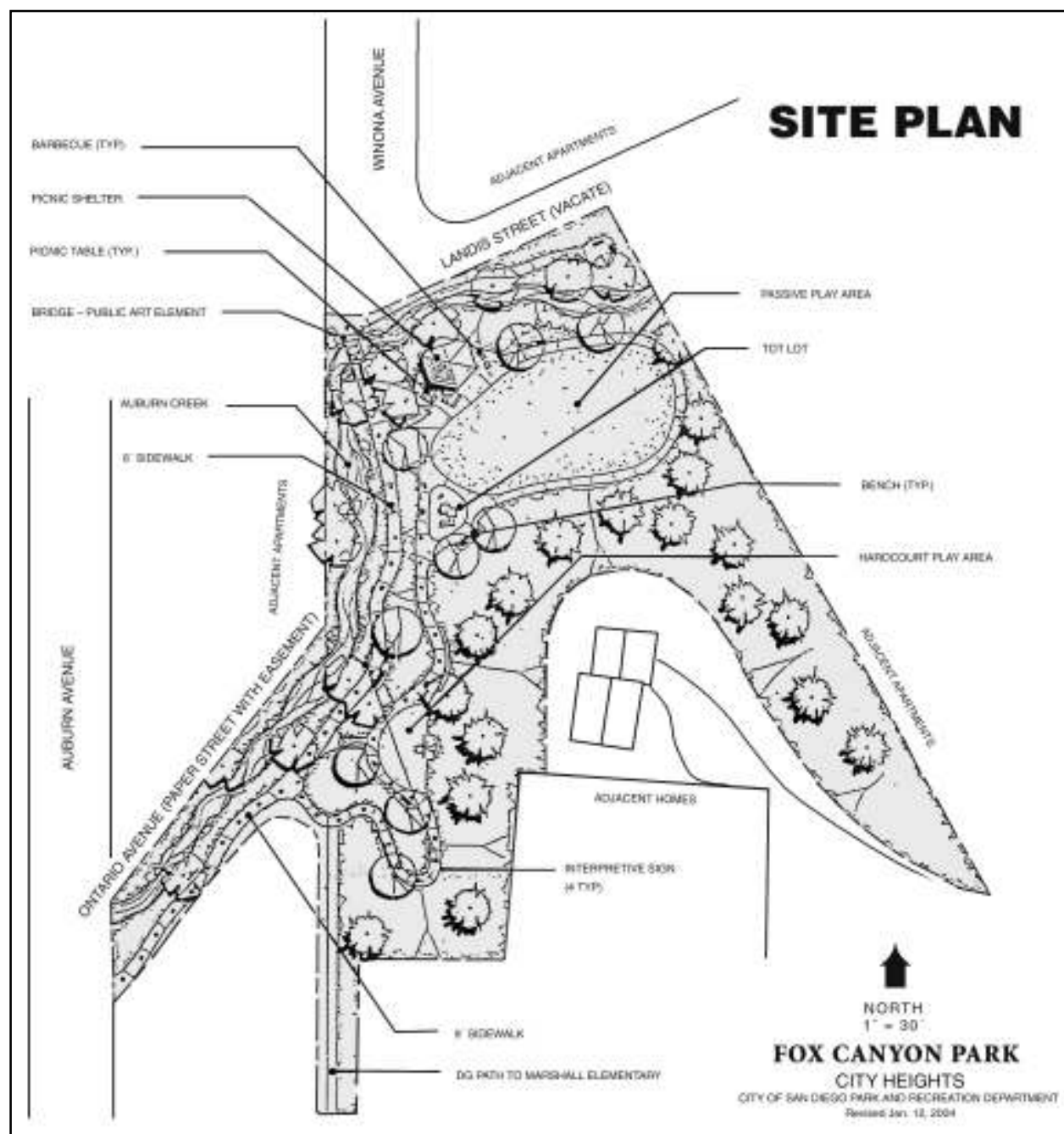
Carolyn Chase



Jim Madaffer

evidence provided at a public hearing. They are not supposed [to] give evidence or testify in favor [of] or against land-use decisions, since that would demonstrate bias on their part."

That day the Planning Commission was evaluating a road and creekside park that the City's Development Services Department had put together in a single project. Madaffer and many neighborhood residents want the project, which is in Fox Canyon near Euclid and University Avenues. But the City Heights Area Planning Committee earlier recommended overwhelmingly that the City approve the park — but without the street. It argued that the road would take up



Earliest site plan, submitted with grant application

Auburn Drive on its west. Heavy concentrations of small houses and apartment buildings line both streets as they descend into the canyon. In 1999 the association had sought help from San Diego Street Division Services. By 2002 the agency had designed Ontario Avenue as a connector. It had been a paper road on San Diego

[road, but] the road does not bisect the park." In the state grant application, 1.9 acres were dedicated to the park. Now the park is restricted to the east side of the Ontario-Winona junction where, according to Lane MacKenzie of the City's Real Estate Assets Department, the City is currently negotiating with

council. Attorney Bob Ottile, a board member, says he came late to the meeting only to hear deputy city attorney Hilda Ramirez Mendoza telling the board that "we could not consider the issue. The impression I got," Ottile tells me, "was that she was taking it off the board's agenda. I told her the city attorney had no author-

"The road has to come first," Ottile quotes the councilman as saying. "Madaffer went on to say that if the road is not included in the project, 'The whole thing [park and road] is terminated at this point,' as though he has the power to do that."

Opponents of the road

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the pace, timing and feasibility of the ballpark project," thus thwarting the will of voters who had approved it in 1998, according to the suit.

Henderson replied that he had often asked for expedited hearings — hence was not trying to use the lawsuits to stall. He said that the delays in the project were not a result of his suits but were essentially caused by a faulty environmental impact review as well as the long federal investigation of Moores's showering gifts on Valerie Stallings, the former councilmember who was the project's most enthusiastic sup-

porter in city council chambers. Stallings was eventually forced to resign after pleading guilty to two misdemeanors that were later erased. Although he had shoveled gifts to her — including cutting her in on a hot stock and telling her to sell right before it peaked — Moores was not charged. (No one was surprised, this being San Diego.)

Henderson's clients had sued on various grounds: faulty environmental impact report, inadequate public disclosure, dubious legality of the 1998 ballpark ballot initiative and the city council's decision to budget money for the ballpark, and most significantly, the inherent conflict of interest in Moores's bestowing valuable

gifts and favors on a councilmember who was critical to the ballpark decision. In that last matter, the City and the team had argued that there was no conflict of interest in Stallings's accepting manna from a near-billionaire wanting to build a stadium with taxpayer money. The superior court had blessed that argument, but the appellate court had knocked it down, saying the no-conflict argument was "disingenuous." However, by that time the case itself was moot.

The malicious prosecution case bounced between superior and appellate courts, and the Padres actually sued Henderson twice, launching a second malicious prosecution suit

with another superior court judge. In the end, all the team's causes of action were dismissed, but the appellate court upheld one charge by the Padres: the court said that a responsible attorney should understand that the team had a constitutional right to use its powers to persuade government to grant it favors — that the cozy Stallings/Moores financial relationship was A-OK.

"Essentially, the appellate court was saying that the Padres have a constitutional right to corrupt government," says Henderson. If the malicious prosecution suit had gone to trial, it would have been over this issue. Henderson doubts the Padres would have wanted to argue in court that giving gifts

and getting hundreds of millions of dollars in favors were legitimate practices.

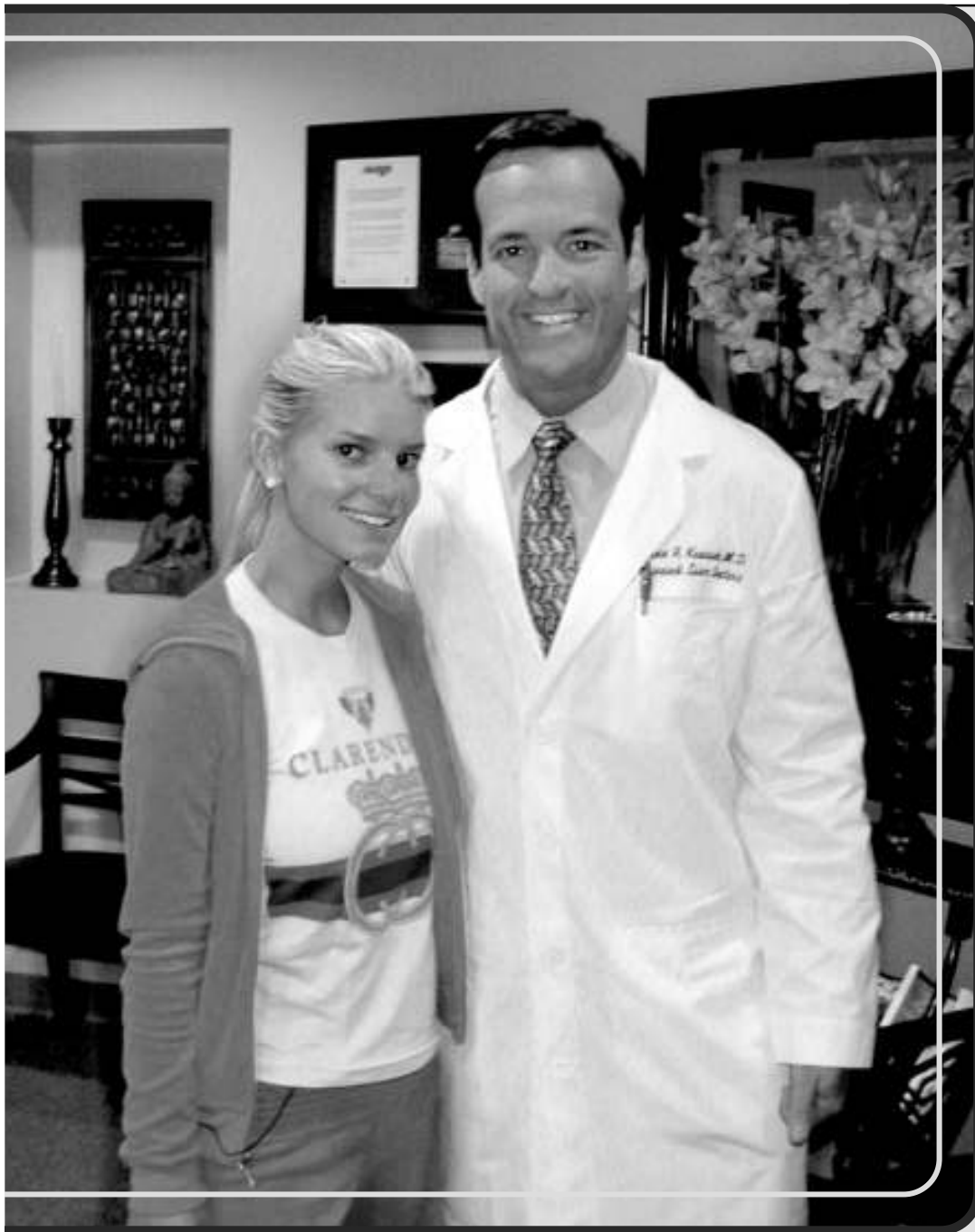
The adventure cost the Padres money, but it permitted them to get what they wanted. The malicious prosecution suit was just one part of an establishment campaign to get the ballpark financed, even at the expense of legal principles, fiscal responsibility, and honest government. In late 2001, city council had permitted the Padres to alter drastically the mix of commercial projects that were supposed to go into the ballpark district. In the original Memorandum of Understanding, any major change was to require a new vote. A retired law professor, Robert Simmons, challenged

the decision, saying the matter would have to be voted on again.

Henderson had planned to join Simmons's suit on behalf of a client. Upon being hit with the Padres' suit, which could have wiped him out financially, Henderson backed away.

Thence followed a hate/hysteria campaign. The former city attorney, Casey Gwinn, declared that a "Henderson tax" had cost the City \$20 million. With typical logic, Gwinn blamed the delays caused by the Moores/Stallings scandal on Henderson's lawsuits. The *Union-Tribune* — official protector of corporate welfare, particularly for itself — wrote editorials lauding the Padres'

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lawsuit, blaming Henderson for any delays, and never mentioning the Moores/Stallings scandal. Ditto for those who wrote purported “think” pieces on the topic for the *U-T*.

The City said it must have a judgment in its favor on the Simmons suit by the end of January 2002 or Major League Baseball would depart. The judge gave the team and the City all they wanted and then some. Simmons was not given time to prepare his suit. The judge slapped Simmons and his lawyer with sanctions for challenging a judge. They were later reduced by more than 90 percent by the appellate court. The court quickly dismissed the Simmons suit. "The City and the Padres were sending a signal that anybody who had any ideas about using the court system to review the hidden details of this project better think twice because the City and the team have the legal system locked up," says attorney Stan Zube, who represented Simmons. "They had

it wired.”

They sure did — up to the appellate level. By getting a dollar from Henderson, “the Padres save face,” says Zubeil. Four years later, the City is broke and the ballpark is a \$20 million annual drain. Was saving face really worth it? ■

Park and road snag

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wonder why the City's Development Services Department linked the road to the park project in the first place. They also suspect that Madaffer may have put deputy city attorney Mendoza up to quashing the Park and Recreation Board's role in the matter. But Mendoza tells me later that she only intended to explain what was legal for the board to do.

Although the San Diego police and fire departments have said that Ontario Avenue is not needed, Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association's president Jose Lopez maintains that traffic in the neighborhood demands it. "Ontario Avenue has been promised to us since 1911," Lopez tells me.

“We need it especially in the mornings and afternoons to clear traffic at John Marshall Elementary and Waldorf Schools several blocks away.” However, the location of the schools makes that difficult to understand.

On March 21 another organization, Friends of Fox Canyon, brought before the city council an appeal to the "environmental determination" for the park-road project. Only the adequacy of the document was before the council. Councilmembers were not supposed to comment on the merits of the park, the road, or both in combination.

Before the meeting, city attorney Mike Aguirre had written a memo advising Councilman Madaffer that he should recuse himself when the matter came up. Nevertheless, Madaffer expressed confidence that he could objectively participate. He said he wanted to make sure the environmental report was up to snuff.

In the appeal, Friends of Fox Canyon's John Stump maintained that the report fails "to consider how much road wash will enter the Auburn

Creek when this road is opened and operated.” South of the proposed road’s site, the creek joins Chollas Creek, which flows into San Diego Bay. Stump also argued that the environmental document does not “analyze the impacts of resultant housing development directly from this project”

The council eventually agreed with Stump's complaint and upheld the appeal, which provoked Madaffer to join the fray. He argued that having now rejected the environmental document, the City was likely to lose the state parks grant. The council became alarmed at this prospect and decided to reconsider. After much discussion their solution was to reverse themselves, deny the appeal, and approve the environmental document. But council president Scott Peters added a proviso that those who supported the street would have to bring it back to the council later for approval and funding.

Along the way Madaffer expressed great frustration and, at last, let the cat out of the bag. If the street didn't go through, he said, not only

would there continue to be too much traffic, but future affordable housing projects would be threatened in Fox Canyon. "There are incredible new affordable housing opportunities at the juncture of Auburn Drive and Ontario Avenue," according to Madaffer. The City, he said, could "replace some of the old, deficient housing in the area" with high-density housing. Heavy storms in the past have caused nearby Chollas Creek to overflow its banks and flood residents. Those affected could move to Fox Canyon's higher ground, allowing them to stay dry without having to leave the area. Ever since the Crossroads Redevelopment Area was established in his district, said Madaffer, he has planned affordable housing in Fox Canyon. One wonders whether he has also spoken with a developer about constructing it.

All this was fine and dandy—except that Madaffer's redevelopment plans for the area have never been announced to the public. And as Donna Frye immediately pointed out, the environmental document then under con-

sideration “does not have any discussion of the [housing] growth inducement.... And if that was the intention, then it needs to be so stated.”

I ask Jose Lopez of the neighborhood association if he thinks new housing developments would go into Fox Canyon as a result of the road. "No," he tells me, "it's too crowded in the canyon already. There is no room for new building."

But Carolyn Chase foresees how it might happen. “It turns out that [Fox Canyon] properties are subject to eminent domain in the Crossroads Redevelopment Area,” she writes in the *Earth Times*. “The very villagers for whom the park grant was designed could face eviction through the redevelopment process. The real rationale for the street is to allow new development that would add even more traffic to the entire situation.”

Meanwhile, in an April 19 e-mail, John Stump writes to me, saying, "I filed suit in Superior Court today...to compel the city council to...provide due process in the Fox Canyon Park matter." ■



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An American Autistic's Struggle

Regarding "American Dreamers" ("City Lights," April 27), the article illuminates the plight of legal immigrants. Apparently, there's a five-year backlog of green card requests. Well, I'm an American, and it took seven years of intense advocacy before my American autistic son got adequate behavioral, educational, and medical services. Moreover, for years I've waited in hundreds of lines and filled out stacks of papers to secure my son services. The services intended for American citizens and backlogged due, in some part, to illegal immigrants draining the system. Worse, finding resources to protect my child is a never-ending nightmare. In short, I'm constantly dealing with insane bureaucracy. Interestingly, the article implies low-skilled workers often wait 15 years to become citizens. Has it occurred to anyone that America doesn't need unskilled laborers? Doesn't this weaken a country? Perhaps if immigration services offered quality training programs that plugged people into American jobs with high turnover rates, such as working with the elderly and disabled, we'd all be happy.

Kim Oakley
Valley Center

Wake Up, Ure

In reference to "American Dreamers" ("City Lights," April 27), San Diego attorney Stephen Ure will have us believe that the good old USA should speed up the immigration process so low-skilled illegal immigrants can flood America. Wake up, Ure, this is America, land of logic, law, and order. America doesn't need third-grade-educated fruit pickers who work for cash,

impregnate five women, and end up having ten kids that drain our welfare system while they're using fake social security numbers and fake names.

Amy Soto
San Diego

Everyone Should Do It

I couldn't help but smile as I read "Hemingway at Taco Bell" by John Brizzolara (April 27). I have nothing but the utmost respect for those that work in fast food, having worked in the trenches myself about 15 years ago. It's sad that so many people turn their noses up at jobs in fast food — after all, those workers are just trying to make a living like anyone else. I firmly believe two things: One, that everyone should work either fast food or take a job waiting tables at least once in their lives to teach them humility in the workplace. Two, if you're lazy, a jerk, or a lazy jerk when you work fast food, chances are that's how you're going to treat every other job you're ever going to hold.

Margarita Moore
via e-mail

Ollie As Poster Child

I am writing in response to some rather unintelligent and highly ingenuous remarks made by a certain man who apparently goes by the charming, however bastardized, moniker of "Ollie." In his April 27 "Remote Control King" (which I am only able to conjecture as to how much satisfaction it must bring Ollie to be known as a person who spends as much of his waking moments in front of the television as he can), Ollie wrote a piece about a program which will portray and retrace the last moments of another human being's life, called *Murder in New Hampshire: The Pamela Smart Story*. Now, let's remember just exactly what he said about this program, and I quote exactly: "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."

Now, to me, I would think that Ollie would at least have a little compassion for this person who has unjustly

lost her life at the hand of another. But no, of course not. Not even one word was mentioned about this terrible, terrible incident or the fact that this program was meant as a sort of memorial for Pamela Smart and the gloriousness of life. No, apparently Ollie thought that New Hampshire is the only place that a person would be so dumb as to take another's life. Which is a complete and utter falsehood since the crime percentage in California is so much higher than that of New Hampshire. And if this isn't what Ollie meant by New Hampshire being an example of the simpleness which plagues this nation, I have no idea what he is talking about. How could a report on the death of a woman be correlated with the education of a society? To me it cannot. To me, Ollie is the poster child of the uneducated population of America. How sad it is that he admits to an entire city that he cannot point to New Hampshire on a map. It just goes to show that he was most likely at home watching TV that day in third grade when they administered the state capital test. So it makes sense that he should be making fun of this program with no thought of remorse or sympathy. I mean, why would anyone care about New Hampshire when it is so far away from California and from our lives? Why should we care about people whom we have never met or even seen, especially if they are from a different state or country (which makes me wonder if Ollie has ever been out of California once in his life)?

I very much pity poor Ollie; the fact that his mind is so farsighted must be very restricting. But as long as he has his clique of 20 friends who live and think and act exactly the way he does, he hopefully will not have to interact with anyone of opposing thought or culture for the rest of his life. Which is just fine for me, as I would be mortally embarrassed if Ollie were the first, second, or even last impression a foreigner visiting from another country had of America. It is people like him that stunt our growth as a state, nation, and peaceful global community. So let Ollie think that the only people who care

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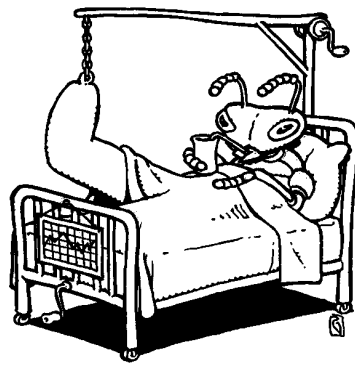


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Heymatt:

When my daughter was a child, she had an ant farm. I thought it had a hospital and a cemetery. Do ants have hospitals and cemeteries?

— Naomi, the net

Were they out behind the barn? Near the silo? That must have been a heck of a set-up your daughter had. Actually, I'm just joking. Ants do have cemeteries. Hospitals maybe not so much, but cemeteries definitely. Think of ant colonies as big communities of specialized workers. Everybody with an assignment. No slackers allowed. In a well-oiled machine, nothing is more annoying than bodies cluttering up the place. Dead ants are carried off by the corpse-removal squad and deposited in a pile of their deceased brethren. Injured ants might just keep on truckin', depending on the type of injury. Broken legs or bent antennae might not slow them down at all. If it's a life-threatening injury, depending on the species and the circumstances, they might be killed by the colony or languish until they are corpsified and can be pitched out. There are more than 11,000 species of ants in every habitat from jungles to deserts, so traditions vary. Ants squashed between glass have limited opportunities. Ironically, a farm is one thing your daughter's ants couldn't have. Some species of ants "farm" aphids. Used kind of like milk cows. An ant farm can have a cemetery, but it can't have a farm.

Dear Matt:

If California is the Golden State, why is Nevada the Silver State? Shouldn't it be called the Silvery State? Or should we be known as the Gold State?

— Worried in North County

Heymatt:

For such a hip state, why does California have such a dorky flag? Why is the bear staring at the star? What's that red thing at the bottom? How would we go about changing the flag to something better?

— Disgusted in Poway

Changing the flag would involve years of heavy dealings with the California legislature. Reliable medical studies prove that the average citizen's life expectancy is shortened by one day for every day spent jousting with Sacramento.

Our state's flag came from the town of Sonoma about 150 years ago. They do wine better than flags, I guess. Or maybe they did too much wine before they did the flag. Anyway, in the spring of 1846, California was still part of the Republic of Mexico. When the U.S. couldn't manage to buy the place in 1845, they switched to Plan B and declared war. There was a Mexican garrison in Sonoma, finally taken over by Kit Carson and other American immigrants in June of '46. To make things official, they whipped up a flag, the Bear Flag, to replace the Mexican banner and declared California an independent republic.

Carson and friends reportedly chose a bear, a star, and a red stripe to represent their tenacious fighting spirit and California's link with the U.S. The red stripe bore the words "California Republic"; perhaps prophetically, the guy who painted the bear and the words misspelled "Republic." And descriptions of the original flag suggest the bear looked remarkably like a pig. That flag was lost in the San Francisco earthquake. In 1911 a designer reworked the Bear Flag more artistically, after passing a brief spelling test. If you're wondering what the grouchy bear's thinking, the California grizzly is snarling, "I'm extinct, dammit! Extinct!"

As for why we're golden, the descriptor comes from the color of the California hills, particularly in the northern and central parts of the state. The poppies, the golden grasses, the whole sunset thing... You could appreciate the beauty of your surroundings even if you didn't strike it rich. Nevada, of course, is the Silver State for its famous silver mines but mostly for the reflection of moonlight off the nickel slots.

Hey, Matt:

I picked up a Gatorade bottle off the street with some liquid in it. When I unscrewed the cap to dump the liquid out, it exploded. The cap blasted off with a bang, nearly dislocating my thumb in the process, and a white cloud of some unknown gas escaped from the bottle for at least five seconds. I think it was odorless. I've been told it might be carbonation, fermentation, urination...but I'm not sure those theories explain the white gas cloud. Have any idea what made this Gatorade bomb?

— John, Chula Vista

The elves were dying to try this experiment, but I figure they're useless enough with a full complement of fingers. They'd all be out of jobs if they lost their thumbs. Anyway, our guess is that you picked up a dry ice bomb, some kid's idea of a joke. Dry ice is frozen carbon dioxide that evaporates directly into a gas when heat is applied. It doesn't go through a liquid stage the way most solids do. In a closed container, the expanding gas can create a pretty powerful weapon, one that would respond much as you described. The escaping cloud would be water vapor and CO₂ released when you took the top off. Drop a chunk of dry ice in a pan of water and you create the stage fog favored by rock bands. And juvenile delinquents, too, apparently.

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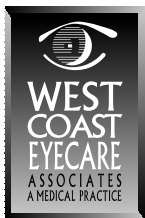
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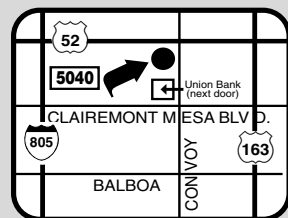
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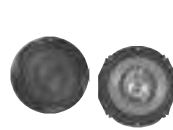
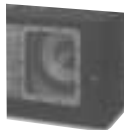
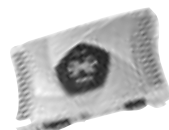
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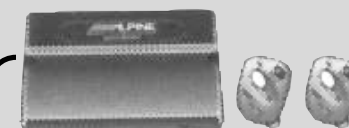
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I was going to begin by observing that most books about sports are dreck, but after turning the thought over, I'll modify that statement to, most books about anything are dreck. Still, there is dreck and there is DRECK. So, when I was handed *Horsemen of the Esophagus: Competitive Eating and the Big Fat American Dream*, by Jason Fagone (Crown Publishers, 2006; \$24.00; 302 pages), with the suggestion that it would be a good book to review, my first thought was, "How can I get out of this?"

The book's jacket is simple and repulsive. The entire cover, from tippy-tippy-top to tail, from book's spine to fore-edge, depicts, in Photoshop-super-realistic-color-drenched-oversized-glory, Oscar Mayer clone hot dogs. The hot dogs are vacuum-packed in that familiar, thick, see-through plastic. The dogs appear sickly, actually look like they've recently died, laying there with a residue of clammy death-sweat still on their skin, so realistic that my stomach turns every time I look at the perverted rendering. There is the green, red, and yellow Oscar Mayer sash running down the middle of the gargantuan plastic hot dog package. The book's title is printed inside the same yellow, red, and white parallelogram you'll find on a package of Oscar's Wieners. YUMMY!

The story begins at the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship held in Venice Beach, California. This is February, 2005. We have 15 professional eaters at table competing for \$3500 in prize money. The money, championship belt, and title goes to the gurgitator who eats the most grilled cheese sandwiches within ten minutes.

Depending on your point of view, there is a thrilling or uncomfortably specific description of the food match. In the end, no surprise, the winner is 2004 rookie of the year, five-foot-five inch, 103-pound Sonya Thomas out of Alexandria, Virginia. Fagone tells us, "She calls herself 'The Black Widow' because she gleefully devours the males.... Her eating titles are so numerous that promoters list them alphabetically."

Regarding the Black Widow's titles and weep. Asparagus (5.75 pounds in 10 minutes), baked beans (8.4 pounds in 2 minutes, 47 seconds), cheesecake (11 pounds in 9 minutes), chicken nuggets (80 in 5 minutes), chicken wings (161 in 12 minutes), hard-boiled eggs (65 in 6 minutes, 40 seconds), fruit cake, giant burger, hamburger, jambalaya, Maine lobster,

meatballs, oysters, pulled pork, quesadilla, sweet potato casserole, tacos, toasted ravioli, and many more. These are athletic divisions, people.

Let me assure you that the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship is sanctioned by the International Federation of Competitive Eating (IFOCE). This fine supervising organization was founded in 1997 by George and Richard Shea, heretofore toiling in the sweatshop of corporate public relations. In less than ten years, the brothers have grown IFOCE to over 100 sanctioned events a year and appearances on the Discovery Channel, Travel Channel, TV Food Network, Fox Television, topped off, every July 4th, by ESPN's live telecast of the Super Bowl of competitive eating, Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island. This year, the weigh-in will be overseen by Mayor Bloomberg and conducted in Manhattan, at city hall.

What Fagone set out to do with this stomach-turning epic was to report on the competitive-eating circuit like a sports reporter would report on the Padres. "I wanted to cover eating as if it were important," Fagone writes. "Not mock-important. Truly important." In little more than one year, Fagone attended 27 eating contests on two continents and interviewed *everybody*. "[Other reporters] all fail to capture the mad galumphing experience of an eating contest, a really good one, when the crowd's into it, gawking, screaming, and the food's detonated on contact with a merciless line of teeth and jaws, and Shea's [the M.C.] on his game — *we cannot SEE, we cannot HEAR, we need something MORE!* — and when, scanning the crowd's faces, I can tell that we're all feeling something, something intense, maybe revulsion, maybe joy, maybe just a deep curiosity, but it's more than can be expected in a thirty-second bite, or a fifty-word brief. Whatever's happening doesn't feel shabby or small, but instead...broad and big and consequential..."

The lad can write. As far as I can tell from one long Internet search session, Fagone, late 20s, has only written for city magazines (Cincinnati and Philadelphia). There is, by the way, much, much more to his book, but I advise readers to march forward on an empty stomach. You will, how shall I put it, travel to unusual places and meet unusual people. Finally, there's a 6000-word excerpt of *Horsemen of the Esophagus* in this month's *Atlantic Monthly*, in case you'd like to sample before ordering the full plate.

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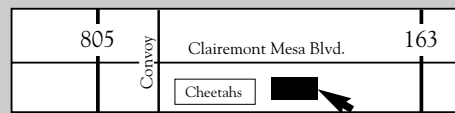
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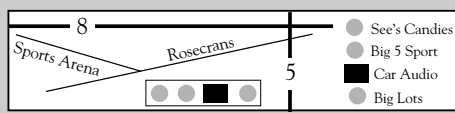
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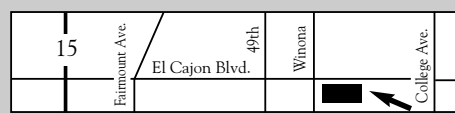
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Founded locally: 1971
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Congregation size: 100
Staff size: 1
Sunday school enrollment: about 35
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to semi-formal, lots of button-down shirts
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but some African-American and Hispanic
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1½ hours
Website: www.bmfib.com

Music filled the opening of the service. Pastor Owens’s father Dorman started things, standing at the oak lectern adorned with the words “God Can” and leading the congregation in a trio of hymns, which they belted out over a piano that went from rolling to rollicking to lulling, depending on the song. “My hope is built on nothing less/Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness...”

Dorman closed out the singing with a solo, his bass booming out, “He could have called/Ten thousand angels/But he died alone/For you and me.”

Pastor Owens’s sermon focused on Paul’s instruction to Titus about what sort of man ought to be chosen as a bishop — in particular, that he ought not to be “self-willed.” Paul called the bishop “a steward of God.” Owens noted that a steward did not own the house he managed, but took care of it for the master. “The pastor does not own the business. The shepherd doesn’t own the flock. ‘Shepherd’ means to tend and feed. The flock belongs to God.” He quoted Jesus: “Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant, and whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave.” How did the apostles sign their names? “The bondservant of Jesus Christ.”

Owens continued, “You guys are used to me warning about various dangerous teachings or beliefs that are out there. The warning I’m going to give you today is about the dangers within the Baptist denomination.... I’m not getting ready to give up any doctrine, but there is a wing within the Independent Fundamental Baptist movement that is fatally flawed, and they run colleges and Bible schools. Since last week I talked about grooming our children for ministry; I thought it was worth warning about some of the things that I found. I think it ties in with...not being ‘self-willed.’” He then launched into a list of “signs to watch out for when you go to college websites, church websites....” The list, said Owens, was partial (and what is repeated here is only part of that list):

“Some terminology — ‘God’s man’ or ‘the

man of God,’ or ‘God’s anointed.’ These are IFB terms, and they refer to the pastor. These are wrong. ‘God’s anointed’ is a king in the Old Testament; he’s not the pastor of a church. ‘God’s man’ or ‘man of God’ make it appear that he’s the only man of God in the church, and everyone else in the church answers to him.”

He cited the “mutual admiration society” among preachers, the use of honorary doctorates to claim the title “doctor,” churches in which “people are conditioned to flatter the pastor,” and “sermon illustrations where the pastor is always the hero.”

“Preachers whose persuasiveness depends on the forcefulness of their delivery and not on the logic of their arguments or on Scripture. I think there’s a lot of mind control going on in churches, where you’re revving and ranting people into some kind of alpha state to give them the suggestion to come down to the altar.

“Preachers who make women out to be some sort of second-rate subspecies. The idea that

men have a relationship to God through Jesus Christ; women have a relationship to God through their husbands — which is absolute nonsense. You wonder why all the corruption is going on, when you lower women’s status so that they’re some sort of sexual servants, or they sing and play the piano?”

Pride was at the root of these troubles, said Owens, and “we can’t know the damage that it will do if we don’t check it.” He talked about Jack Hyles, pastor of an early megachurch. “A man consumed by pride...everyone knew Jack Hyles was an ego-maniac, even the people who liked him.... We find that his church and clone churches have been racked by scandal — money to adultery to child molestation.... People are seriously victimized in those churches.”

He closed by citing 1 Peter: “Be clothed

with humility...for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” When people are proud, “it usually comes out with people who can’t resist them or hold them accountable. This is the test: how are we with people who are helpless? All through Scripture, God’s character is to protect and defend those who can’t defend and protect themselves. That’s the pastor’s role...and self-will sows the seeds of destruction.”

What happens when we die?

“The problem is, we have sin,” says Owens. “Because of sin, we are condemned to death, which includes hell. There is a problem that everyone has, and there’s one solution: the blood of Jesus Christ. When we trust in the payment that Christ made for our sins...that changes our status before God. That’s the difference between heaven and hell. It doesn’t happen through self-effort; it happens through faith in Christ.”

— Matthew Lickona

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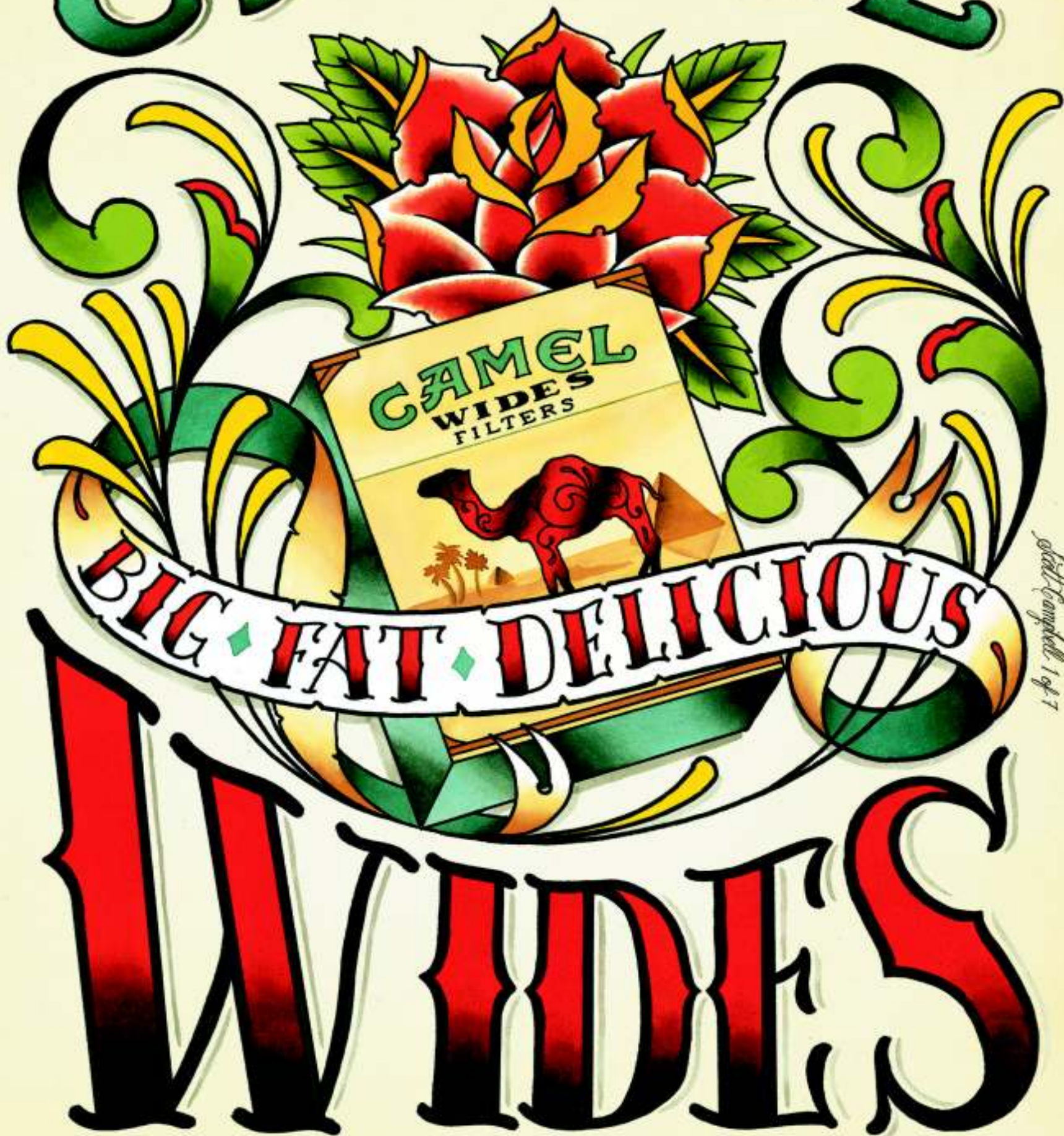


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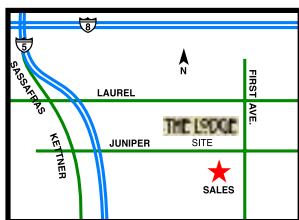


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"Well, apple season isn't until fall," I told him, "but the berries might be a good idea, if there are any berry farms in San Diego County."

I sat down at the computer, and within minutes I'd found farms that offered produce picking to the public. But I was having trouble getting most farms to answer their phones. I got through to two farms. Melanie Anderson, of Anderson Farms & Victoria's Gardens (619-390-9571; www.victoriasgardens.us) in Lakeside, gave me information on her farm on Willow Road, one mile off of Route 67. "We are a miniature farm with several acres for picking," she explained. "We do strawberry picking, which starts in March and goes through June. We also do watermelon picking in the summer and pumpkin picking in the fall. I don't know of anywhere else in the area that does watermelon picking. The children come and they each pick a head-sized watermelon, and we also chop up cold watermelon for them to eat while they are here. We have a couple acres of picking area that we offer to the public."

Anderson said she gets a lot of people coming in search of a farm experience. "The city folks love the concept because they are city folks, and they want to go to the farm. The East County folk are like 'Who wants to go to Lakeside?' So when I do the educational presentation for the kids, I put stuff in about Lakeside. I tell them that little old Lakeside is the fifth largest rodeo town in the United States. We also have more quarter horses per capita in the United States than anywhere else."

The educational presentation comes with the field trip packages. "Right now we have over 100 children from schools that are picking strawberries. Everything is hopping and exciting. The kids get to ride ponies, go on a hayride; we have flower mazes and corn mazes, and a straw playground area. There are also barnyard animals for them to feed, and we do an educational presentation about the farm, animals, picking

"We are a miniature farm with several acres for picking."

strawberries, and how strawberries grow. They can have their picnics here, and they get a little basket to pick strawberries. The school field trips cost \$7 per child for a group of ten or more."

For non-school groups, there is a package deal for \$10 per person, which includes four different rides, including pony, hayride, jumping machine, and a giant slide, and a little basket for them to pick strawberries.

The farm also offers birthday party packages (\$125). For ten children, they get four tables for four hours, and ten pony ride tickets, ten hayride tickets, ten jumping machine tickets, ten slide tickets, and ten U-Pick strawberry tickets. If there are more than ten children, then it is \$8 more per child.

Anderson Farms & Victoria's Gardens also offers festivals on weekends. "This weekend we are having a Western Day festival with food, entertainment, and line dancing. This May we will have a Mother's Day celebration. There will be all kinds of food that you can buy that's made from strawberries. And mothers will be able to pick their own strawberries. And Memorial Day weekend, we will open the farm up for families that want to picnic and pick strawberries and ride ponies."

The farm is open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and they have a farm stand with organic fruits and vegetables for sale as well as plants and pottery.

Though I was delighted to have found a place that had pick-your-own strawberries, my hubby Patrick is a lover of blackberries. I found a place he would love with my next call. I spoke with Dave Sossaman, owner of Lake Sutherland Farms (760-788-9499). His farm is five miles east of Ramona on the corner of Highway 78 and Sutherland Dam Road. "We bought the farm in 1999, and we researched that the microclimate that we are in is perfect for growing blackberries. We grow a few different types of thornless blackberries on two acres, and we will be planting another four acres. Blackberries ripen the end of July and last a month or two. We are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We recommend people come early in the morning because people will pick all the ripe blackberries and then it will take another week for more to ripen. For \$4 a pound, we give them a bucket, or they can use their own bucket, and they go out and have a good time. Ninety percent of the fun is going out and picking the fruit yourself. But if there is a customer that is disabled or an older person that can't go pick them, we will go out and pick them for them, or the kids will go out and pick them."

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PURGE AND RALLY

by Josh Board

march was an active month for parties — St. Patrick's Day, March Madness, National Corn Dog Day. You didn't know there was a Corn Dog Day? Neither did I. A group of UCSD students did, however, and they invited me to their annual corn dog party.

As I walked around the apartments across the street from campus looking for the party, I noticed several empty corn dog boxes and empty cases of beer — found it.

I walked in and saw someone writing on a chalkboard. (Only at a UCSD party would you see a chalkboard.) On the board was a tally of how many corn dogs people scarfed. I saw that a few people had eaten eight. When a woman told me she was up to seven, I asked her how she could eat that many. "I'm pacing myself. I started at 1:00 this afternoon."

There was a crowd around the TV watching the college basketball finals and another crowd on the back balcony.

Plates stacked in the kitchen reminded me of a scene from a horror movie, as they were splattered with ketchup and mustard.

I met Jeremy Boyd, the host of the party. He told me



they consumed 384 corn dogs the previous year and that Foster Farms sent him 700 this year. Because the distributor sent jumbo, honey crunch-flavored dogs, Boyd doubted the record would be broken. Boyd had a live web cam running so people across the country could view the event.

"This is the only party you can come to, learn a trade, and leave the place employable."

He told me Foster Farms sent the dogs for free and that parties were going on all over the United States and as far away as Australia.

As I read the nutritional information on an empty box — at a quarter pound



Daniel Schultz, Diego, Leila's sister, Leila (top); Stuart Bogatko (bottom left); David Groppe (in costume), and Suzanne Wood

each, they packed 280 calories — I heard someone say, "It's funny that so many vegetarians are here while

we're eating these."

When I was handed a corn dog, I asked for the mustard, and Boyd informed me, "We've gone through seven jars of it, but only used four bottles of ketchup."

I told Boyd that I didn't

know there was a Corn Dog Day. Not since fifth grade, anyway, when the school cafeteria served corn dogs on Tuesdays. He laughed and told me that he called Karl Strauss Brewery and asked them to donate 12 cases of their Endless Summer Light for the event. After confirming that it was a nonprofit event, the brewery told Boyd that for parties like this one, they could donate two bottles per person. When Boyd gave the brewery the head count, the person on the phone said, "Well, you're grad students. We'll make it 2.4 [bottles per

person]."

When I heard that they'd have boxes of corn dogs left over, I suggested giving them to the homeless. A woman replied, "I don't think they'd want them. One year, it was Thanksgiving, and my friend was working in a bar. I went to bring her a dinner, and she had already left. As I walked out of the bar, I gave it to a homeless guy. He said, 'Well, thanks. But couldn't you just give me money?'"

I overheard someone mention a "triple double," which is rare in basketball, so I joined the crowd around the TV. Turned out he was referring to a person who ate ten corn dogs, drank ten beers, and had ten servings of Tater Tots (about a hundred tots). I said, "Tater Tots? This is reminding me of elementary school." They ran out of the Tater Tots early in the day. One of the students suggested contacting Ore Ida for sponsorship of next year's party.

I asked, "Couldn't someone throw up eating all that?" I was told, "Dude, you have to purge and rally. It's happened before, but not today."

There was a fryer in the kitchen with a constant supply of dogs in it. There were also

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some in the oven and more on a grill. One woman said, "We have three methods to our cooking madness."

I'm told in years past, they were oven-baked only, but they borrowed the fryer this time. Jeremy says, "This is the only party you can come to, learn a trade, and leave the place employable." I said, "Yeah, if you want to work at Hot Dog on a Stick."

A guy named David Groppe showed up in a corn dog costume that he made. He offered to put it back on for me. "I bought a plunger for the top at Ace Hardware. I tried it on my head. I went to Upholstery Outlet and Buffalo Exchange for the materials. It was a couple days' work." He introduced himself to other partiers as "C-Dog." He said, "I might have to use this on Halloween and get [my girlfriend Suzanne] to be mustard."

As he walked through

doors, C-Dog had to bend down to get through. Someone said he looked like a unicorn.

I went out to the front balcony to smoke a cigar and drink a beer. There was a view of the ocean, but it was chilly that night. I met a guy from India, and he was talking about mangoes. ("India doesn't grow good mangoes.") There were girls from Texas wearing cowboy hats. It was an interesting crowd.

I talked to a few girls about their tattoos and then asked their friend, who didn't have one, why she didn't have ink. "Why mess with perfection?" she said.

When I found out one woman was a lifeguard, I struck up a conversation with her about sharks. She told me, "When I was a junior lifeguard, we were out on our boards being trained, and we saw the dorsal fin of a shark. Some of the girls were crying. Not me, of course. We got

our arms and legs on our boards and talked about what we should do. Someone said that sharks won't attack nonmoving targets, and if we can see the fin, we know it's not attacking. We all ended up deciding to paddle in. Real fast."

I asked a guy from Russia if he ever went back there. "Why would I? I'd rather go some place like Italy." He was having a conversation with someone about the best remedy for a hangover. The Russian guy's magic potion was a shot of vodka and pickle juice. Someone offered that greasy food worked wonders. Another suggested activated carbon pills but added that "they do strange things to my stool." ■

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by Barbarella

Tolerance

I have learned silence from the talkative, tolerance from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet, strangely, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

— Kahlil Gibran

The woman with one dreadlock in her otherwise nondescript mousy brown hair carried a chair to my table and set it down authoritatively. From across the coffee shop I had offered her a smile of recognition, which was apparently interpreted as one of welcome. “Over here, Joshua!” she called over her shoulder to her ever-present sidekick. She pronounced his name in accordance with how it is spelled,

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“Jah-schwa” (though he usually draws an elaborate, upside-down “e” in lieu of spelling the second half of his name phonetically).

Joshua scurried over to us while taking care not to spill the two cups of coffee balanced in his arms or lose his grip on the multigrain blueberry muffin he carried on a plate. “They were gonna give me a paper plate, but I asked for a real one that could be washed and reused,” he

muttered as he set it down, clearly in an attempt to garner approval from the strict environmentalist seated across from me. He beamed when she bestowed upon him an approving smile.

“Whatcha doin’?” she asked me. I gestured toward the book in my hands. “Is it good? Can you believe this shit going on with the price of gas? I’m telling you, we should all be on bicycles.” I had begun to nod in answer to her first question, but deftly switched to a morose shaking of my head from left to right in response to the second, and finished with a sharp, succinct nod as silent agreement to her last statement regarding bicycles. “It’s the worst possible time, too. I mean, this shit will probably only be worse by the end of the summer, which means we’ll have to fit, like,

five people into each car on the Burning Man caravan just to pay for the gas, you know what I mean?”

With a practiced jerk of her neck, the woman flipped her dreadlock around to the front of her right shoulder from where it had been resting, out of eyesight, on her back. She stroked the matted lock of hair with her fingers, up and down, carefully keeping her hands in the same position, palm facing her shoulder, as to allow full view of her brightly painted fingernails — red, orange, yellow, green, blue.

“I didn’t realize indigo still counted,” I said, pointing to her left thumb. The woman with the dreadlock who goes by the name “Rainbow” held her thumbs together, thus connecting the spectrum of colors that began with the candy-apple red on the tip of her right pinky. I wondered when Henry’s started selling that Day-Glo orange polish that graced both of her ring fingers.

She wiggled her fingers, nodded ambiguously, and took a swig of her coffee. “So what’s up with you? I haven’t seen you in forever,” she said, a hint of playful accusation in her tone.

“Oh, this and that.” I paused to organize my thoughts.

“I’m sure you heard that Carol’s having a barbecue this weekend,” she said, eyeing me closely.

“Yeah, I know, I’ll be there,” I said. Joshua was on the edge of his seat; the table seemed to be the only thing keeping him from falling over as he leaned in even further. “You going?” I

asked.

“Hell no,” Rainbow said enthusiastically. “Absolutely not.” I shot her a perplexed look. “Well, you know why, don’t you? You know what she is, don’t you? She’s a *Catholic. And a Republican.*” She spit out the words as though their taste was bitter and offensive.

“So?” I asked.

“So, SO! What, do you think that I’m gonna hang with someone who believes she has a right to tell *me* what *I’m* allowed to do with *my* body?”

“What, did you talk to her about abortion or something?” I asked, waiting to be enlightened as to what grand assault had been committed against the woman before me whose pink-sunburned nostrils were now flaring.

“I didn’t need to, you know what I’m sayin’? The fact that she’s a Catholic tells me all I need to know, you know? I mean, this isn’t the fuckin’ Middle Ages —” she paused to take a bite of her muffin and I glanced at Joshua, who was nodding vigorously. “These people just don’t know how to live and let live. Telling me what I should or should not believe. It makes me sick to think about it, you know what I’m sayin’? So, no, no way would I go to her party. I like me my variety — all kinds of different people living together in harmony. How can we do that with people like *her* around, trying to tell me I’m a bad person because I want control over my own body?”

“I think she’s nice,” I said. “At least she’s living her message, volunteering all the time for

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the stuff she believes in, which I don't knock her for. I may not agree with her, but I respect her for being consistent with her beliefs."

"She may volunteer for her church, but she's just a brainwashed pawn in the Vatican's crusade to recruit more thoughtless followers," said Joshua.

"Yeah, so, no thank you, girl," said Rainbow. "I don't need none of that, nuh uh. And, anyway, like I want to go to a barbecue and smell burning flesh? Whatever. I'm sure you'll have fun and all, but I'm steering clear. So what have you been up to, Barb? Tell me what you've been doing. Where have you been hiding yourself? And can you believe it, Joshua? I just found out — they're putting a Starbucks in Barb's building. There you have it, everything that's wrong with

society in one cup of burnt coffee. Now, see this place? I wish a million of *these* would go up. Here's a coffee shop with some integrity. When I found out Sarah got a job at Starbucks, I was, like, 'You sold out, girl.' She was all, 'I couldn't find another job!' But, I don't care, there are other ways to live than to support soulless corporate conglomerates. I do just fine, and I haven't worked for the man in over ten years."

"Didn't Starbucks begin like this?" I wondered out loud.

"I'd hate to see this place turn into the next Starbucks," Joshua mumbled quietly, but loud enough to cause Rainbow to pause and slowly turn her head toward him. Her dreadlock slipped off of her shoulder, returning to its natural resting place at the back of her neck.

"What do you mean?"

"I mean, if this coffee shop spit out a bunch of clones, wouldn't it be the next Starbucks? Wouldn't it be the same thing? That would just suck."

Regret poured over Joshua's reddening face when Rainbow shot him a glare cold enough to stop global warming. Joshua held his cup of coffee close to his face the way a child might cradle his favorite blanket.

"Yeah. Anyway," said Rainbow, jerking her head until the dreadlock reappeared on her shoulder. She gave Joshua a dismissive, colorful wave and looked me purposefully in the eye. "So, Barb. What. Is. Up? Where have you been hiding? What are you doing?" With no promise of getting back to my novel any time soon, I sighed, closed my book, and tried to think of an acceptable answer. ■

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*Well, I was born an original sinner
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—THE EURYTHMICS

It is 1982. I am running from the college library, tears scorching my cheeks as I run, racked with blood shame and the burnt edges of unrequited love. My long black hair feels singed as it whips around my red face. It is raining and it is twilight, I remember that. And this man has said something terrible to me. He has said, in essence, *No*. And possibly, *Go away*.

I don't quite remember what he said; mercy and recreational drug use have canceled it out. Yet I believe he did it all with one look, one unilateral expression of distaste and rejection and pity.

It is two days before college graduation, and the man I adore has rejected me...in a public library, where I imagine on-campus friends and colleagues can see and gloat and point and laugh with derision and satisfaction: *The good-looking people who think they are poets have been taken down once again!*

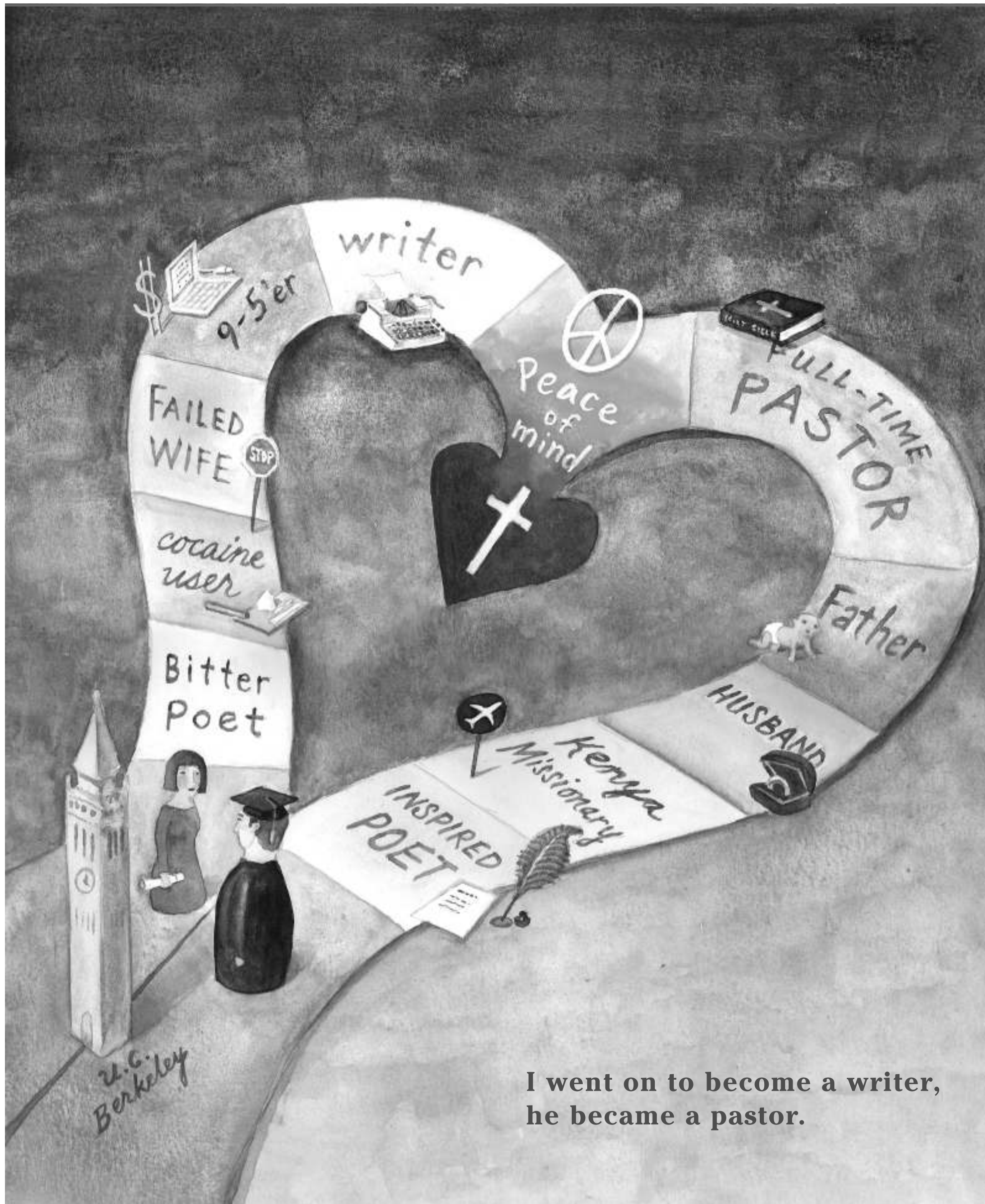
(Perception rules here; it is not real, some of it is falsehood. It was a time of such lovely falsehoods; we were English majors, Tom and I, and everyone else was

sensibly getting their MBAs. We believed we were special, more literary and maybe even important voices of our generation. We were just kids. Kids with credit cards and small apartments who listened to the Pretenders and made out over cups of beer from kegs. That is what we were. The fact that we were taught by some of the finest minds and poets — Gary Snyder, Thom Gunn, and Philip Levine — only encouraged us, I am afraid. But we knew enough to try, and we knew enough to know we were lucky, and we knew enough to fall in love where love was not indicated, just for the thrill of it. If it sounds like a diet soda pitch, so be it. It was the '80s, Ronald Reagan was president: A lot

of trifling occurred while the rich got filthy and tuition to Berkeley doubled and tripled, each semester. Much folly was made over a great deal of nothing.)

I am 22, an amateur poet and a buxom graduating English major at Berkeley, and at this untimely intersection I endure a potent combination of gristly self-pity and windbag notions of high romance.

The man I wrote poetry for over a period of four years (some poems were published in slim, forgettable volumes) has rejected me, and his Real Girlfriend is coming to his graduation. Her name is Leslie. Leslie! The name of both a man and a woman. I feel badly beaten by both



I went on to become a writer,
he became a pastor.

sexes. I run on. *Leslie*. This is the new information, so yes; he must have spoken at Moffat Library. But it was the expression on his face I remember most. Pity: the exact opposite of Passion, its viral antidote. If Passion is a kitchen grease fire, pity is the baking soda you pour onto it. Here I am covered in baking soda and mortification, in 1982. I am thinking I will cease to exist forthwith.

I dash back to my apartment and I decide to skip the graduation ceremony at my college. Because He will be

there. I make it all very clean that way, very tragic, and I have the last word into the bargain. At the graduation ceremony, they call my name. He hears it. I am not there.

Score one for the Coward's Way. And fast-forward 24 years.

This man was Tom Cramer. He was always religiously minded, and he went on to become a Presbyterian pastor and have two children and a beautiful wife. Of course he did. This is not the unusual part.

If you'd told me I'd be interviewing Tom Cramer, my super-

quasar unconsummated love affair in college, and that the process would be splendid and perfect and life changing, I would say not a chance

True: we didn't Go All The Way, but surely it was not Platonic.

in Hell.

So naturally it was all arranged.

It was your basic garden-variety miracle. My angle on the story is simple: How Tom

Cramer went out into the world to do right, and I went out into the world to do wrong. Our intentions were clear and focused as they can only be at 22. I

went on to become a writer, he became a pastor. We both married and bore children. Just as we'd planned. How banal.

"Peculiar travel

suggestions," Kurt Vonnegut wrote, "are dancing lessons from God."

*My mama taught me good
My mama taught me strong*

She said be true to yourself and you can't go wrong

But there's just one thing that you should understand:

You can fool with your brother, but don't mess with the Missionary Man.

—The Eurythmics

I begin the assignment. I call Tom Cramer's house. I know his wife

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understand.”

“It wasn’t platonic!” Tom protests that night on the telephone to his twin brother Ted. They discuss it at length. Ted agrees, it wasn’t platonic. True: we didn’t Go All The Way (that’s what sex was called in the ’80s, before it was so tightly associated with death and plague), but surely it was not Platonic. Ted bridles at the very suggestion, as he himself saw us grappling on the floor of their apartment on Castle Drive to the high-decibel sounds of “The Adulteress” by Chrissie Hynde. The Cramer twins concede that I have lied to myself, God, and to Tom’s wife, Jan.

Tom calls me back and we go over the material.

“I was trying to be discreet,” I tell him.

“I thought it best, given your position in the church, to gloss over those tactile parts of our relationship,” I tell him.

The missionary man was having none of it.

Tom holds the phone out and tells his wife Jan almost everything and then asks her if she thought I had been in love with him. *Out loud*. He doesn’t seem to remember, or know. Oh, he is nothing if not Out Loud, and also irreverent; a loose cannon. I have badly misjudged Tom, and now I remember: He was always thus. It was I who had shaped him into a pious little stick man over the years, based on my own lack of insight and hard information.

His wife weighs in. “Why wouldn’t she be in love with you?”

I get Jan on the phone. I tell Jan I would like to be like her when I grow up. Someday I will have

that kind of confidence and peace and nonjealousy and love in a marriage. Someday I will drive backward through Tucson in a Ferrari. Oh, and I’m going to own a HORSE. Maybe several

horses. That too.

Jan and I laugh. I love Jan, now. Tom? Not so much. He seems to have a terrible attraction to the truth, something all writers claim to be getting at but secretly abhor, in

the same way we consider the writers of nonfiction to be not real writers. Oh we’re a motley crew, or at least I am.

*Oh, The Missionary
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on his side

*He’s got the saints and
apostles backing up
from behind
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world, this is what I was doing: Cocaine, a string of ill-chosen naked men, one failed marriage, two midlist novels, and a job creating national advertising. It reads like a resume for assistant to the chief of terror himself, Lucifer.

Now I am very excited as I begin to finish the draft of this story. I call Tom on his cell phone.

He says he is in the middle of the only spiritual discipline he practices with any suc-

cess. His voice pre-empts further discussion. He is golfing. He tells me he has sent me an e-mail earlier this morning, to help out. "Actually, golf is the only spiritual discipline I practice. Books have been written on the spiritual dimensions of golf," Tom says.

He claims that golf is also aerobic. I tell him any sport that you can smoke cigars and drink while you're doing it is not a sport. I elaborate. I tell him

there will be a special circle of Hell for white men who wrote books

"I have to take my swing," he says as he disconnects his cell

My own father was a preacher before he left home and became a professional alcoholic and died in 1979.

about golf and that he will be roasting within it if he doesn't look smart. He laughs.

phone. I have to take my swing? This is the man who is to help herald in

the new age of Christian enlightenment?

Jesus in a Handcart, as I like to say.

Check your e-mail, he'd said. I check it. I see he has sent me the following:

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still is. I graduated from Point Loma High School in June of 1977. My dad and mom, and five of my brothers and sisters, all graduated from Stanford. Needless to say, my twin brother Ted and I were the black sheep of the family.

I grew up with every conceivable blessing, not so much in terms of material or educational provisions, although those existed, but in terms of the amount of love poured out on me from the

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moment I was conceived. Both my mother and father were told by various physicians that having children would be highly improbable given their respective medical challenges. They ended up bringing eight of us into the world; each of whom they believed was a miracle from God. Move over, baby Jesus.

My parents are hugely nurturing and generous, not only to their own family, but also to the larger community. They were the types who taught reading in the jails, built Salvation Army outposts in the poorest neighborhoods in Tijuana, and sponsored families from Laos. I became a pastor in large part because of the communal soup in which I was baptized. That's hard to argue today because my brothers and sisters

have become surgeons, attorneys, commercial real estate brokers, entrepreneurs, and business consultants. And I'm the only one who has become a full-time pastor.

All of us were reared with a laser-clear mission for our lives, that is to be "lovers and givers," as my parents liked to say. If we achieved that, if we knew how to love and be generous, as best as humans are able, then we would be successful in their eyes. Nothing else mattered, at least when it came to the stated destiny for which we were born.

It didn't hurt matters much, in terms of nurturing the soil for Christian faith or producing a pastor as a son, that my parents' commitment to the way of Christ colored everything they did. They were vocal advocates for the civil



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rights, fair housing, and antiwar movements during the 1960s. My mother taught reading in the jails, and my father was actively engaged in fundraising for agencies and politicians who served the economically poor. Together, they led city-

wide campaigns to supply food and clothing for the homeless, not only in San Diego, but also in neighboring Tijuana. They were nonstop living examples of Christ's compassion for those who are alienated or disenfranchised.

Living in our house

was a lot of fun because it was like living in a recreation/counseling/community center. When other children ran away from home, or when their parents needed a place to store them, they came to our house. When marriages were cracking, spouses came separately and together to seek comfort and hope. And, although our neighborhood did not have many homeless, my parents would occasionally invite those living on the streets to stay with us for a season. Through it all, we learned an important philosophy for our lives, whether uniquely Christian or not. We discovered that our lives would be best lived for a purpose beyond ourselves.

I want to point out that for over half of my life, I was not a pastor by profession. I was a son, a student, a

dreamer, a retail manager, a trade association executive, and in all of those, I believe my call to ministry was similar to what it is now, except that I didn't have the privilege of doing it full-time. I worked my faith out as part of my seven-day week, in moments of silence and reflection, and in moments of utter engagement with the world, whether through my professional involvements or socially. I was, and will always be, a follower of Jesus first, and a pastor second. That is, what I saw in my house growing up rang profoundly true to me as a teenager. As an adolescent finding my way in the world, I placed my faith in the faithfulness of God, as I understood God through the person of Jesus.

An analogy I like very much is the one written by C.S. Lewis in

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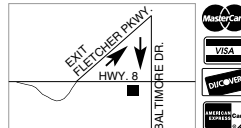
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his book *Miracles*: how God intervenes in nature and human affairs, in his chapter “The Grand Miracle” about the Incarnation. Lewis likens the Incarnation to the noonday sun. He writes, “We believe that the sun is in the sky at midday in summer not because we can clearly see the sun (in fact, we cannot) but because we can see everything else.” We can trust the sun is there, in other words, because of the way it illuminates everything else. For me, Jesus did that enough to make me want to trust Him as the integrating leader of my life. Through studying the scriptures, especially the gospels, I came to believe Jesus as the true Lord of love, sent of God’s own substance and triune community, to restore, redeem, and recreate a broken humanity, as strange as

that must sound to most people.

For several years after leaving Berkeley I fought against the idea of becoming a “professional” pastor and made all sorts of excuses to remain in the marketplace. During a trip to Princeton Theological Seminary to explore the pastorate as a vocation, the chaplain of the school counseled with me on the steps of the cafeteria.

He said, “Tom, I’ll tell you what I tell everyone else who is considering a call to ministry. If you can do anything else and be at peace with it, go for it. But if there is nothing else that you can do that will satisfy your sense of call, then I guess you’ll just have to be a pastor.”

One last thing: I’m as surprised as anybody that I’m a pastor. I don’t feel especially



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holy or different from other people. I drink, probably too much. I struggle with the same challenges of providing for my family and loving my wife. I get angry as hell at pettiness and

wealthy Americans who somehow believe they deserve their riches, as if they built all the roads and communication systems that have contributed to their vast wealth.

(Although “some of my best friends are Republicans.”) I love to party and play sports. It’s just that I’ve always had a sense that maybe there’s a better way to be human — and that way has been uniquely revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. He’s a God of wonder and grace and, ultimately, the God of perfect love. He’s a God worthy of my best. It’s my greatest honor to be a pastor for Him.

They rushed down the street together, digging everything in the early way they had, which later became so much sadder and perceptive and blank. But then they danced down the streets like dingedodies, and I shambled after as I’ve been doing all my life after people who interest me, because the only people for

me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes “Awww!”

— *On the Road*,
by Jack Kerouac

And that was us, then. In the Before time, before our lives happened in earnest. It is what we did, sitting and scribbling in Wheeler Hall, pottering about the Bears Lair, drinking warm Guinness and talking about poetry. Wallace Stevens, T.S. Eliot, Yeats, Bishop, Millay,

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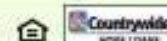


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cummings, Roethke, Ginsberg, and Kerouac, the gods of everything fine and unspoiled. We were mad; no one who was young and upwardly mobile cared about poetry in the '80s except Tom and

me and about 12 other people. This was my impression.

We wanted poetry then the way people want God, now. And maybe poetry is simply trying to get God on the telephone.

My two recent days with Tom Cramer were nothing less than extraordinary. We spent lots of time together at his church and around town; it all worked out in a magical way. He loosened

up beautifully after one Lemon Drop straight up and took me to dinner and lunch the next day and to the airport and back. When he picked me up at the airport, Tom Cramer opened a car door for

me, on the passenger's side. I couldn't remember the last time a man had done that. (A man that wasn't a valet, or a man I must tip.) It felt holy.

We laughed a lot. I cried like a baby at his

church. If anyone starts saying the Lord's Prayer, I immediately come unglued, because (in what I see now as a stroke of celestial irony) my own father was a preacher before he left home and became a professional alcoholic and died in 1979. In 1960, it was my father who baptized me — and so I have never felt that my Baptism stuck. I explain this to Tom.

"Your father didn't baptize you," Tom replied that April Sunday, as he hurried to his next seminar at the church, "Jesus did."

"Oh." I wanted to clutch at his robes and weep like a little girl, for about an hour. But instead I followed him to the next Bible study class, almost running to keep up with him. The class was wonderful; there were cookies. Also they passed out Xeroxed sheets that explained the organization and elements of the entire Bible. These were things I thought truly religious people were supposed to just know. I feel relieved and grateful; now I have a rudimentary handle on the Bible. Fantastic.

The way Tom Cramer dishes out Jesus, I can almost wholly believe in Him. Like a dish of cream to a stray cat. Like a favorite brand of synthetic motor oil. He makes Jesus sound possible and even right; he convinces me to continue to believe in something like a God. Unlike my father, who used to say, "There's nobody up there." My father, who was a Baptist minister before he left the church in 1969 for philandering boozy peace marches and higher ground. (Now there was a Christ-killer if I ever saw one: my father. First he dedicated himself to

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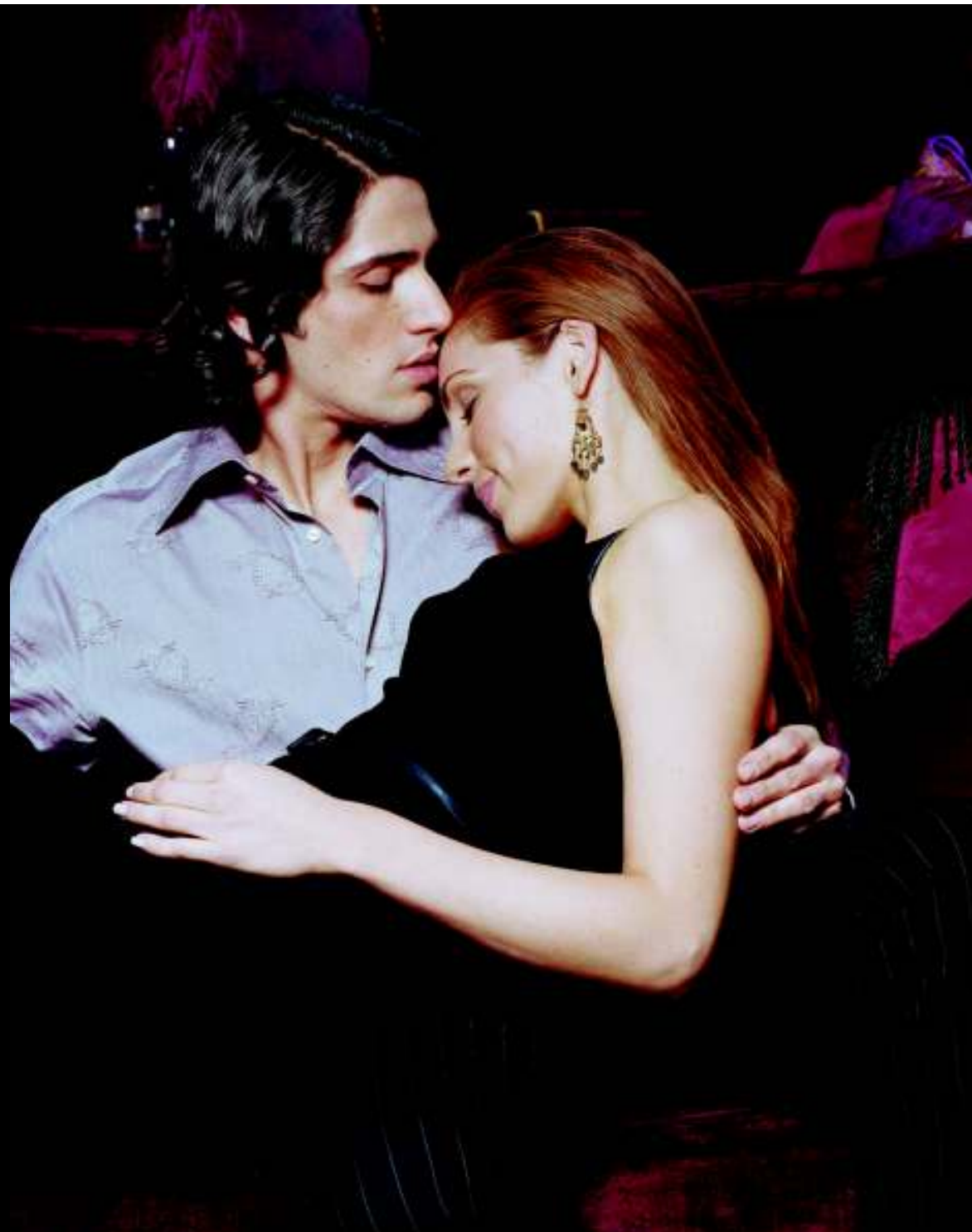
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spreading the word of Jesus, and then he took to bartending and spent the remainder of this life relentlessly running Jesus down and bitterly denigrating anything having to do with even the mildest religion. Goodness knows, it is so textbook alcoholic. What a dreadful disease it is. If you ask me, God never should have even invented alcohol, it's just too tempting and delicious.)

When I left Tom at the airport I said, "I love you," and he said, "I love you too." I didn't mean to say it; it slid in during the moment. Some weird light shone around him, it seemed, as he stepped into his immaculate Honda Accord. I swear, it did. He still moves me deeply. And it is not to be. And that's right. We call it Love, now. We don't even smirk or feel

ashamed. It really is platonic, the highest ideal, and especially in a world where television reality shows hype the exchange of bodily fluids and the highest point of betrayal is (falsely) achieved to win a grand prize of cash. What I object to

home hearth.

Betrayal was the whole plot point of Christianity, for God's sake. You take out Judas and the Crucifixion and the whole thing goes flat.

(It occurs to me just now that writing is like climbing on a surf-

Writing is like climbing on a surfboard and knowing I can't really surf, but I can try.

in shows like this isn't the morality issue; it's the abject glee at seeing other contestants *fail* at betrayal. I would like to see a true representation of betrayal or none at all: Betrayal is huge, it ended my marriage, and it cut a fire path through my son's life. It almost cost me my very bricks and

board and knowing I can't really surf, but I can try. And perhaps this will amuse others. The most striking facet of being a writer is not its sporadic poverty, but rather that we are often paid money to make up stories and slander/idealize our friends, relatives, and enemies.) But I digress.

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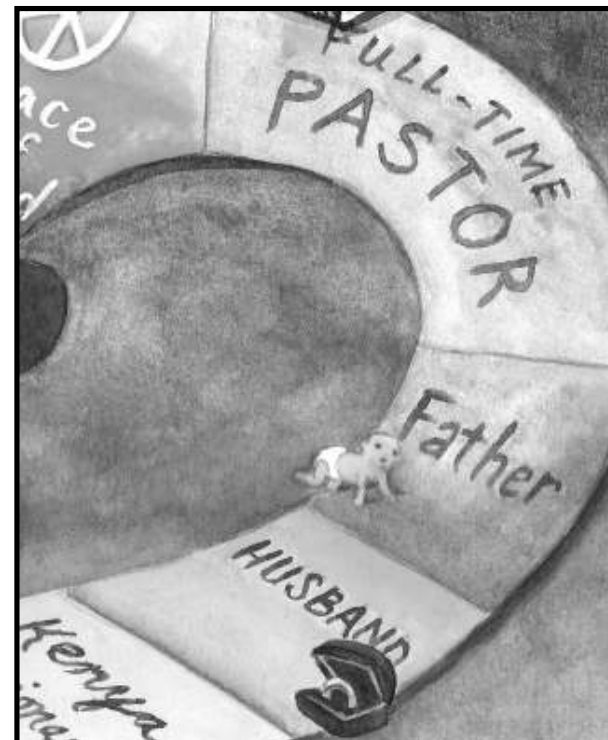


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banquet if we will but sit down to eat. Just eat the damn sermon.

*There was a woman
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along is to ask your subject a last-minute question, in the mild hope that he or she will provide you with the fodder necessary to complete your article without working too hard at it. To wit, I called Tom Cramer last night and I said:

"What is the most important thing in your life, right now?"

He was in the middle of watching *Sports-Center* and wouldn't be moved.

Will you e-mail me? I ask humbly. I mean, this man has probably had enough of this whole project

and me. This man is busy doing good works. I tell him I will plug his church's good works. And maybe people will send money to his church so they can build more wells and all that rather essential stuff that he does while I am at the advertising agency writing ad copy for a major national brand of peanut butter.

So. He of course says he would do it no matter what. Okay, so he's a saint? Jesus.

He e-mailed me this morning. He is a true professional. Of the two of us, that makes one.

Dear Suzanne:
One defining characteristic of my spiritual tradition is the sovereignty of God. That

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means that God is at work at all times, that He never slumbers or sleeps, and that there is no area of life over

which we have more authority than He does. We also believe that God works in the world both with our cooperation and with-

out it, and all too often, in spite of it. We muck things up. We believe we have all the answers when in reality we find

ourselves asking the wrong questions. What keeps us honest is rubbing shoulders with others both near and far, in our tradition and outside of it. We're not a big "us versus them, Christianity versus the world" sort of people. Humanity is just "us."

What some Christians call the "secular world," therefore, is yet another place where we might find Christ speaking to us — through literature, through the arts, through prophets that God raises up. Think of what Bono from U2

has done. In other words, we don't draw a wide line between the secular and sacred, or Presbyterians and other Christian traditions. As one wise man put it, "We're all just beggars in search of bread." Folks from my tradition firmly believe that only Christ Himself is "the bread of life."

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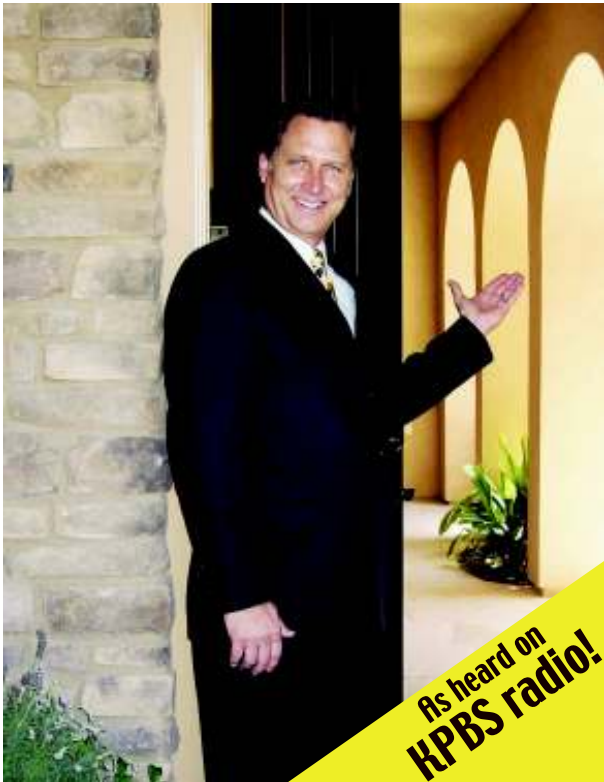
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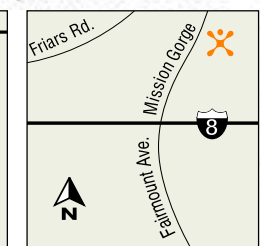
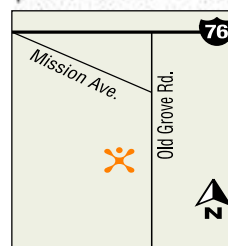
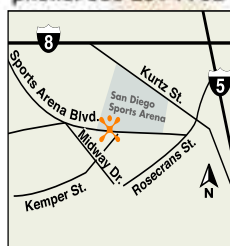
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IT WAS MOSTLY DIRT. A DIRT ROAD, A BUNCH OF ONE-STORY

houses and a few two-story ones, a scattering of low wooden fences, and a lot of dirt front yards and dirt back yards. Around it some trees, the tallest of them barely higher than the rooftops, some low scrub, and more dirt.

This was Old Town in 1867 when Alonzo E. Horton arrived and said, "I would not give you five dollars for a deed to the whole of it."

There is a photograph of Old Town in 1867 that we can look at today.

We can imagine ourselves there at that time and wonder if we would have done what the "Father of San Diego" did: turn his back on Old Town and buy downtown (where the streets were dirt, too) — 960 acres for \$265. We can look at it and wish Old Town still looked that way, without parking lots and without cars to park. Or we can look at it and say, this is a very old photograph, a remarkable photograph.



Old Town, 1872/William Godfrey



PHOTOGRAPH BY ROBERT BUREAUX

Jane and Larry Booth

It is remarkable, the oldest of about 200,000 photographs in a remarkable collection of historical photographs that is part of the San Diego Historical Society. The collection is probably the largest in the country based on a single area — the city and county of San Diego. The oldest photographs in the collection, taken a hundred years ago, show a new town on the last American frontier. The most recent photographs, taken last week, are a record of an old part of that town that may be gone when the dust of urban redevelopment settles. And in between: the boom and bust times, Tent City on Coronado's Silver Strand, the Wobblies' free-speech riots, John D. Spreckels's golden spike in the San Diego & Arizona Railway, the expositions; famous faces that appeared in San Diego — Charles Lindbergh, Woodrow Wilson, and Edward, Prince of Wales; aviation landmarks — Lieutenant H.A. Erickson's first aerial photograph, Lincoln Beachey's first loop-the-loop, the first night flight, the first aerial bomb drop, John Montgomery's first glider flight, the first transcontinental nonstop flight, the first midair refueling.

All of these are to be found in a small suite of rooms in the long, teal blue and terracotta Title Insurance and Trust Building downtown. One step into the photograph-filled lobby of 220 A Street takes you into the quiet, still past.

Upstairs, in a far corner of the third floor, a large L-shaped room seems to be full of file cabinets holding the collection's photographic negatives and prints. And yet, says Jane Booth longingly, "I dream about empty filing cabinets." For the past three years she has been curator of the collection, and this is her domain: the archives and the public who come to use them. Out of sight are the darkroom areas, which have always been the province of Larry Booth, husband of Jane and curator of the collection from 1951 until 1977, when he became curator and photo archivist for the Historical Society. The story of the collection has been his story for almost 30 years, and he knows it all. It began, as one

might guess, with a photographer.

Herbert R. Fitch was 27 years old when he arrived in San Diego in 1895. He was an Easterner with tuberculosis who had come to die in a warm climate. When his health got better instead of worse, he took up photography and opened a studio on Sixth Avenue upstairs from a printer and the Home Telephone Company. (Lorain White, who is 92 years old and who earned two dollars a week the first year that she worked for Fitch, remembers that when it rained, the dirt streets turned to mud, and men from the telephone



726 Fifth Avenue, c. 1886

SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPH

company carried her and other women across the street.) Fitch photographed

views of the city and houses on Coronado, hauling his equipment around on the streetcar or by rented horse and buggy. He became known for his surf and sunset photos. His oval surfs in brass frames sold for \$1.75 to \$3.50 and were popular gifts for San Diegans to send to relatives back East.

After 50 years as a photographer, and almost 20 years before he was to die not of TB but of old age, Fitch was ready for retirement. One of his final tasks was arranging for the disposition of 10,000 photographs. They represented the accumulation of his life's work and 20 years of a predecessor's—J.A. Sheriff, a San Francisco photographer who had migrated to San Diego in 1876 and stayed to photograph people and real estate during the boom period of the 1880s. When Sheriff retired, Fitch had purchased the older man's equipment and photographic negative file. Now Fitch was offering to sell all the photographs. None of the businesses he photographed was interested. He even offered them to his personal physician. No one was interested. Finally he approached Frank G. Forward, vice president of the Union Title Insurance and Trust Company.

Frank Forward was the son of John F. Forward, Sr., former mayor of San Diego and founder of Union Title. He had followed his father into the business, and he made his interest in photographs part of the business. Even before Herbert Fitch offered his photographs, in 1946, Forward had acquired some photographs of San Diego and used them in advertising

and public relations for the company. The Fitch collection became the first major acquisition, however, and the nucleus of what was to develop. Herbert Fitch was hired to set up the collection at Union Title, and remained there, postponing his retirement,

until 1948.

Meanwhile, Larry Booth had been in England discovering the magic and the lure of the camera. A native of San Antonio, Texas, he was stationed at an English aircraft engine repair depot during World War II. Once a friend loaned him an expensive German camera to take along on vacation. He went to the Isle of Man and came across a picturesque scene: a huge wooden water wheel rising above the horizon. He took a photograph of the wheel and, back in England, watched his friend make an 11-by-14 print of it. "It was surprisingly good," Booth recalls, "a fortuitously good photograph." Booth is a reedy man, quiet and controlled in manner and voice, not given to hyperbole. As he talks he lifts his bushy gray eyebrows frequently and, less often,

smiles a disarmingly boyish smile. When he speaks of that first photograph, which he still has, he seems to re-experience his original sense of discovery, of the scene and of the photograph. He seems to expand.

Booth promptly bought his own expensive German camera. "After that," he says, "I took lots of pictures that were not good. Too often there was a difference between the photograph I thought I was taking and the photograph I got. But I kept on. And I began to read about photography." After the war he was stationed in San Diego, on the swing shift at the Naval Depot on Point Loma. During the day he did freelance photographic work for the *Chula Vista Star* and other local newspapers, and for



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By 1951 Frank Forward had decided to set up an in-house photographic department at Union Title to meet the company's increasing needs, and Booth was hired to manage the photographic and historical collection. For Booth what had been an avocation became a full-time career — and sometimes more than that. For the collection, the transition to its present state began. Through his contacts in the field, Booth negotiated the purchase or donation of a large number of photographic collections from other retiring commercial photographers. Many of the acquisitions represented, as did Fitch's collection, the tradition of photographic dynasties — the work of an earlier photographer incorporated into that of a later one, in turn passed on to his successor. Thus many of San Diego's finest early photographers are represented in the collection. About a quarter of the photographs have come in small numbers from private individuals; many photographs that had traveled away from San Diego were sent back here by museums or historical societies; and perhaps 30 percent of the photographs in the collection are unidentified or by unknown photographers. "It is principally a negative collection, not a print collection," explains Larry Booth. "That makes it all the more unusual and significant. Herbert Fitch's photographs, which are mostly negatives, about half of them glass plates, set the tone. The reason for the collection's scope and quality is that it contains the working negative files of San Diego's early professional photographers."

There is Rudolph Schiller, San Diego's first resident photographer. He was only in business for four years, from 1869 until a fire destroyed his gallery in 1872, and few of his photographs have survived. One that did is an 1869 photograph of Old Town. C.P. Fessenden took the earliest known photograph

of Mission San Diego de Alcalá, in 1872. He made portraits of prominent San Diegans and Julians during the Julian gold rush in the early 1870s; many of them were on *cartes de visite*, personalized calling cards in vogue at the time. Fessenden sold his gallery in 1876 to J.A. Sherriff, who made large quantities of the five-by-eight-inch "view" photographs that were mailed like postcards in the 1880s

and 1890s.

There is J.C. Parker, who came to San Diego in 1873 and claimed to have the largest collection of views in Southern California: pictures of San Diego in the form of two-and-one-half-inch square stereographs. (The photograph

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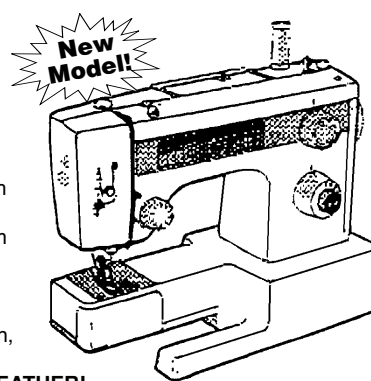
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scape.) Some of his stereographs show his dark-room wagon, necessary for exterior location photographs when using wet-plate negatives whose emulsion dried quickly. Parker sold his business in 1892 to J. Slocum, who took some rare photographs of the

countryside when he accompanied a group of local businessmen on a horse and buggy trip to the Imperial Valley in 1904.

There is Lee Passmore, who came to San Diego and opened a commercial photography studio in 1908. His naturalist photogra-

phy earned him an international reputation, and much of his work is now in the collection of the San Diego Natural History Museum. For one photograph he sat up 300 nights, waiting for a trap-door spider to lift its lid and sink its fangs into a sow bug.

Harold Taylor, W.E. Averett, Harry Bishop, and H.A. Erickson are some of the other photographers of the collection. Larry Booth is another. He was staff photographer as well as curator. From 1951 until the early '60s he made aerial photographs above San

Diego. Jane Booth recalls those days vividly. "He did crazy things. He was insured by Lloyds of London. He wouldn't tell me when he was flying because he knew I would worry." He never walked on wings but, "in order to photograph better he would take the door

off so he could lean out with his camera. One day over La Jolla the wind whipped his glasses off into the ocean; that made him stop that day, because he couldn't see without his glasses. Another time the pilot hit some telephone wires while they were landing."

Jane Booth shakes her head as she tells me these anecdotes. She is a small woman with thick glasses and short hair that was prematurely white even before her husband took to the air for the sake of historical photography. She has an air of bustling and cheerful calm, and when she talks about their work, she is proud. "There are some photographs that look like aerials but aren't; they were taken from the red-and-white checkered water tower on Coronado. We went out there and he tried to climb it but it was too windy. So he came down, went to a hardware store and bought some rope, tied the camera to his body, and went up again."

When asked if he realized at the beginning what the collection would one day represent, Larry Booth is quick to say, "I wasn't that smart." He continues reflectively, "I was always interested in history, and I had a great admiration and love of the photographic work these people were doing." He gestures at the wall of photographs behind him, and points to one of the Helix post office and store in Spring Valley taken about 1890. "I couldn't have taken such a fine photograph then. The quality of the work in those days was often very high. Of course in some ways the old materials were superior to those available today."

Jane Booth says this about her husband's collecting: "Oh, he knew. Maybe he didn't know how our lives would be changed, but he did have a sense that if someone didn't save those old photographs they would be lost.

"We actually have some collections that came from the city dump," she elaborates. "One day a woman called and spoke to Larry, offering to donate a box of old photographs. The woman's husband collects metal and had been out at

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the dump and found a cardboard grocery box full of photographs. You never know what to expect from an offer like that. Larry sent me out to take a look. They turned out to be a very choice collection of portraits, all of them identified and stamped with the photographer's logo. That

was unusual because portraits are often unlabeled. Most of them are kept in a family album or in a drawer, and everyone knows who everyone else is, so there's usually no identifying information. Commercial photographers don't tend to keep portrait negatives very long, because

once someone has ordered a dozen pictures of himself and sent one to every relative, he doesn't usually reorder. The collection doesn't have many portraits, so it really was a jewel of a find."

Other photographs, no one knows how many, got away. One large col-

lection was kept for many years but finally hauled off to the dump and lost forever. Such losses leave gaps in the collection that may never be filled. Some gaps are inevitable, according to Larry Booth. "The early commercial photographers took pictures to sell, and there wasn't much demand in the boondocks because there weren't any people there. As a consequence, contributions from private individuals have proved to be a better source for this kind of environmental photograph than collections from commercial photographers.

"A rather puzzling gap for a long time was the end

of World War II. During the war, film was rationed and there were many prohibitions placed on photographers for security rea-

graphs of victory celebrations and that seemed very strange. Then just recently we got some photos of V-J Day — sailors throwing

Duplicates being made today will last for several hundred years, compared to the hundred-or-so years of early historical photographs.

sons, so a general lack of photographic material from that time is to be expected. That's when portraits became, instead of the least popular photographic form, the most popular. But there didn't seem to be any photo-

each other into the fountain in Horton Plaza. That was a very welcome addition to the collection."

The other large gap is between 1847, when the first government survey teams came to the West Coast, and 1867, when that first photo of Old Town was taken.

Photographs continue to come to the collection, and each has the possibility of adding a significant piece to the huge composite picture of San Diego that already exists. But for some time the Booths have been more concerned with other needs of the collection, needs that Larry Booth describes as "enormous." That is the strongest word I have heard him say, and

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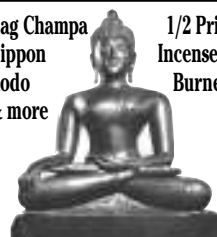
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what he is referring to is the preeminent need of the collection: preservation.

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In 1977 Robert A. Weinstein and Larry Booth published *Collection, Use, and Care of Historical Photographs*. It was the first book on the care and preservation of historical photographs. In it is written,

"...the next few decades are the critical time for securing historical photographs. In that time much of what is remaining will, if it is not properly collected and preserved, be destroyed."

The Booths themselves only gradually realized the deteriorating state of the photographs in the collection. "Larry's been saying it for years," says Jane Booth.

Nitrate-base film is made from cellulose nitrate, which is chemically relatively unstable.

"Now I have his sense of urgency too. Every day we lose something. People still don't know that photographs deteriorate. In the past everyone thought you could stick a photograph in a box or drawer and not worry about it and expect it always to be there. That just isn't true."

With the realization, the only things lacking were time, space, know-how, and

money. And without money there could be little or no preservation. Back in 1951, when Larry Booth first arrived at Union Title, he had a staff of three. By 1961 the staff was gone. Union Title had been bought out by Title Insurance and Trust Company, whose home office was in Los Angeles. Advertising shifted from San Diego to Los Angeles. While Union Title had been

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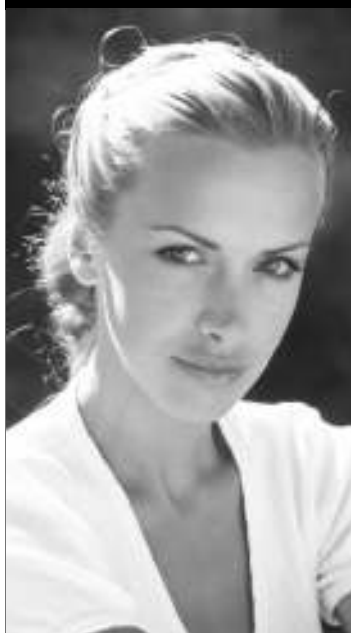
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The Booths immedi-
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then and now is the one
facing historical photo-
graphs all around the coun-

try; the deterioration of
nitrate-base film. Intro-
duced on the market by
Eastman Kodak in 1889,
nitrate-base film was the
first practical film for roll-
camera use, and it made
amateur photography fea-
sible. It replaced the cum-
bersome and fragile glass
plates in use until then,
before it was replaced in
turn by safety-base film,

emits nitric acid fumes;
fourth, the film softens and
becomes sticky and oozy;
and fifth, the film turns
into a brownish powder.
As it decomposes, nitrate-
base film is highly com-
bustible and can even ignite
spontaneously. The gases
that are emitted interact
with the film base and the
emulsion, creating a cycle
of chemical disintegration.

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beginning in 1939. Nitrate-
base film is made from cel-
lulose nitrate, which is
chemically relatively unsta-
ble. There are five stages in
its deterioration: first, the
film base turns yellowish-
brown and the image stains
and fades; second, the emul-
sion becomes soft and tacky
and the film base may
become brittle; third, the
film base becomes soft and

The fumes will also dam-
age any other photographs
nearby.

Larry Booth hands me
an envelope containing a
nitrate-base negative. An
acid, gaseous smell emerges
from the envelope. I look
inside the envelope. What
I see is black, curled, and
eaten away. It is a photo-
graph that is turning into
jelly. Most of the image has

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Do you find yourself nodding off during the day?

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-

If you experience difficulty staying asleep and difficulty during the day due to sleepiness.

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BIPOLAR DEPRESSION



Do you...

- 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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reached the third stage of deterioration and is beyond salvaging. Past the second stage, a photograph can no longer be saved. Until then its condition can be stabi-

lized until a duplicate can be made from it. Most nitrate-base prints and negatives that have managed to survive for 75 years or more have slight to serious dete-

rioration; and eventually all nitrate-base prints and negatives must be duplicated if the images are to be preserved.

The Booths' initial goal of duplicating 20,000 nitrate-base negatives has been reached and they are well on their way to the next goal of 30,000. This mass production was made possible by a series of dark-room innovations, beginning with the camera — a photographic enlarger modified into a camera. "It was designed by a team of local photographers," says Larry Booth with a smile of satisfaction, "and built in the record time of two weeks." As he shows me how a timer on a computer enables a complex sequence of steps to be done automatically and without the possibility of human error, I am reminded of Rube Goldberg and Buster Keaton.

In a day, 204 new negatives are processed, and each one is compared with the original. Booth admits that "there is an inevitable

loss of crispness and lack of resolution in a duplicate negative, but the difference is very slight and apparent only when comparing a print made from an original negative alongside a print made from a duplicate." We look at two such prints of a biplane flying over Lindbergh Field.

will last for several hundred years, compared to the hundred-or-so years of early historical photographs.

Another pressing need is to complete the cataloging of the collection. Jane Booth hopes to accomplish this within the next five years. "We are really sitting on gold mines that

you can't find what you want in it."

Jane wrote a proposal to the Junior League of San Diego, requesting help in cleaning and cataloging some of the 40,000 glass plates that came to the collection from the files of the *San Diego Union* and *Evening Tribune*, covering the years 1918 to 1962. This is the second year of their project, and they have cleaned and catalogued 7000 of the most needy photographs. Any day can be Junior League day, with each of their 25 volunteers donating time whenever possible. The Junior League also donated money for a newly installed print processor that produces a finished print from exposed photographic paper in less than a minute. They have named it Merlin because, says Jane Booth, "It really is like a magician."

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Depression Research Study

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If your child qualifies to participate, study-related assessments will be conducted by our research staff. Investigational medication may be provided at no cost. There will be a screening office visit, two sleep studies, and approximately eight office visits. Compensation is provided for time and travel.

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Insomnia Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days

A clinical research study for insomnia is now underway. Doctors are enrolling patients in a study of an investigational drug for insomnia.

To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

Study participation includes, at no charge:

- Study visits with a medical professional
- Investigational study drug
- Study procedures and tests

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Has your doctor told you: You have fibroids of the uterus?

Fibroids are benign tumors of the uterus and are found in 30% of women in this country. They cause pelvic pain and pressure, as well as excessive bleeding. They are the most common cause of hysterectomy in the United States. A research study is underway to evaluate an investigational oral medication for the reduction in size and symptoms of uterine fibroids.



To possibly qualify:

- 18-50-year-old premenopausal females
- Have at least one fibroid tumor in your uterus
- Must have regular or steady periods
- Not on hormonal contraception

Participants will receive:

- Examination by a board-certified OB-GYN
- All study-related medication or placebo, lab studies, ultrasound, EKG, Pap smear
- Compensation for your time and travel

For more information, call:

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ple come in looking for just about everything imaginable. "Trains and streetcars are universally favorite subjects," says Jane. "We get letters and phone calls and visitors who pore over these pictures by the hour. We also have a marvelous collection of cars; and authors, collectors, and history buffs examine the photographs for the most minute details — the lamps on old cars, the bells on fire engines."

Both Booths have their favorite stories of unusual requests. One of Larry Booth's happened during reconstruction of the Broadway pier. Rebuilding it demanded knowing how it was originally built. Underwater divers were hired to examine the pier's underpinnings, but the water in the harbor was too dirty and murky to see anything clearly. The Booths came up with a series of progress photographs, taken

about 1914 while the pier was still under construction and before the water was let in.

Two of Jane Booth's pet memories are the least tern and the turtle soup industry. The least tern likes to nest on a certain kind of sandy beach where there are broken and ground shells. Old aerial photographs showed a researcher at a glance where such beaches used to be around San Diego Bay, where today there are lots of pleasure craft but no least terns. Not many people remember the now-defunct turtle soup industry in San Diego, and no wonder. Turtle never rivaled tuna in San Diego, and although some 15,000 cases of turtle meat were processed by local canneries in 1919, 250,000 cases of tuna were canned the same year. A San Diego State student who was writing a paper came into the collection asking for photographic evidence. A hunt turned up some photographs of men unloading turtles from a ship into a holding pen in San Diego Bay.

Starting about three years ago, as interest in conservation and historical authenticity has increased, more and more requests from planning and environmental-control groups have been received. One new owner of an old downtown building came in to look at an old street scene that included his building; and something clicked in Jane Booth's memory. A few months before, looking at the same photograph, someone had noticed differences in the brick on the outside wall that must have corresponded to the internal ceilings and floors. There had been a first floor and two high-ceilinged upper floors. Since then, a third upper floor had been squeezed in. When the new owner learned this, he decided to knock out the extra floor and restore the building to its original form. One of these days the collection will be leaving its original home to move into the new Electric Building under construction in Balboa Park. It will become part of the Historical Society's Museum of San Diego History, which will be the principal tenant of

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Do you have high cholesterol?

If so, you may be qualified to participate in a 22-week study, in which participants must...

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- discontinue any current cholesterol medication
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Insomnia?

Do you regularly have trouble falling asleep or waking and not able to get back to sleep?

You might qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational new medication for Insomnia if you are:

- 65 years of age or older
- Have a history of insomnia for at least 3 months

Eligible participants receive study related care at no charge, including a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication.

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the building. With the move, the collection's current space problem will be alleviated.

The Booths have acquired a great deal of preservation expertise, much of it by trial and error. "We've made the mistakes," says Jane Booth, "so we can tell others what to do and what not to do."

"We have done more research and testing, and have more experience than anyone in the country," says Larry Booth. "Eventually we hope to set up a regional photo conservation lab, to duplicate negatives for other institutions."

When the collection was transferred to the Historical Society, its worth was appraised at half a million dollars. But how do you put a price on the past? The true value of the collection could be what is written very simply in the lobby of the Title Trust building: "There's a part of history in everyday life. Even the ordinary becomes extraordinary when we look back." In at least one part of San Diego, the future is reaching back to take care of that past. ■

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- Believing that other people are plotting to harm them
- Speech and behavior can be disorganized

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DEPRESSION STUDY

Signs and symptoms:

- Feeling down and depressed?
- Lost interest in your normal activities?
- Lost your appetite
- Having difficulty sleeping?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Depression.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Depression. If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an investigational drug for the treatment of Depression at no cost to you.

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Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?


We are currently seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of DEPRESSION due to Bipolar Disorder.

To qualify, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder
- be experiencing symptoms of depression

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Monitoring of bipolar and depressive symptoms
- Medical and lab exams
- Study medication

 For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:
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ANXIETY STUDY

Signs and Symptoms:

- Experiencing persistent worry?
- Feeling restless, irritable, or tense?
- Having difficulty sleeping?
- Having difficulty concentrating?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Anxiety.

 If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 18 and 65, please contact:
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BIPOLAR DISORDER and ALCOHOLISM STUDY



Signs and Symptoms:

- Do you have mood swings or difficulty concentrating?
- Feeling trapped in either a manic "up" episode or a depressive "down" episode?
- Do you find yourself drinking to cope with your mood swings?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Bipolar Disorder (also known as Manic Depression) and Alcoholism.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Bipolar Disorder and Alcoholism. If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an experimental medication for the treatment of Alcoholism at no cost to you.

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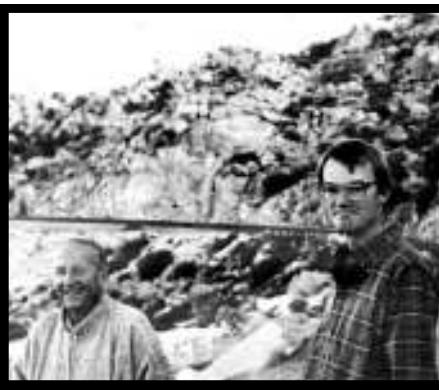
How They Ended Up In Jacumba



Maria's store in Jacumé



Jane, the goat lady



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Maria's store

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Jacumba, California, is a throwback. It's the last shitass 1953 Oklahoma town left along the San Diego County Interstate 8 corridor. First glance downtown is two blocks of empty storefronts, an abandoned hot springs, the burned hulk of an abandoned grand hotel, two markets, one thrift store, and a relic of a gas station.

It is also an end-of-the-road town. It attracts people who stay in motels, who lie on cheap beds underneath naked 100-watt light bulbs and study greasy road maps.

When you look at a map, Jacumba lies 70 miles from San Diego off I-8 on a spur that sits precisely on the U.S./Mexico border. It is, quite simply, as far as you can go.

Jacumba has one other thing that makes it unique. Because it sits on the border, it's a

gateway to Mexico. Except this gateway, like no other in California, has no through roads, no checkpoints, no customs, no cops, no officials of any kind. From the U.S. side, it's a 200-yard walk from downtown Jacumba, past the community softball park, to a rusted, neglected, absurd four-foot-high wire fence.

One walks through the decrepit "fence thing" as one walks into a neighbor's pasture. Thirty yards into Mexico is Jesus's house, a modern one-story rancho, one of a dozen built directly across from the border. From there you can drive or walk the two dirt miles into Jacumé.

Jacumé, Jacumba's sister city, is a village, population maybe 200. Its 30, 40 houses range from slap-up adobe to cement block, and behind the houses, cattle scuffle and roost-

ers crow. The town has a small *zocolo*, several *tiendas*, and a community hall for fiestas. On weekends, on the dirt road next to the park, village men build a fire and drink tequila. There's a Catholic church with no priest where on Christmas Eve locals gather to "put the baby Jesus to sleep."

Mexican Jacumé shares at least one quality with U.S. Jacumba: Jacumé is also an end-of-the-road town. It's 70 miles east of Tijuana along the Mexicali-Tijuana highway, and then seven miles north on an unmarked dirt road. The town doesn't appear on most maps. There are no tourists, Mexican or American. If you arrive in Jacumé from the Mexican side of the border, you get there because you have a reason.

Jacumé is an *ejido*, which means that

each of the some 200 families in Jacumé individually owns 50 acres of land; the remaining 70,000 acres surrounding the village are owned in common. The *ejido* was a government experiment in communal farming. It was also an idea that never quite worked in Jacumé. Old-timers speak of green fields and year-round crops, but that was 30 years ago. Now, land around the village lies fallow.

There is almost no agriculture; there are no bronzed and noble peasants working in fields for the betterment of all. The *ejido*'s single monument is a chicken ranch on the outskirts of town.

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papers, attend Jacumba's elementary school. Other Jacumé residents come to check their mail in the U.S. Post Office and shop at one of the two American general stores (toilet paper is cheaper in the States). Many

buy beer (Jacumé is formally dry): a few find work, either at the motel or at an odd job.

It's been going on for two generations. This single spot on the California-Mexico border, where human

traffic goes back and forth unimpeded, has attracted only occasional outbreaks of officialdom. Once in a while Mexican or U.S. authorities struggle out to the fence and park official trucks and provide official pres-

ence, but it never lasts long. Luck, distance, habit, and the fact that the U.S. Border Patrol has to make a 45-mile run into Tecate every time they apprehend an illegal immigrant soon puts a stop to close supervision.

It was a sunny, warm winter day when I drove my rusted-in-hood-and-roof rent-a-Dodge Colt into the bombed-out wreckage that is Jacumba, California. One is struck by how ugly, how uncared-for, how depress-

ingly unloved the town is. It wasn't always this way. When the swank Jacumba Hotel opened in 1925, the town became a destination point. With first-class hotel, racetrack, tennis courts, dance pavilion, and movie theater, Jacumba was quickly discovered by "the Hollywood set," as well as Imperial Valley worthies. Rich valley farmers took their families to Jacumba to find relief from summer heat and to bob about in the natural mineral hot springs. At its peak, during the '20s and '30s, the town claimed 15,000 residents and was the largest resort in the Southwest.

What killed that prosperity was air-conditioning (which put a hammer on summertime Imperial Valley tourist traffic) and, in the 1970s, the completion of I-8. Why stop in Jacumba when San Diego's beaches were 50 minutes farther down the road? The grand hotel burned in the early '80s and was never rebuilt. It was also never torn down; it sits there like a bad habit. A few of what once were scores of cabins built for farmhands remain, but others have been leveled, their rubble left to oversee the valley and to frame the mood of the town.

To get started in a town, I usually go to the local bar, which in Jacumba is simple since there's only one. It's the International Beer Bar located in the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa and Motel.

The last thing you expect is to meet Germans.

They own the town. Jacumba has always had owners. It has always been a plantation town. It's a pretty straight line from Bert Vaughan, who built the resort in the '20s, to Henry LaZare, who purchased the town from Vaughan, to a Chicago German group who, in 1986, bought the town, bought most of the main street, bought in fact, more than 200 acres of urban Jacumba.

Currently the town is owned by this German group from Chicago, whose representative is 55-year-old Felix Bachmeier, a stocky, square-jawed German immigrant who with his wife Lisa manages the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa and Motel.

Bachmeier had never set foot in Jacumba until one day in 1987, putt-putting along in his rent-a-car,

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he spotted his new home for the first time and thought: Dear God, what have I done?

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One adapts over time. Bachmeier brought in reinforcements — a German chef plus a constant stream of German visitors, German girlfriends, German boyfriends, German partners, assorted sons and daughters.

I'm standing in the foyer of the renowned Jacumba Hot Springs Spa and Motel. To my left is the bar. Now what? Walk into the bar, order a Bud, look around, see who my barmates are. We have knee-deep locals. Four men, beards. Cumulative IQ 120.

"Hi, fellas."

The bar mistress is in her mid-20s. She's a heavyset lady who is gone. Cannot tell if it is booze, drugs, or genetic engineering, but she is not of or on this planet. Talks slow, more a series of disconnected pauses than talk. When actually talking, rolls her eyes way back inside her skull like the lead creature in Allied Pictures' drive-in smash hit, *Zombies Invade Middle-Class Living Rooms*.

A man named George arrives at the bar. Maybe 60, George is in excellent shape, has a full head of close-cropped gray hair, clean ruddy face. George owns a ranch on the other side, has for more than 20 years. We make an appointment to meet at the fence.

At one the next afternoon I am at the border waiting for George as he creeps up in his blindingly orange VW wreck. I pick one of a dozen holes and walk through the fence, getting that adrenalin jolt that comes from doing something illegal. We take a cruise around town, what there is of it. Jacumé is a poor town. There's an elementary school, a large, new town park filled with rows of young, delicate trees. On one side of the park is a small *tienda*. We go inside and order pop. Our hostess is Maria Nuñez, a pretty, energetic 40-year-old woman. Maria cannot stand still; bustles into the back room, comes back, moves behind the counter,

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takes up a broom, sets it down, lifts boxes off the floor, puts boxes on the shelf, goes to the cooler, restocks pop, always moving.

I ask about her family. She is married and has four children. I attempt to set up an interview. Maria dodges, weaves, paces around the store. No, not tomorrow, she has to clean a house. Of course, tomorrow is laundry day too. The next day she doesn't know, she might have to help her brother. The following day it's hard to tell.

George and I head outside. He's going back to San Diego, gives me a ride to the fence. I ask if any other gringos live on the Mexican side. He says yes, there's Jane the goat lady and an oddball pair, Richard and Kirk. Two guys: one is old, maybe 70, the other young, maybe 30. They share a house in town. Strange.

Next morning I'm back in Jacumé at Maria's store. "Hi, Maria."

We talk as she moves about. She can't look me in the eye. Here's a big, tall

gringo, stranger-guy. She might get one in here every year or two. Better to keep moving, keep your eyes down.

I walk outside. There's four children playing in the street. I say, "Hola. ¿Donde es dos gringos, Richard y Kirk?" The kids laugh.

I query again. "Richard y Kirk. Dos gringos. ¿Donde es casa?"

The kids laugh again but this time they point down to the next block and then east.

"Gracias."

I pull up in front of the Richard/Kirk *hacienda*. I knock on the door, I hear a voice, "Somebody's out there and he's smoking."

Richard Spencer comes to the door. He's 5'8", has short, sandy hair, is clean shaven. He's smiling. What stands out are calm, compassionate, bright eyes and how relaxed he appears to be inside his body.

He doesn't blink. "Come in."

Richard and Kirk share an adobe home: cement floors, sloping ceiling whose

ancient one-by-six slats hold the sky out, more or less. There's a bedroom, living room with brick fireplace, kitchen, two workrooms. They have two camper shells, now grounded in the rear of their lot next to the neighbor's cattle and chickens.

We go into the kitchen, where Richard makes hot water on the Detroit Jewel gas stove. He reaches up to the shelf, takes down a tiny jar of Folger's instant coffee for me, a jar of Sanka for himself. On the portable radio is one of those cretinous, right-wing screamer talk shows out of L.A.

We chat. I am interviewed. I am gracious. I announce my needs, primarily, a place to stay. Richard allows that one back yard camper could be rigged up as a place to stay; in fact, I could stay there.

The sun is going down, giving that fantastic, brown, high-desert glow. The wind picks up a bit. A chill settles in.

That first night I am

directed to my camper shell. I am given a tin can to pee in and shown my sleeping quarters. It's perfect. Kirk has strung an electric line out, has installed a heater and reading light. I have a writing table, a double bed. Ten feet away, the neighbor's cattle and chickens shuffle. Mexican music plays on stereos, coming from several directions at once. The night sky is full, dripping stars. I can't remember when I've seen so many. The night is deep, deep dark, broken by shafts of Halloween-orange light radiating out from small, thick windows of nearby houses. Kids are laughing — can't place where. A fence surrounds Richard and Kirk's property, sort of a fence anyway: sheets of corrugated tin laid end to end. On the fence's perimeter stands one leafless tree with one filthy, yellowed plastic bag ensnarled in its limbs.

Home again.

We develop a pattern. I get up around 8 a.m., go to the main house, make coffee, go back to the camper,

and write until 11:00 or 11:30. Richard reads and writes. Kirk welds together the bolts and brads and wingnuts that are the medium of his art. By noon the three of us gather, get in the disgusting rented car, and drive the bumpy, oil-pan-killing dirt road over to the fence, park in front of Jesus's house. We walk past the border, then 300 more yards to downtown Jacumba, eat lunch, read the newspaper.

Afternoons I wander both sides of the border. Day one began sitting in the dust outside Jacumé with Marcella, a.k.a. Jane the goat lady. She's 70-plus, lived in Mexico the last six years. She's stocky, with deep, deep lines and canyon wrinkles on her face. She lives in a 12-foot trailer, no plumbing, no electricity. Used to live in Jacumba but made strategic error of sharing her house with a reported nine goats.

Over time this caused considerable "relationship" problems with neighbors and assorted county officials. She moved across the

border into a house that she instantly shared with several dozen dogs, countless cats. The arrangement quickly became too much for her Mexican landlord. There was a parting of ways; Jane, two burros, 30 dogs, cats, the entire circus moved next door. We sit on rusted metal chairs in the sun listening to the invasion of Panama on a transistorized radio strapped to the back of her red Honda ATV.

"What do you think, Jane? Should we start a Manuel Noriega defense fund?"

Jane allows it's very hard to take care of these animals.

Then there was the energetic pub crawl with Debby, a stunning — I think the word is "luscious" — 40-year-old blonde retired bump-and-grind dancer. We took an R&R from Jacumba, drove down the hill, and began at the Owl Café in El Centro and quickly charged into the night until we hit 2:00 a.m. Brawley. Debby is a success story, one of the colony of welfare recipients who live in Jacumba,

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which is a fact of note. Rents are cheap, dirt cheap. Not long ago houses could be bought for \$15,000. In fact, the local belief system holds that the San Diego Welfare Department tells its clients to move to Jacumba because of its cheap rents.

Young Debby started out in topless clubs in San Francisco, New York, Cleveland, Houston. It was a good living, but toward the end of her career she started working dives. "That's when they make you sit with the customers during breaks." Finally,

in Denver, on what was to be her last job, she became pregnant and sure enough, the man was no good and eventually evaporated from her life.

One day she found herself looking at a road map, spotted a town called Jacumba. When Debby arrived, saw how low the rents were, she moved. Over time, she was able to buy her own house and more importantly, she raised a splendid daughter, Faye, now nine.

It is the perfect success

story except...except every once in a while, when the moon is full and Debby drinks too much, the old Debby comes out, the one that is cynical and hurtful and loud and swears so much even locals duck. I mentioned that unfortunate habit to Richard Spencer, saying that if Debby could just figure out that when it's time to get fucked up, it was also time to get out of town. If she could just figure that, she'd have it absolutely 100 percent made.

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On Saturdays and Sundays starting about noon, 20 or so Mexican men gather at the fence. About half drive in from the U.S. side, half drive or walk in from the Mexican side. The weekend has begun. The men go to the fence, build a fire, drink beer, and bullshit. I wander up to the group that's standing around a burning tire, put a case of beer down, point to it and declaim, "*Cerveza, everybody.*"

It's starting to get dark now. Fabio Sánchez is next to me, and we begin to chat. By this time the whole valley, on both sides of the border, knows I'm writing a story.

Fabio says, "Well, listen, don't say anything bad about the border patrol. We don't want to make them angry. A lot of years ago they

closed this down. People couldn't go back and forth. Families would come out here, half sit on one side of the fence, half on the other, and talk, put their fingers through the fence and touch each other. It was like the fucking Berlin Wall. Now it's good. We come out here, we don't bother nobody, we visit."

It's dark now. Fifteen of us stand around the burning tire. I ask where everybody is from. Murmurs of L.A., San Francisco, Modesto, even a fellow from Oregon. It's Christmas and they're all home to be with family. Everyone's working up north. They're all shit jobs, except Manuel's; he's a teamster and pulls down a union wage. But whatever jobs they have, they're making a fortune compared to those that stayed behind.

Fabio got his papers early, was born to one of the founding families of Jacumé, and went to high school on the U.S. side in Campo. I ask how he liked it.

"I hated it. I couldn't speak English very well, and

they all made fun of me. None of the girls would speak to me. The boys would pick fights. It took me years to understand what was going on."

Fabio takes a pull on his beer. "I'm a worker. I always work. My dad and I worked building the San Diego trolley line. We made ten dollars an hour, saved every cent we could. We lived in this scary neighborhood downtown; we had a room in a cheap hotel. In the alley outside our window there were always syringes and broken bottles. It scared me, man. We used to pay one guy five dollars a week just so nobody would bother us."

Fabio is now living, legally, in San Diego. I ask about village life. "In many ways it's better in the States. I have a wife and three kids, and I can put meat on the table three, four nights a week. Over there [Jacumé] it's always beans for supper, if you're lucky. But the people in San Diego, they're not friendly; I get tired of feeling their bullshit. I miss my

family, my town. That's why it's really good to be able to come here and visit."

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Maria is a Nuñez, the richest family in town, the hardest working as well. This is not U.S. rich, this is Mexican rich. Being rich here means she owns the store, cleans houses, does laundry, has color television and a satellite dish on her own roof.

We're in Richard and Kirk's kitchen. Maria is sitting straight up, her hands placed uneasily on her lap, holding herself with the kind of uncomfortable discipline usually reserved for courtroom appearances.

"I born in Mexicali. Lived there six years. Moved here in house with two little rooms, more little than those Richard and Kirk have here. And all them rooms was leaking water and they no good. You know, my mom live there now. Instead of two old rooms, now there's a big house.

"When I was 12 years old, I started going to school

over the line in Jacumba. I liked school. I live over there with friends, go to school during the week, come back home Friday afternoon, stay Saturday, and then go back Sunday night for another week. I go two years in Jacumba and one over in Campo."

"When I was 15 I come home here. My dad didn't allow no more school. One night he gathered all my brothers, and they all sit around the table. He asks them one at a time if I should go to school. I'm crying because I want to go but he say, 'No, no, no.'

"My dad say no because he knew a whole bunch of girls from here, you know, who are going to school over there and then they do nothing; they only go around with boyfriends and parties and everything, and my dad said, 'No more, not you.' So I stay in the house and help my mom, wash clothes, clean the house, and take care of babies because my mom is still having babies and babies."

I ask Maria if she's ever worked up north. "Oh yes,

when I left school I had my passport and pretty soon crossed at the border in Tecate. My big brother took me over there. I go up to L.A. and I stay for five months. I clean a big house and take care of the kids, everything in the house, cooking, you know, and they pay me \$25 a week.

"I like there. When I came back here, well, I miss something, you know. I miss especially the house. It's a real pretty house there and not cold and here it's different. I didn't want to come back, but my dad sent my brothers, and they said, 'Maria, come back.' So I come back again. But when I come back, I keep my money. I come back with \$200.

"My dad, he don't let me work any place. He wants me to stay in the house and help my mom, and I say, 'Well, if you don't want me to work, anywhere, I spend my money and make a little store.' And I did. I make the store in town. I was almost 18 years old. Nobody else make any business here.

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the store we'd been here eight or ten years, everything was different. My dad was working on the house and it was a little bit bigger and my brothers go to work in the States and stay there, come back every six or seven months, but I can't because they don't let me. My parents are afraid that I'll have a boyfriend or do something bad and then I won't come home."

Maria keeps looking out the kitchen window; moves her neck like a big bird who hasn't eaten all day. She's looking for help, any reason to move her body, the very body that has been sitting in one place for the last miserable 20 minutes.

"My husband born here in Jacumé, lived in a little house two blocks from my house. I'm three years older than him. Before we were married, I had three or four boyfriends. For me it was real hard. For other girls they had permission to see their boyfriends, but I didn't have none of that. I'm always hiding, you know, meet the boy outside the house or some

place my dad couldn't see.

"One, López, he wanted to marry to me, and my dad said no because that guy came from Tijuana and they bring up people here to cross the line, you know, people that don't have papers. So my dad said, 'You marry that guy and every time you look around he'll go to jail because you know they're illegal people that he's crossing. Anyway, there's another guy you're supposed to get married to.' But I really like López, you know, and we write letters and he came up here from Tijuana to visit me and we write letters back and forth. And one time the police catch him, and he didn't write me any more letters. He was in jail for a year and lost my address. I said, 'Forget it.'

"At the time, Manuel, who was to be my husband, was my boyfriend. We go around about a year and I'm real jealous, you know, when my boyfriend go around with a strange girl. I'm real mean, you know. I see him and he's with the other girl and oh, I'm mean and I cry

and make a big deal of it. Then Manuel comes around in about three months, tries to tell me he didn't do no wrong. I said, 'Forget it. I don't want none with you, nothing.' Well, then he come around in six months, and I said, 'Well, okay.' So we go around for a year and six months, and then we get married.

"Before I got married, my dad was drunk for a whole month. He didn't want to see me leave, but I got married and everything was fine, you know. But every time my husband and I have problems, I go to my dad's house and he says, 'What's wrong? I told you, I tried to stop you.'"

I break in, "Maria, what's your day like?"

"I wash every day. Some time you can't wash for three or four days in a row, like when it's cold and windy and dust and everything, you know. You can't do it. If you wash the clothes and leave it on the line, the dust and wind they go like that and the clothes drop on the ground.

"I have a lot of problems with my kids. They don't want to help me. My children are different than when I was a little one. I say to my daughter Louise, 'You never clean the house.' Louise says, 'Okay, Mom, I'll do it.'

"I say, 'Okay Louise, do it.' And she does something else and never do it. They're like American kids. They sit and drink coffee like that. They sit there on the couch for an hour, and I sit and eat about five minutes a day."

"Maria, how did you meet Richard and Kirk?"

"Richard and Kirk moved into town, and they stay here for six months, but they don't know nothing. But one day Mercado, she comes to my house and says, 'Maria, why don't you come with me and meet these guys. They're some real good guys. They're friends, real nice people. Kirk, he real quiet, plays with the little people. I play a lot with him. I say, 'How come you never find a girlfriend? Go ahead! Go ahead! Go to the dance and ask her to dance.' And he says, 'Oh, I will.' Then I say,

'Well, you get embarrassed all the time when you have to say hello.'

"A lot of girls, they dance at our dances. I never dance. I go over there and sit. There's a lot of girls. I tell Kirk if you ask the girls, 'Dance with me,' they do it because they like to dance. The girls around here don't want to dance with people that get drunk. Richard and Kirk don't get drunk. I hate the people that get drunk and make deals when they arrive, fighting and everything."

Maria squirms on the chair. I ask, "Do you think your kids will stay in Jacumé?"

"I own three houses because I want to make a house for each kid. Here, most of the people, the boys and girls, they get married. They don't have no house. The special guy comes along and he really like her, you know, like my mom says, 'They move the water back and forth.' The first night when they get married they want to stay alone, and then they go on and have a whole bunch of kids and they live

with their parents. I don't want that. My kids get married it's, 'Okay, get out of here. Go in your house and that's it.' And I see to it they have their own house.

"Three of my kids were born in the United States. The first time, I had a friend who gave me a ride to the hospital. I go over and I stay with them for a month before my baby was born. For the second, well, I was real fat. When you're real fat, the border patrol never let you cross. But that time I had my passport and my brother gave me a ride to Los Angeles. The third time my brother said, 'Come and tell me.' The pain started about one o'clock. By that time I take a bath and everything, you know. My brother comes about eight o'clock or seven o'clock, he said, 'Well, are you ready?' I'm almost dead. I said, 'Okay.' Well, we cross. My brother and my sister-in-law took me over to El Cajon, and before we get to the hospital, you know, I think the baby was born. But they get us to the hospital and in five minutes it

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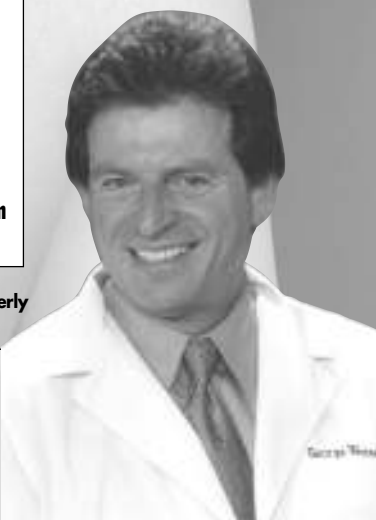
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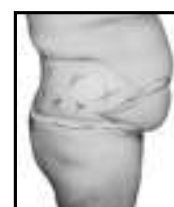


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Richard, Kirk, and I took a night off. The three of us had driven up to the Mexicali highway to have dinner at Maria Espinoza's Loncheria restaurant and through the courtesy of her grandson, who acted as guide, drove on into Tecate to find a quiet bar. The three of us are sitting in a booth sipping beers.

Richard begins, "I moved to California in 1954 and went to work for the Washington National Life Insurance Company, collecting weekly insurance premiums in Compton and Long Beach. My customers

were overwhelmingly black, maybe ten percent Filipino. It was a rip-off; it's the worst, most expensive policy you can buy.

"That takes a toll on you. I'd been feeling bad and went to the doctor, who told me I'd better try something else because I was in bad shape, which led, eventually, to the most important event in my life. I went into analysis.

"My therapist was Edgar Daniels, a Long Beach psychoanalyst who trained under Freud. My analyst got me a job at an office supply company, and after a couple years, I went to work for the California home association. Peter Simmons owned this

locked facility, a 'nursing home.' It was the only locked nursing home in Orange County, I think the only one in California, and the minute I got fired, he got in touch with me.

"I went to work for him, and the first morning I asked, 'What do you want me to do?' He said, 'I want you to run the place, but first of all, I want you to get to know the patients,' which is probably the greatest experience of my life because they had 100 patients locked in this facility and I got to know them all. And that's when Kirk came to work for me."

Kirk leans into the table. "I had been best friends with his son for few years before

Richard and I got close. When I got out of high school in '73, I spent the summer hanging out with my girlfriend, and then my dad kept saying, 'When are you going to get a job?' By that time Richard had gone over to the nursing home. That's when I came on as a janitor."

Richard looks into his glass. "At that time, I'm starting to get to know people, seeing how things worked. I'll never forget, it was during this period that I once said to the boss — in front of other people, potential witnesses — 'Peter, a lot of these people should leave. They're ready to leave. They don't belong here,' and he said, 'Meet me in my office.'

When I got to his office and closed the door, I noticed that he'd taken the 'management position' behind his desk. He announced, 'Don't ever talk about dismissing anybody from this place unless you have someone else to replace him.'

"I thought to myself, 'There should be a better way to do it.' Actually, what happened was Kirk and I went on vacation to Baja for an unauthorized three or four days, and I said to Kirk, 'Let's start our own place.' And that's how it started.

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"It took about four months after we left the nursing home to open our place. There were four staff members: me, Kirk, Johnnie Rauscher, and my daughter Nelsie, who was 17. Nelsie had had her wisdom teeth out and didn't have any place to go and came to stay for a while and got involved. That was 'the staff,' although we

always said there wasn't any staff. The whole point was you can't have staff and patients; you can't have the good guys and the bad guys.

"We had 60 people. The patients ranged from the age of 16 to 75 or 80. Most of the people were rejects who couldn't be handled in some other place; they'd been violent or they'd been in jail, and they didn't have any place to go, they didn't have any income, and we'd get them qualified for general relief, which is 80 bucks a week, or they weren't qualified at all — we didn't turn anybody down. And they just came, the word was out. The state, the courts, the county, everybody began sending people to us if they didn't know what else to do with them."

Kirk orders another round. "We had veterans who were getting \$600 a month — good money. We had two or three of them out of our 60 people. Two hundred sixty dollars was an average SSI check. Our net was about \$2500 a month. But none of us took any

salaries because we didn't have it. There was no income for that."

Richard smiles, "After a year we were out of dough. I went back to my investors and said, 'We need more money.' And they all said, 'Sorry' except Kirk's dad, who said, 'If you can go to the bank and get it, I'll cosign.' I talked Manufacturers Bank into loaning us \$20,000 without a financial statement, which also increased our payments by 900 a month.

"Money was always a hassle, but every day, the kids would go — actually the kitchen committee and the shopping committee — they would go to the supermarket on the corner and buy with a check, with a Colonial Lodge check, that day's food. Because the most important thing, ahead of everything else, is to buy decent food.

"In many ways it was like a commune. It was run by committees and everybody shared, and if you wanted something you put a memo up before a certain committee and they'd

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approve or disapprove it. We had a governing council that met every night. People would put their bitches in writing, and we'd sit there and discuss them. We had a chairman of the governing council who ran the show. We had a maintenance committee, a rooming committee, kitchen committee, night-security committee. People just volunteered. It worked.

"There was one basic rule: no violence. We also had a rule about no drugs or booze, and we were always fighting that. At one point we had 10, 11 guys who had been on junk; some of them were using it, stealing things, and we cleaned them up. By the end of the last year those

people were gone or they were clean, and the only real problem were drinkers. We had a few real alcoholics who were harder to deal with than the junkies. Booze is the worst drug, without any question.

"A psychiatrist came in every week, a young guy by the name of David Holms. When I first met him I said, 'If you'll come and see the residents, anybody who needs to see you, every week, I'll pay right on the spot.' He was a good diagnostician, really good. He was very careful about prescribing drugs. He didn't just drug people out.

"We had group therapy three times a week. Each group consisted of ten peo-

ple, and that included the staff. We started at noon and went until eight at night. We had one group called the loco group, and you'd walk by the room and it was like a goddamn hen house: it was the craziest people we had.

"If you didn't want to get up to eat you didn't have to. You starved. If you wanted breakfast, you got up and cooked your breakfast, and that's where we got in trouble with the state.

"A bureaucrat, a Nurse Ratched, came to Colonial Lodge, found Fred Louchs in the kitchen, the dishes piled up, just like in a house with kids. And just like in a regular house, no one wanted

to do the dishes, and the guy that's supposed to do them is gone. Then we'd have a governing council meeting and there'd be a big fucking discussion about who didn't do the dishes. Also, we had ten dogs. You're not allowed to have dogs; you can't be emotionally ill and have a dog in the facility, you know. Nurse Ratched couldn't stand this kind of stuff. Seeing people break rules was making her crazy.

"The first six months was wonderful in terms of the lodge and how it was working. It was just impossible from an official standpoint. The state came in. They made it so hard; it was terrorism from above. They'd

come in, and if the bed wasn't made or there weren't new sheets on a bed or a curtain was torn in a room, they cited us for all this shit.

"In Superior Court you have to go through their procedure. They wanted to shut us down. They came up with 123 counts, violations of our contract like dogs in the kitchen, no pillowcases. Nothing to do with patient welfare. I answered every goddamn complaint, every fucking one of them. Every one. The judge looked at my answers and said, 'Well, I can't make any decision.' So they didn't shut us down, but we were running out of money.

"Colonial Lodge was

bought on a lease-option. We got in a big argument with the real estate lady over whether we were making our payments, which basically we weren't. We had a lot of people staying there, but only half were paying. Our monthly net was now four grand, and we were taking in two. We were buying food every day; we just weren't paying the rent. We had an attorney, Carl Roach, who asked me once, 'What do you want me to do?' I said, 'I want you to buy us all the time you can get because it's obvious we're not going to make it.'

"The thing that actually threw us out was the electric company. The Edi-

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"We got a nonunion electrician who brought a generator over. We had this thing running, went back inside. Still had 60 pretty frail people with us. Towards the very end of that December we were saying to everybody, 'Okay, now anybody who wants to go, go,' but, of course, the health department couldn't find any place for them to live.

"They would come in and say, 'You got to move them all out of there.' And we'd say, fine. Where? And they said they didn't know where, just get them out of Colonial Lodge. There was no place for these people to

go, nothing.

"Some of them were very sick. Frank Wright was out of it. He was hallucinating every day most of the time, hallucinating demons. He spent most of the time mumbling, thundering biblical gloom-and-doom stuff. The thing is Frank Wright looked like he was a mountain man. He looked terrifying. We never told him to cut his hair or his beard, so he had this huge beard, and he talks in this deep gruff

voice, *That's what God teaches, and you're all going to get it.* If you're a normal citizen, he was scary. But after you got to know him, you'd say, 'Oh, Frank, for Christ's sake, calm down. Cool it.' And it worked.

"I'm just thinking of Gary Summers. He stabbed his mother with a knife. He was another guy nobody knew what the hell to do with. He'd been in a New York mental hospital for years, and I said when he

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came into group, 'Gary, why were you in the hospital?' He said, 'Well, I was a surgeon.' And I said, 'What the hell are you doing here?' The long and the short of it was Gary's first psychological defense was that he was a surgeon because he had stabbed his mother. Eventually in group he admitted he had stabbed his mother like 16 times, but she didn't die. My guess is that Gary's all right now. Finally, Gary wasn't frightened anymore.

"We had Hank Anderson, who never spoke a fucking word. Right at the end, he did say one word: Nelsie. The only real bad downside was it was very tough when we lost Craig Townsend. He was 21, just on the verge of being an artist. He was a very creative guy, and Craig was fighting drugs all the time. We also lost Henry Frank, who overdosed on heroin. So we lost 2 from overdoses out of 300, and that's real bad. So everlasting sad.

"We could see the graffiti on the wall; we realized we were gonna have to move.

Kirk and I went to Aguana, which is out in Riverside County; it's the back side of Mount Palomar, and we found this piece of property, but there was nothing on it, just desert. We figured, 'Okay, we bought this property, same old routine, nothing down, catch me when you can.' Then we figured out who was going to go. We had six cars and 43 people to take care of. We told our people, 'We have no choice, anybody that wants to go someplace else, you go.' We had our committees running everything. We were able to say, 'Right. This committee is gonna be the moving committee,' and everybody got their notebooks, and we all decided, 'All right, Johnnie's gonna take Sherry. Lisa is gonna take Andy the dog and Jerome. Rick is going to take mama cat and Paul.' They figured it all out.

"We went to Kmart and bought little battery-operated lamps, bought long underwear, bought a bunch of sleeping bags, and it was January and we gathered up the halt, the lame, and the

blind, and we moved out of Colonial Lodge."

Richard glances over to his partner. "We had schizophrenics, manic-depressives, substance abusers. We had a girl named Frances Nichols, who was somewhat retarded. Actually she was not retarded, she just had a very flat affect. Out there in the desert, Frances developed an inability to walk. We had group therapy out there just the way we had group at the lodge, and Frances complains, 'I can't walk,' and I said, 'You fucking crawl, Frances.' It turned out, even though that's not the medically expedient way to handle it, I just happened to be right because eventually that whole thing left her."

Richard fingers his glass. "I remember getting up every day out on that 40 acres seeing blue sky. We had to do something, so we decided to build an A-frame. We told everybody, 'We're going to build a big clubhouse.' And we did, at least we started. Went to the hardware store, bought shovels, saws, got

wood. We dug holes in the ground in the hill. We put up a huge A-frame.

"We still had our shrink too. He was coming out and seeing everybody on the hood of his BMW. Sitting there with a little pink clipboard.

"We were still fighting the state. The health department went to the department of buildings and safety in Riverside and said, 'Nail these guys. You've got Mansons. You've got a Manson group coming into your community. These guys are like Charles Manson.' All our neighbors were freaked out. The state came out and interviewed all the people around our 40 acres. Just stirred the pot, stirred the trouble. They even flew planes overhead and took pictures of us in our sleeping bags.

"That first night Jesse Lincoln cut a manzanita. We told him not to, but he cut the whole fucking tree down and lit it. It was the biggest fucking bonfire in the history of Riverside. People began digging in. Greg Pulton found a spot up in

the hill where he dug in like a bunker. He had tarps up over the edge. You couldn't even tell he was there. People made their own little spots. That's how we came to call our 40 acres *Las Cuevas*, 'the Caves.'

"We had a bivouac cooking area that evolved over a couple months. The group therapy was going on — the group therapy never stopped the whole time we were there. We needed it; we wanted to have it.

"We were in Aguana till May. By that time the Riverside building department was coming down on us again, and we ended up out on the road. We just started moving. At first we moved ten miles up to Oak Grove, a federal government park. See, in a federal park nobody can touch you. We were out of the jurisdiction of the state.

"We kept on moving from one park to the next, the state always yowling on our back — I mean we were pursued. We went up to Mount Palomar, by the obser-

vatory, and stayed up there. It was beautiful. It's summertime now, at 6000 feet, just gorgeous.

"It was the Long March. Santa Ana...Aguana...Oak Grove...Ojai...back to Mount Palomar...Mount Laguna...Indian Flats. We were down to 15 people by August."

Kirk looks at his bottle and says, "The Long March was romantic, it was awful, it was pressure-filled. It was my first country experience. I had my pup tent. There was a kangaroo mouse that used to come into my tent at night. Every night he'd come around to eat sunflower seeds from my hand. I remember another night on top of this hill in Aguana, it snowed like a motherfucker, and all I had was a sleeping bag and a cheap rubber tarp I put over it, and it snowed and snowed. And I was looking around and I'm thinking, 'This is insane.'"

Richard breaks in. "Indian Flats was wonderful, seven miles in on dirt road. We stayed, until

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power, and some of these guys started getting jobs, bringing in their own money. It was incredible. It worked.

"How did it stop? It just sort of happened, really. I think Holms, our psychiatrist, was one reason. He was always notorious for not making appointments on time. He stopped coming, and then there was a lull. Suddenly there wasn't anybody left. I never thought about it, but it really was sort of a successful termination.

"Holms moved on. He

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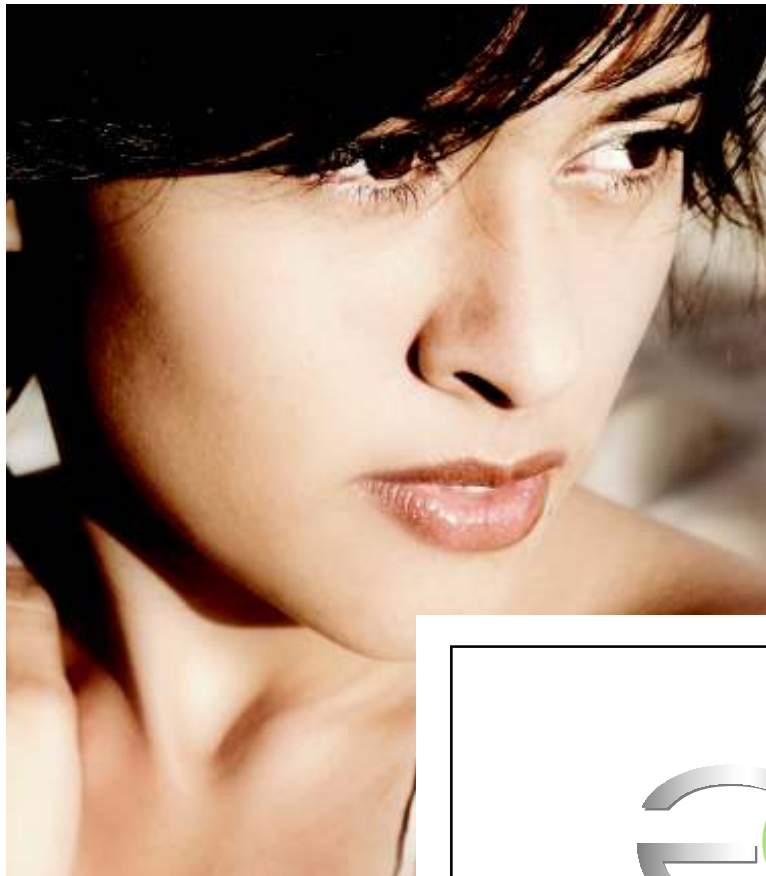
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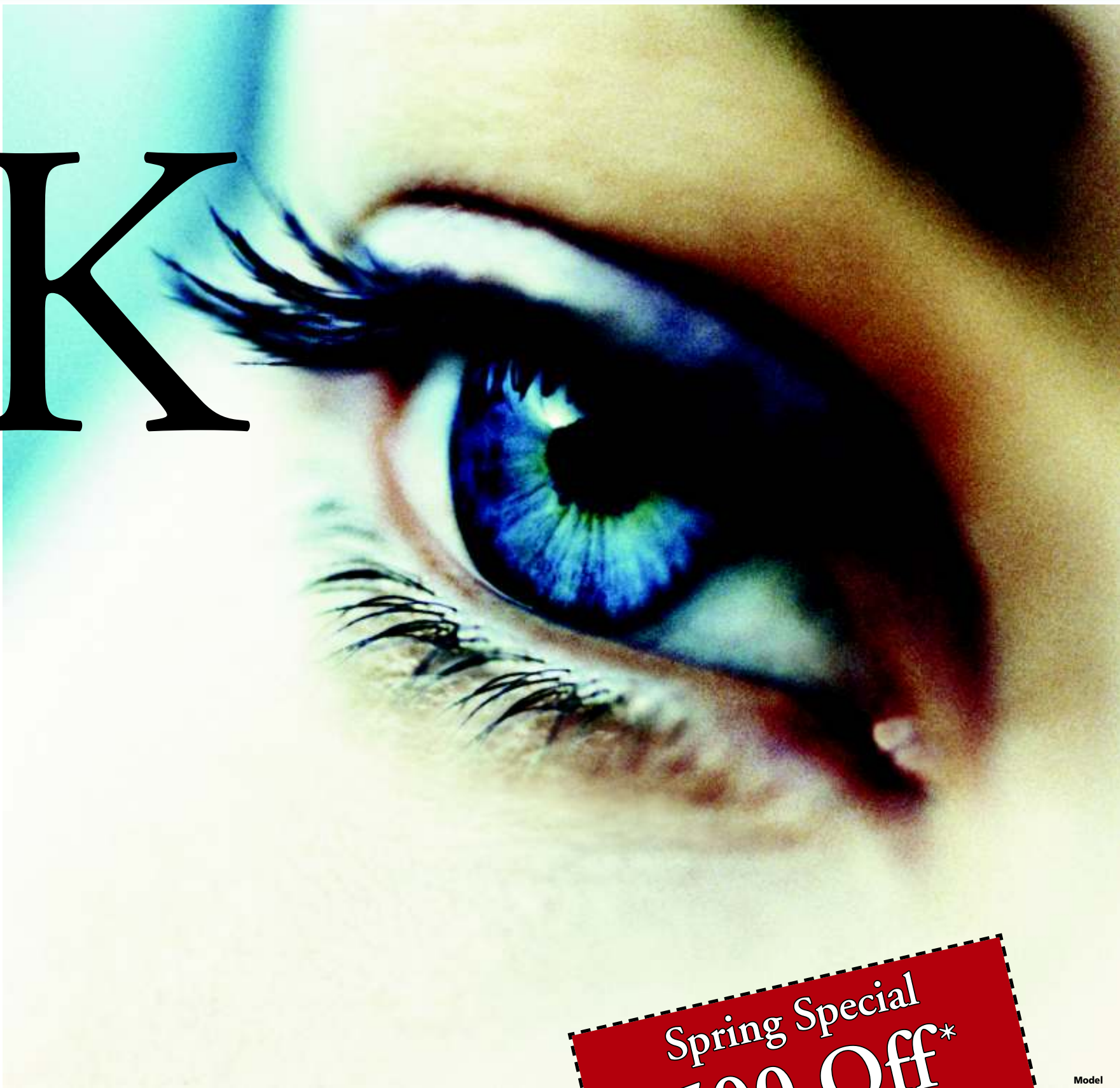


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Jacumba
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 called me up one night two years later. He was a little

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 "We didn't have any

money. Kirk and I went to work for Manpower to get enough money to stay alive. We both started meeting Mexicans. I really liked the Mexicans I met on these jobs. They were so cool. That was what initiated us into heading this way, towards the border.
 "We were looking for a new place to live. It was summer. We remembered Boulevard and Jacumba from the Long March. Finding Jacumé was almost a mistake. We were in Jacumba

camping and happened to see the church steeple. And I said, 'Hey, there's a town over there.' That was 1984."
 It wasn't easy to move into a Mexican town. When Richard and Kirk moved into Jacumé, they had a dog. It was a spring night. One of the village men returned from a hunt with a deer he had killed and, according to local custom, dragged the carcass into the town park to skin and cook the beast. That night, as a thousand nights before it, the men

gathered and built a fire, a little bit bigger this time because there was venison. The custom is to roast all night, drink all night, and have a feast early in the morning, around seven.
 Next morning, a small boy knocked on Richard and Kirk's door. The boy was crying; he had news about their dog. Richard and the boy walked up to the village park, and in the gray-brown light they spotted the dog, who was spread-eagle on wooden stakes,

drawn and quartered. Richard untied his pet, carried it outside of town, and told the young boy, "I don't want to know who did it."
 The boy was one of Richard and Kirk's new friends. The pair have been feeding the same four or five Mexican teenage boys for the last five years. That was never planned. When Richard and Kirk moved in, some neighborhood boys came over to their house, curious to see who they were, and hung around until dinnertime. Food was offered, food was shared. Over time, the Colonial Lodge rules were conveyed. 'No violence but you can say what you want.' The rules were tested: 'I can say anything I want? Suck my cock, gringo.' And finally, with endless patience, the rules were incorporated.

And now, almost every day, as it's been for five years, the boys come over to the \$2000 *hacienda*, play music on the stereo, drape themselves on the living room couch, talk with each other casually, occasionally talk to Richard and Kirk, and then help themselves to dinner. Kirk, especially, is a genius with these kids. One evening we were talking in the kitchen and Rico enters the room. He hands over four dollars as partial payment on some jeans that Kirk had recently bought for him. The kid said that his dad was working in Yuma and might be drinking this week, so it might take a little bit longer to pay off his debt. Kirk thanks him while beaming with pleasure that the kid even remembered. You can see the boy take on pride, stand a bit straighter as he leaves the kitchen.

* * *

I had heard about Bob Mitchell — by this time I had heard about everyone in Jacumba and was starting to get to know people's major appliances. Bob Mitchell owns, or used to own, or by this printing may again own the local newspaper, *The Plain Speaker*, which is an uneven piece of work given to Jacumba boosterism, cooking up a steady gruel of "Jacumba on the Move" articles. But the paper redeems itself by competently covering local issues and politics.
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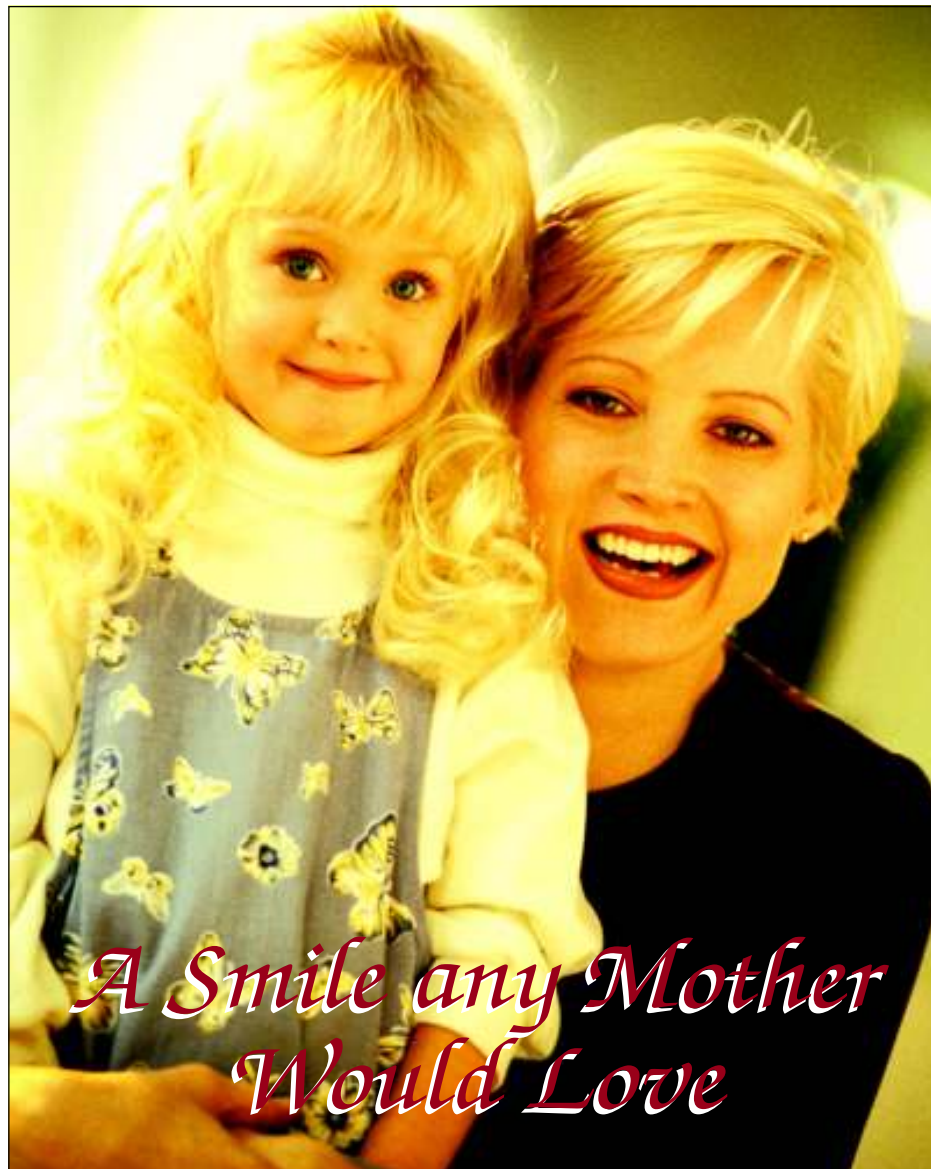
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We sit at the bar. Mitchell orders cranberry juice. He looks into the smoky room. "My first business began in kindergarten up in Seattle. Milk cost 15 cents. I traded kids nickels for dimes because nickels were bigger.

"When TV came out that was one of my great businesses. My family had the only TV in our neighborhood. Every Saturday I used to sell TV time to the kids. 'Watch it all day for a quarter.'

"I never associated with my peer group. I always looked to the older people. That's where the action was. They had money, power, freedom. I was always working. I worked for King Records when I was in high school and also had three other jobs. At King Records I was a stock boy, eventually moved up to an A&R producer. I was 16. I had a 1957 Jaguar and was making kick-ass money. Christ, I wore a suit to school in 1958. My classmates were not thrilled with me.

"Then I started my own record company. I read a bio about Colonel Tom Parker, Presley's manager. He just amazed me. So I'm in the club one night — I mean I got into all the bars when I was 15, 16. I find this singer, his name is Woody Carr. I got him on 50-year contract for 50 percent. I started my own record label, Trojan Label Records, because the first song we did was 'Have Love Will Travel.' It was good. In those days a big cutting session was a 16-track session. You could spend \$250 and produce a hit record. And I worked the numbers, got into it, figured it out, and said, 'Well, fuck this, I can do this.' Did it a year and a half. I was 19.

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ers for \$300 — it cost them 50 bucks. They marched door to door. Some guys sold cookware. Another guy sold sewing machines. Same thing. Well, these guys get together and said, 'Fuck it, here's what we'll do. We'll sell people all three items for \$300. Package marketing.' So I got together with them and said, 'Well, listen, let's get real smart here, guys.' I put some new wrinkles in this schtick and invented a sales approach to it. So we weren't selling things anymore, we were giving them away. We're market-testing them. This thing grew from nothing to a \$100 million corporation in two and one-half years. Then we bought a shell on the New York Stock Exchange for five cents a share and converted it over. It opened at five cents and closed at 26 dollars on the same day. I had a small equity position and was vice president of marketing and sales.

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"I tried to get one of those licenses and couldn't. But in the research I found out how it works. Under FAA regulations there's a thing called Part 1-51, which says there's another way you could do airlines and that's if you were a common denominator group, if you had a club. So, we started the World Travel Club, made everybody a member.

"Then I went and cut

this deal. I get these Mormons to finance the airplanes and we called it Temple Airways, and we're going to fly Mormons to the Temple because if you're a Mormon, you can't get to heaven unless you go to the Temple. At the time there was only one temple in the whole country, at Salt Lake City. So, the Mormons finance the airplanes, and three days a week we fly to the temple, four days a week we fly to Vegas, baby.

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"When that gig ended, I got put out of business by the big guys because I got this contract to fly students to Europe. That was my mistake. That was the end for me. I was only fucking with a couple of carriers flying out of Seattle. And they were not happy about it, but there was nothing they could do.



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But the minute I started fucking with the big guys, then suddenly the FAA and the CAB get together and my planes need special inspections. Like you got a plane with 300 people on it to go to Europe. The man taps you on the shoulder, 'Oh, we're grounding this plane.' I say, 'Wait, I just had an airworthiness certificate on it five days ago.'

"I know, but this is special."

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"That just took me out. They couldn't plug the hole under which I was operat-

ing, but the big guys are big, and somebody says to somebody, 'Well, this is a problem. Take care of it.' So, I'm out of that, and at the same time I'm done with being married, and a guy who used to work for me calls up and says he just bought a license to work with some collection agency back East and am I interested in checking it out.

"So, I go to Philadelphia and get this gig going. I invented this concept in accounts receivable management, which is now used in every business in the modern world. It becomes the biggest accounts receivable management company around. We collected for the city of New York. We caused

the government to change the rules for the student loan program. The name of the firm was Thins National Corporation. We started up in 1969. I went in as CEO. I walked right out in 1976, sold my interest, and left.

"At the same time I owned six restaurants. I had an interest in a Broadway play; I was doing TV, I was doing whatever struck my fancy. I was working 100 hours a week, traveling half a million miles a year, and I was getting myself fried.

"After I left Trans National, I invented the investment-grade diamond market. That was a Popsicle ride. That was awesome. That was really the biggest

roll. Extraordinary amounts of money, hundreds of millions of dollars. You get billions. At first you're amazed and then you're numb. Somebody has \$100 million dollars on the table, big deal, 'That's all you got; you only brought your small change.' We were moving billions of dollars' worth of diamonds.

"That lasted a couple years. Ended in January '81, the day silver went from \$50 to \$16; the day gold went from \$800 to \$300. That's the day it ended for everybody in the world. There were no more conditions.

"I'm quite happy to be out of it. I guess it's when you begin to realize, it sounds trite almost, that the price you're paying isn't worth what you're getting out of it. It's also the end when you're not prepared to play anymore — in other words, you know you can make a deal and all you gotta do is dance the thing through.

But you look at this fucker across the table from you and you say, 'Fuck this shit. I'm gonna tell this piece of shit what I really think of him.' You do that two or three times, and the board of directors begins to get some feeling about your approach to things.

"In 1978 I was introduced to a young artist named David Baze, extraordinary photorealist. I was very taken by his work, so I began to compile his stuff. I was living in Newport Beach. Baze calls me up in the middle of 1980 and says, 'Hey, I'm down here in Jacumba. There's this real estate hustler here. He's hustling a deal to sell this town. Man, this is you.'

"So I came down, I came down here to buy the town. At the time the whole town was for sale. I took a suite at the old hotel, this was before it burned down, and I stayed for some months.

"Baze was running the old hotel, and he was treating it like an arts project. He knew a lot of artists around the country, and he started calling them up. I mean it was a gas. We had all these people from Hollywood — Jack Nicholson, all these kinds of people would come down. This place was very obscure. Baze had the old hotel fixed up really cool. They used to do bizarre things like serve bacon and eggs with a dozen little quail eggs. Little eggs about as big as your thumb.

"I'm trying to get the deal consummated to buy the town, and I'm having terrible difficulties. It's not happening, and I'm trying to figure out what's wrong. So I start investigating the owners and find out this estate is set up as a tax shelter. General partnership though. That was a mistake. Because in a general partnership a partner can be held liable for the consequences and actions of the partnership. I did more investigating, and they had failed to make the appropriate repairs in the water system and so on, and I figured out they probably could be nailed for a few million bucks. I made one of the principals aware of this knowledge and got his proxy vote and went to their meeting. And I kind of disclosed a lot of stuff at the meeting, which subsequently started unraveling that group, causing the deal to be thrown back to the original owner, who was Henry LaZare.

"LaZare has owned the town since the '50s. His basic

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attitude about Jacumba was, 'If it costs me money; I'll knock it down or cut it down.' The drive from the airport to town was like going through a tunnel: giant poplar trees on both sides of the road all the way in. He cut them all down because of insurance problems.

"Anyway, I began negotiating with LaZare's family — one son is a chiropractor. So the chiropractor had a real hard ass, which didn't make anything easier because the title has like three or four hundred clouds on it. It's a mess. Everybody that ever lived has got a lien on this property because over the years the old guy said, 'Well, fuck it. I'll do what I want.' So I made him an offer for the town of, I think, one million bucks. That was represented to me as 300 acres. So we begin the process of cleaning up this mess, so we can get it clean enough to be able to buy. This goes on for seven or eight months. And finally we're down to two major issues, which involve actions that were placed against the title of the property sur-

rounding the lake, very valuable parcels.

"At that point the chiropractor became intransigent, and he said, 'Screw you, if you want it, take it the way it is,' and so on and so forth. So I can't do that, so I figure, 'Well, I'll just throw it out on the street,' knowing full well that no one in their right mind is going to buy it with three situations existing. Well, along comes through town a Yugoslavian real estate hustler from Chicago. The fucker goes and snaps up my deal. The Yugoslav, he doesn't have a fucking dime, he's just a

cheap-ass hustler. He goes back and gets this guy he hustled ten years ago on some deal, and he says, 'Listen, we got the 300 acres, we can own this whole town, everything is wonderful, and so on and so forth. You and I will be partners. I'll put my share of the money in next week.'

"So his mark puts up the money and a year goes by — the hustler still has no money. They finally paid him off for a hundred grand. Nuisance value.

"But the Germans own the town. Essentially, this town's entire history is made

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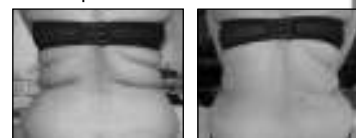
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up of three owners. Bert Vaughan started it. I got a copy of the *San Diego Union*, May 17, 1925, announcing the opening of the Jacumba resort, the finest resort in the Southwest. That's a news story as opposed to an ad. So Vaughan owns it all. It's been in his family through the end of World War II. And then LaZare buys it and then, of course, my short venture of seven or eight months and now these guys.

"The German group that bought this town are terrible stewards. They behave as though ignorance and arrogance were a virtue. And when they're told about Jacumba, they're given a rather different picture of the town than what it actually is. So usually there's a little cycle that takes place, we've got it down pat as locals. The first three months in town they're in just an absolute rage at being here, and the next three months they're starting to be participants, they're trying to be participants, if you will. And then after a year they're pretty well into the groove.

They become one of the entertainment values."

Mitchell cases the bar. I wonder how he lives here after the high-performance life he'd run.

"Well, we don't have cable TV out here, but we do have our tourists. It's a much nicer lifestyle than Manhattan or major metropolitan environments. I have friends who come out from New York, look around and say, 'Are you okay?' Real legitimate concern. Usually that lasts for the first two days. If they stay for the third day, I take them out to the country. I like to do technical rock climbing, and there's some world-class climbing out here. So I take them out, run them around, and by then it's, 'Can you find me a little piece of land around here?'"

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It's easy to find Creature, billed as Jacumba's only homeless person. Pick a bombed-out building in Jacumba and walk one block to the shell of what looks like an abandoned gas sta-

tion. It's Nimby's mechanic shop.

Creature doesn't actually work there — that is, he's not exactly on the payroll. He "helps out" the employed fella, a man named Hershal whose wife owns the business. Hershal is about 45 years old, with a deep, life-long tan. He came to Jacumba in 1965 from Kansas. He's never been over the border.

It was two o'clock when I walked on to the Nimby shop grounds. Hershal and Creature are on vigil, sitting on plastic buckets in the open doorway of a car-repair bay. I walk up, place my day pack against the bay door frame, sit down, and lean back facing the warm sun. Across the street a very dull chain saw is chewing a downed chunk of cottonwood.

"Hi, fellas."

From our sunny bunker position we can see all the nonstop action that is downtown Jacumba.

Creature is decked out in a greasy red baseball cap and blue mechanic's bib with

long red-blond hair popping out from various sections of cloth. Hershal, Creature, and I survey the civic hubbub, which consists of an automobile chugging down the main street every ten minutes or so.

An old white Rambler heads down the highway, east. Hershal mumbles to the driver. "Frank, why don't you look at us?"

After a further interval, a Greyhound bus passes. Hershal says, "Here comes the bus."

Creature adds, "Sell him a headlight."

After a while, a '65 white Chrysler pulls up, black wall tires, enormous rearview mirror. The male driver allows, "I'm just running around being nosy. I just got jumped on by Francis. I didn't stop by Elmer's memorial service."

Creature says, "Sell you a good cheap car. Seen it on the river bottom."

In the back of the mechanic's bay is a police band radio. The guys keep it on in case there's a wreck on the freeway. Good wrecks mean good tow charges. A cop voice comes on air from Chula Vista. "I need help with narcotics."

Dispatcher responds, "How much?"

"My understanding is over 100 kilos."

Pause, static; dispatcher comes back. "Wow. All right."

The next hour was highlighted by a kid who puts air in his bicycle tire. Then Hershal's wife walks over and invites Creature to dinner. Another car comes down Main Street. Creature stands up. He's going to get a Pepsi at the market, asks Hershal if he wants one.

"Pepsi? Shit. If you're buying, get me a beer."

On the way back from the market, Creature passes three women, all in bright, bright-colored pants, all in their mid-20s, all with very large pot bellies.

Hershal takes the beer, looks at one of the women, nods to Creature and says, "She wants your dick."

I asked Creature how he got here. It started eight years ago when Creature was in jail in Ohio. He'd been released and, due to the magic of modern-day travel, found himself in a park in El Cajon drinking beer. Someone said he should go to Jacumba.

Occasionally life is very simple.

He'd worked at Benny's Garage in Boulevard for a while and had the habit of going over to lunch at a

nearby restaurant, coming in with his hair and hands soiled with oil and grit. The staff began calling him "Hairy Creature." The abbreviated version stuck. Now and then he stays with friends, stays on the ground of the bombed-out spa, and in general gets by. He likes it here: clean air, no traffic, no noise.

A pickup truck drives by. Creature says, "They're looking for you, Hershal. Out-of-state plates."

It's five p.m. The sun is going down, the evening chill begins. I get up and stretch. Got a nice little touch of sunburn. The three of us shuffle around, hand-push cars from the apron into the mechanic bay, getting everything bedded down for the night.

"Well, fellas, thanks a lot." I pick up my day pack, put it on, and ask, "Creature, do you ever think you'll leave here?"

"No place to go."

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Christ, what else? No time for Don Weaver. Hell of a guy, maybe 70. Lived in Jacumé in the '50s, the only white U.S. citizen I ran into that has. He absolutely knows everybody in Jacumé, knows them in the Mexican way, which is every mother's son,

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daughter, cousin, uncle, and aunt by name. Talked with Don at Patti's wedding in Jacumé. We're all standing outside church, the whole village, at least 200 people. Besides Weaver, the only Anglos present are Kirk and me and Bob Mitchell. The priest from Tecate is late. While we wait, everyone approaches Weaver and greets him, and in turn, Weaver inquires, by name, about the health of each family member. Finally during a break he sighs, "I must be getting old. Even my enemies are nice to me today."

No time for the bridal shower. The town's women gather in the Jacumé civic building. Kirk and I attend as photographers. Fifty local women sit on metal chairs. Patti, the bride-to-be, sits at the head of the room in a folding chair. Behind her is a table stacked with presents. Patti is 15, the correct age, headed directly into life as wife. The women are here to send her off into that deep, dark cycle of kids, housework, and submission.

They have a game. Col-

ored balloons are attached to the ceiling. Behind each chair is a piece of tape with a number on it. The mistress of ceremonies goes around and chooses a woman from the crowd. The choosee gets the number from her chair, walks to the center of the hall, and pops a balloon. Inside is a piece of paper with instructions. She is to dance. Another is to pretend to fight Patti. Another is to show us "what married couples do on their wedding night." When a task is announced, all the women break out in embarrassed laughter. The choosee stands in the room's center and puts both hands against her mouth and cheeks.

Patti sits with her hands folded across her lap. She looks radiant, the very first blossoming of womanhood. Kirk and I take a zillion pictures. Maria Nuñez is there, slyly removing the number from behind her chair before she is called upon. After the games, Patti opens presents one by one, holding them up, now laughing, now putting her eyes to the ground,

now laughing, now eyes to the ground.

No, no time. Basically, there's only time for one thing and that's to get out of here. I'd begun to feel I'd spent most of my adult life in Jacumba (that realization occurred two weeks ago). I'd snapped early this morning at the esteemed Jacumba Hot Springs Spa and Motel. I was sitting in the restaurant when I heard a crack in my head. I sat straight up and thought, "Fuck it, that's it."

Immediate retreat across the border, back to my trailer, clean out my shit, toss it in the car. First lousy day since I got here. Flat-out cold, snowing for God's sake, rained all last night. Will my hideous rent-a-car make the dirt road all the way out to the Mexicali Highway?

I say goodbye to Richard and Kirk. I look around one last time. The cows are chewing, the neighbor's chickens are crowing — Mexican music plays on an unseen radio, and the faded yellow plastic bag is still hanging on our yard tree. ■

— Patrick Daugherty

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about New Hampshire are the backwoods, illiterate hicks who populate it. But to me, as a resident of California and a member of the human race, I do care about New Hampshire, its remarkable residents, and their way of life. The only difference between me and them is the difference between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Farrell Drake
via e-mail

Luck Of San Diego

Kudos to Geoff Bouvier for a very enjoyable and informative article about jazz saxophone ("Sax," April 20). Having heard both Joe Marillo and Charles McPherson perform, it's good to see them get some recognition. Unfortunately, as many jazz fans and musicians in this town know, there is just not enough support in San Diego for good jazz musicians, and there are not enough jazz clubs for them to play in. Joe put it very well when he said, "San Diego's never been a jazz town." We are lucky to have the talented jazz musicians in this town that we do. Let's get out and support them!

Tony Taravella
via e-mail

Native American Facts

Re "On Becoming Tsalagi" by Jim Morris (April 13). I totally concur with much of his essay. But the notion that Cherokee had permanent settlements in Arkansas and Missouri as early as 1720 I think is bogus.

Cherokee movement into Missouri and Arkansas began in large or recordable numbers in about 1800. In the decades following 1800, thousands of Cherokees had moved also into the Spanish/Mexican region of "Tejas" — Texas — and Kansas and Oklahoma.

These Cherokee often had noticeable half-blood tribal families but also had very strong full-blood and traditional leanings. Up to 1800, the Chickamauga band of the Cherokee Nation was led by the belligerent war chiefs Dragging Canoe, Oconastota, Robert Benge, Stalking Turkey, Bloody Fellow, and Pumkin Boy.

But most notable of Chickamauga chiefs was Duwali Philip Bowles, the near-full-blood Chickamauga warrior who after being involved in a fight with drunken white traders on the Tennessee River that resulted in the deaths and wounding of several Cherokee and whites saw the Bowl, as he was known, and his band of near thousand Cherokee, including women and children, flee the Tennessee Cherokee towns. The Bowl and his warriors most likely would have been tried and executed for the incident.

These fugitive Cherokee first migrated into the Spanish possession of what is today Arkansas. White American settlers harassed these Cherokees, who moved once again south into the eastern Texas bayous and river valleys on Nueces, Trinity, etc.

East Texas by the early 1800s was settled by over 8000 immigrant Native Americans: Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks (my paternal tribal roots), Chickasaws, Sac&Fox, Kickapoo, Delaware, Ottawa, etc. These expatriate tribal pioneers farmed and raised livestock, but commercial hunting and trade with the Spanish and Mexicans was the backbone of their tribal economy.

The most famous Cherokee migrants prior to the Trail of Tears had been known as the "old settlers." This core population exceeded 6000 people. The old settlers had three main geographical divisions: "lower Cherokee towns" in the Carolinas and northern Georgia; "middle," or "valley," towns of the tribes in North Carolina and Tennessee; and the "over hill towns" of Tennessee, northern Alabama, and, prior to the American Revolution, Kentucky.

Old settler Cherokee, feeling pressured and harassed by white encroachment, signed removal treaties in about 1818. These often mixed-blood Cherokee migrated westward into Arkansas over a several-year period.

I was raised with family tradition of Cherokee blood. Of 900,000 Cherokee in current census data, easily 200,000 are current residents of California.

Ken "Half Eagle" Dunn
Spring Valley



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The Big Picture

Saturn's Rings from San Pasqual Park in Escondido

Some people think they're looking at a video and think that it's fake," says Bob Nanz, the San Diego Astronomy Association's North County coordinator. "Especially Saturn, because you can really see the rings. I say, 'We're honestly not going to set up this big telescope just to trick you.'"

On Saturday, May 6, the California Department of Parks and Recreation will

host an Astronomy Day celebration at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. "We have three telescopes and

a solar telescope out there right now, but we're relying on volunteers [from organizations] like San Diego Astronomy Association to bring out their equipment too," says Curt Lawrence, astronomy outreach program coordinator for the San Pasqual park.

For Astronomy Day, the park's community room will be set up with computers loaded with interactive software containing general astronomy information geared towards children. Outside, visitors can peer through telescopes — in the afternoon, when the sun is still high in the sky.

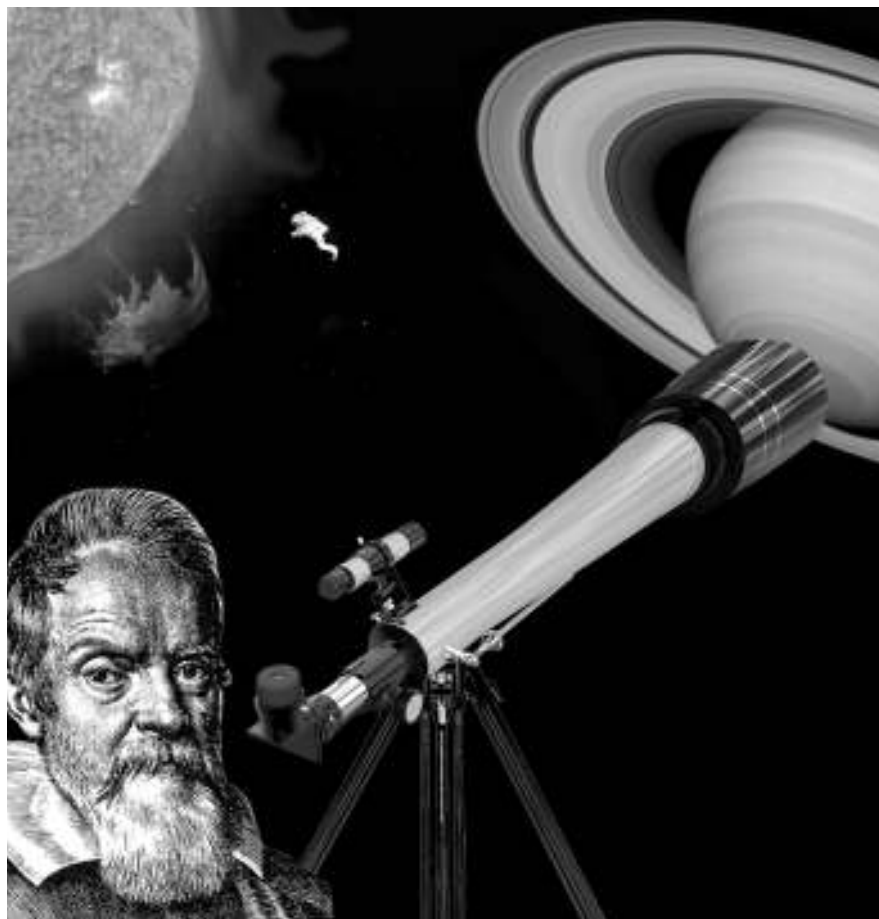
"There are two types of solar telescope," explains Nanz. "One has a filter you place in front of a [regular telescope], which lets you see sunspots and the H-Alpha." According to wikipedia.org, H-Alpha (the *h* stands for hydrogen) is a wavelength visible in the red part of the

electromagnetic spectrum.

When seen through an H-Alpha telescope, sunspots (areas at over one million degrees Celsius believed to contribute to solar flares) appear as dark splotches on the sun's surface. A solar flare is defined as "a violent explosion in the sun's atmosphere, with an energy equivalent to tens of millions of hydrogen bombs." Through the telescope these projections of fiery plasma look like lines and swirls shooting from the sunspots.

Even with a filter, attempting to view the sun directly through a telescope can cause blindness. The second type of solar telescope has mirrors inside that redirect the light path, offering an indirect view of the sun. But, Nanz warns, redirected sunlight isn't necessarily safe either. His Dobsonian telescope, which weighs over 200 pounds and utilizes a 25-inch diameter mirror, includes a warning to the user to keep the telescope away from flammable objects after removing the cap. "I left it next to my car once, and it burnt the side-view mirror," says Nanz.

One popular type of telescope for stargazing at night is the refractor, a simple scope that has a lens at one end and an eyepiece at the other. "Those are small and easy to use," says Nanz. "The Schmidt-Cassegrain is [another popular telescope]; it's relatively small, has a very short tube, and 'folded optics' — the tube is only two feet long, but the actual telescope acts like it's ten feet long." This telescope combines mirrors and lenses to form an image.



"It's really interesting when I get a bunch of inner-city middle schoolers, and they're all talking tough, and they've got their cell phones, but when they look through the telescope and see the rings of Saturn for the first time, you can hear a pin drop," says Lawrence. "That's the real kick I get. Then you can't get them away from the telescope. They're, like, 'Wow, that planet's really green,' and then the questions start: 'How far away is that? How big is that?' The sun looks like a golf ball, but you could span 3000 Earths inside that sun. When you see a flare, it could be going out 80,000 miles into the sky — that's two Earths!"

Nanz's large telescope cost "somewhere in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range." Lawrence insists, "You don't need a lot of money to get into [the hobby of astron-

omy]. Just buy a pair of binoculars and look up."

On May 6, amateur astronomers should be able to see Saturn, the first-quarter moon, and Jupiter through binoculars.

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Tecate's Social Problems chronicled in the play *Tecate Under the Sun, Under the Moon*, presented Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Teatro Calafornix, Fraccionamiento Tomás Aquino. \$4 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0908. (TIJUANA)

The Opera Bastian and Bastiana presented by Sinfónica Juvenil de Tijuana on Friday, May 5, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Opera repeated on Saturday, May 6, at Teatro del Estado and on Sunday, May 7, at Teatro de la Ciudad. Times, details: 011-52-664-

686-4101 x16. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI, ENSENADA)

Indulge in "The Chocolate of Mexico" during family excursion hosted by San Diego Natural History on Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. On a ranch in Ensenada, learn about history, uses, and diverse types of chocolate; cooking class demonstrating traditional Mexican uses of chocolate; lunch, shopping. Fees include transportation, meal, snacks; \$92 per adult, \$82 per child. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

"Giselle" performed by Compañía de Danza de Baja California, Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Sara Valenzuela plans rock concert at Multikulti (at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street) on Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m. 011-52-664-680-2631. \$8 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Reik in Concert, Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m., at Auditorio Municipal (on Boulevard Diaz Ordaz). \$35 U.S. 011-52-664-621-7616. (TIJUANA)

"From Mozart to Huapango" — Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil de México in concert, Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Yoshio and Manuel Eduardo in concert at Centro Mutualista Zaragoza (at 4th Street and Avenida Mutualismo), Wednesday, May 10, 8 p.m. 011-52-664-685-8090. \$15 U.S. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

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OUTDOORS

San Diego's Coastal Wildflower Bloom is finally in full swing this year owing to late-season rains during April. On north-facing slopes and in shady canyon bottoms, where the sun's drying effects have not yet taken hold, look for native red monkeyflower, blue-eyed grass, wild hyacinth, and nonnatives such as chrysanthemum and mustard. Irrigated freeway embankments, with showy African daisies, blooming ice plant, and other forms of groomed landscaping, continue to exhibit brash coloration.

Mustard, a nonnative plant more like a weed than a wildflower, is blooming profusely on grassy slopes all along the coastline of San Diego County. An old story, probably apocryphal, tells of the padres scattering mustard seed along the El Camino Real so that the bright yellow mustard blossoms would help

them find their way in future spring seasons. More likely, the plant was introduced to western North America in the form of seeds carried in the hay used to feed livestock brought in by the early settlers.

Blue-Blossoming Jacaranda Trees have already produced a first wave of color along the streets of San Diego. By mid-May, warm weather permitting, this Brazilian import could put on a dazzling show. The larger jacarandas, which in full bloom are leafless, or nearly so, display myriad delicate, trumpet-shaped blossoms — a lavender haze as seen from afar. Jacarandas are commonly used as landscaping in parks and on most college campuses. Nice rows of jacarandas grace Ash Street downtown, Rosecrans Boulevard in Point Loma, 25th Street in Golden Hill, and Mission Village Drive above Qualcomm Stadium.

Wild Lilac (ceanothus) is currently blooming mostly at elevations higher than 4000 feet in San

Diego County. Blossom colors range from pure white to various shades of blue or lavender. Some fine examples may be seen along the upper Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area atop Mt. Laguna.

Jupiter is that bright, golden, steadily gleaming pinpoint of light dominating the lower eastern sky as evening twilight gathers. Jupiter lies at opposition to the sun on May 4, which means that it rises at sunset and sets at sunrise and therefore remains in the sky during all of the night hours. Turn a small telescope toward Jupiter and enjoy the dance of its four large "Galilean satellites" (the four moons first discovered by Galileo). You will readily notice hour-by-hour changes in the configurations of these moons as they speed around the planet. Jupiter and its satellites will remain good telescopic targets for the next four or five months.

Spider and Insect Exploration hosted by David Faulkner and Jim Berrian of San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Bring collecting containers "to restrain your samples for identification." \$72 fee includes transportation. Registration: 619-255-0203. (PINE VALLEY)

Visit Dairy Mart Ponds to see resident and migrant birds with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m. noon. Possible sightings: blue grosbeak, yellow warbler, least Bell's vireo, more. Take I-5 to Dairy Mart Road exit; turn right (south) on Dairy Mart Road, and proceed about 100 yards to meeting place. No restrooms or water available. Free. 619-280-7710. (TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY)

Volunteer Work Day at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve is Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.–noon. Remove non-native plants, rake, sweep, accomplish all manner of tasks at "preserve in the making." Free. Supplies, directions, required reservations: 619-682-7200. (VISTA)

Venture into 24 Private Gardens in a variety of styles during Clairemont Town Council's tenth annual garden tour, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets for self-guided tour: \$10, available at UPS Store (Clairemont Square, 4809 Clairemont Drive). 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

"Wildflowers: Mother Nature's Gift to Humanity" — enjoy spring wildflower display in former Tulloch Ranch near Lake Cuyamaca during moderate hike sponsored by Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Bring lunch, snacks, water. \$35. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Clean Up! Learn differences between native plants and weeds, help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, May 6, 8–10 a.m. Bring weed-ing tools, gloves if you have them, water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Venture into the (Normally) Forbidden! Join Canyoneers for hike at Sky Oaks SDSU Field Station, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CHIHUAHUA VALLEY)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park takes place on Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho camp-

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History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m., at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 760-944-9202. Free. (ENCINITAS)

See Soaring Hawks, Old Rocks, and native plants along trails used on guided nature walks in Mission Trails Regional Park, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, May 6, 7, and 10, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, May 6, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance).

858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

See Wildflowers and observe birds and wildlife during guided nature hike along trail to historic Sickler Mill, Saturday, May 6, 1 p.m., at Wilderness Gardens Preserve (14209 Highway 76, ten miles east of I-15). 760-742-1631. Parking fee: \$2. (PALA)

Wildlife Baby Season Is Here! Wildlife Assist, an emergency response organization, needs volunteers to rescue orphans and other animals in trouble. Recruiting sessions on Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including May 7, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Ghost Tours led by “ghost hunter” Michael Brown around Old Town, Thursday–Sunday each week, 9–10:30 p.m. Stories “based on research and photos”; sites include Schillers Bookstore, Jolly Boy Saloon, Casa Machado, Whaley House, Seeley Stables, more. \$19. 619-297-3100 x20. (OLD TOWN)

DANCE

“Legend of Josefa” presented by California Ballet Company, Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 8 p.m., at Bayside Park. Ballet is story of Josefa Carrillo, daughter of the Joaquin Carrillo family in San Diego, her elopement with “dashing sea captain” Henry Fitch and their subsequent travails. Tickets: \$38–\$78 for adults, \$22 for children. 858-560-6741. (CHULA VISTA)

“Dance Break 2006,” annual spring concerts offered May 5–7 in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Diverse choreography by faculty and students in a variety of dance styles showcased. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

‘Tis the Season for Spring Dance Concerts! SDSU’s School of Music and Dance hosts recitals May 5–7 in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Choreographers include Joe Alter, Graham Hempel, Melissa Nunn, Patricia Sandback, Faith Jensen-

Ismay, Bradley R. Lundberg. Expect contemporary dance as well as a Russian folk dance in Moiseyev style. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Persian Garden Tango, Part 2 is featured at beginner-friendly dance, Friday, May 5, 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)

Calling All Jitterbugs, all-age swing dance with music by Speakeasy Quartet, Friday, May 5, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Charleston lesson: 8 p.m.; band plays 9 p.m.–midnight, Lindy performance by Radioland Rugcut-



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LOCAL EVENTS

ters, 10 p.m. \$12 general. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Northwestern Caller Rich Goss does his stuff, Old Twine String Band performs for Contradance on Friday, May 5, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Ballroom Fever Fridays, May 5, 8:15 p.m.–midnight at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Mary Pinizzotto hosts dance lessons in variety of styles, followed by dancing to variety of music. \$12. 760-809-6279. (ENCINITAS)

Go Romanian! Daniel Sandu leads ethnic fusion and traditional dances, Saturday, May 6, at Folk

Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Romanian/Balkan ethnic fusion workshop, 3:30 p.m.; potluck, 5:30 p.m.; traditional Romanian workshop, 6:30 p.m.; dance party, 8:30 p.m. \$7 per workshop, \$6 for dance party.

Sandu returns to Folk Dance Center for Romanian/Balkan Gypsy dance workshop, Sunday, May 7, noon–3 p.m. \$7. 619-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Acclaimed Pianist Jacqueline Schwab performs with callers Ellen Riley and Steve Maranto for English country dancing, Sunday, May 7, 6 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Afternoon Dance and lesson, Sunday, May 7, at Cheek2Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Foxtrot lesson at 2 p.m., general dancing 2:30–4 p.m. DJ is Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. (PACIFIC BEACH)

OUT & ABOUT

PART SURREAL VAUDEVILLE

part circus — Inbal Pinto Dance Company, Wednesday, May 10, Mandeville Auditorium.

(SEE DANCE)



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Part Surreal Vaudeville, Part Circus, part toy store after midnight — Inbal Pinto Dance Company, Wednesday, May 10, 8 p.m., at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$32, \$36. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

"Soul of a Young Girl—Dances of Anne Frank" presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre, May 11–June 4. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays,

2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$25 general; "pay what you can" on May 11 and 12; and each Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. Find Eveoke at Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"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)

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

"The Edukators" — Hans Weingartner's "jaunty bohemian thrill ride" screens for Sunday Matinee on May 7, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street, 619-236-5800). In German with English subtitles. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a "Kicky Euro-Noir Morality Fable"? See Mariano Barroso's *Ants in the Mouth* when it's featured at Film Forum on Monday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The Documentary *Voices from Iraq* was created when producers sent 150 digital video cameras to Iraq for "mothers, children, teach-

ers, sheiks, even insurgents" to "voice their perspectives on issues such as war, terror, and the democratic reform." Film screens Monday, May 8, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4764 Santa Monica Avenue). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

Sound Familiar? See *Walkout*, Edward James Olmos's 2006 film based on true story of walkout by Chicano and Chicana students in Los Angeles schools in 1968 to protest unequal treatment, when it's screened on Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., in Center Hall room 105 at UCSD. Teacher Sal Castro leads discussion following film. Free. 858-534-3210. (LA JOLLA)

"The Ambassador" a documentary of "John Dmitri Negroponte's complicity in the brutal wars in Central America in the 1980s" screens Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Guest Andres Thomas Conteris assisted with film's production. Donation. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"Nadine in Dateland," starring Janeane Garafalo, will be shown, with discussion following led by writer/director Amie Steir, Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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“Cinema Under the Stars” gets underway with *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, starring Hugh Grant and Andie McDowell, Thursday–Saturday, May 11–13, at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

San Diego Surf Cinema, see *Puerto Underground 4: Alma y Corazon* when it’s shown on Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$9. 619-222-2385. (LA JOLLA)

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*. “Fridays at the Fleet” features *To the Limit* (6 p.m.) and *Stormchasers* at 7 p.m. on May 5. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Works by Wannabes, mystery writers read from their works-in-progress when Sisters in Crime gather, Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

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. Focus on “The Port’s Land Use, Planning and Development Process” when Bruce Hollingsworth and Ralph Hicks speak on May 4. “Dangerous Spaces of Citizenship: Gang-Talk, Rights-Talk, and the Rule of Law in Brazil” presented by UCSD anthropology professor James Holston on May 11. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

“Moving In: Women in Art,” get the skinny on artists Beatrice Wodd and Niki de Saint Phalle, and learn about women’s position in art world over past three decades when Otis College associate professor Jean Willette speaks Friday, May 5, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Idea of Transformation in the Work of Cuban Artist Wifredo Lam” chronicled by Marta Garsd on Friday, May 5, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Garsd is former lecturer at UC Davis and American University. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn to Be Funny when San Francisco Comedy College presents introduction to stand-up on Friday, May 5, 6 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Gain insight on “joke diagram,” described as “a proven formula” illustrating structure of jokes, funny stories. Free. Reservations: 858-869-5687. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

“Triple Border Fence Initiative,” forum discussion of U.S. immigration enforcement policy, Friday, May 5, 1 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

Consider Ponds — “the ins, outs, and unders” — Saturday, May 6, 1 p.m., at City Farmer’s Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after home composting workshop, Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m., at San Diego

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Why Do Cops Do What They Do? Few citizens understand answers to this question. “Inside SDDP,” offered by San Diego Police Foundation on Saturday, May 6, is interactive program with vehicle-stop scenarios, firearms training, use-of-force policies. Starts at 9:30 a.m. at Miramar Col-

lege. \$15 general. Required reservations: 858-453-5060. (MIRAMAR)

“Saints Are Us: Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux: Call to Action, San Diego County” — SDSU women’s studies professor Oliva Espin invites participants to engage in reflections on their life stories using as a basis the works of these two saints, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). Free. 619-222-5676. (CARLSBAD)

“Views from Vesuvius: New Research and Interpretations” offered during symposium, Saturday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Three experts will offer new research on Roman life. \$12. Registration: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including May 6, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230

Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

“The Grand Duchy Project: Finding Families in 18th-Century Records in Belarus, Lithuania, and Poland” is subject when David B. Hoffman and Sonia Hoffman address San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society, Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Hoffmans are translating and analyzing thousands of pages

of census-tax records from latter half of 18th Century. 619-583-0826. \$3. (LA JOLLA)

“California Sea Grant: An Inside Look at How Marine Science Contributes to Solving Contemporary Issues” presented by Russell Moll for ongoing “Perspectives on Ocean Science” lecture, Monday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

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LOCAL EVENTS

"Giant Earthquakes: Why, Where, When, and What We Can Do" — Seth Stein of Northwestern University ponders these questions on Monday, May 8, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Handkerchief Gardens: Creating Small Space Magic," seminar presented by horticulturist Sharon Lovejoy on Monday, May 8, 7 p.m., for San Diego Horticultural Society, in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. \$18 general. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

"Undocumented Immigration into the United States: Who Slips Through?" Find out when Western Michigan University economics professor Susan Pozo

speaks Monday, May 8, 4 p.m., in Storm Hall 260 at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1103. (SDSU)

"Learning from the Enemy: On the French Prehistory of the Protocols from the Elders of Zion" presented by UCLA Italian Renaissance Studies professor Carlo Ginzburg on Monday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., in room 3155 of literature building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Interobang Lecture Series, California State Historic Preserva-

tion officer Wayne Donaldson speaks for San Diego Design Consortium gathering, Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$18 general. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Mozart in Austria and Germany" — Konrad Oberhuber and Victoria Martino chronicle late baroque, rococo, and neoclassical/classical art and music from Mozart's point of view during lecture series continuing Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$19. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"An Introduction to Family Tree Maker" is on tap when Dorothy Miller addresses Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, May 9, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-830-5720. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"How to Live Happily Ever After With Your Cat" divulged, Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SCPA (5500 Gaines Street). Cat behavior, socialization with people, communication, more. \$15. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Science, Religion, and Ethics: The Stem Cell Debate" examined by bioethics and aesthetics specialist Mary Devereaux, Tuesday,

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May 9, 7:30 p.m., at University City United Church (2877 Governor Drive). Free. 858-453-3444. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Wonderful Wood Warblers" provide focus for Claude Edwards during programs hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Tuesday and Thursday, May 9 and 11, 6:30 p.m., followed by field trip on Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. \$38. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Creating New Talents: The Purpose and Mission" — seminar by Walter Holtschi, Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-729-2434. (CARLSBAD)

Blogging for Beginners! "Award-winning blogger" Gina Trapani teaches basics of blogging when Tri-City Computer Club gathers, Tuesday, May 9, 1 p.m., at Salvation Army (3935 Lake Boulevard). Free. 760-724-8673. (OCEANSIDE)

"Useful Herbs for the Home Gardener," clinical herbalist,

herb grower Carole Brown brings plants, dried herbs, tinctures, and ointments when she addresses Point Loma Garden Club on Wednesday, May 10. Meeting commences at 10 a.m. at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (OCEAN BEACH)

Animator Raul Garcia (*Beauty and the Beast*, *Lion King*, *Aladdin*) speaks for Southern California Cartoonists Society meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., at Veoh Networks, Inc. (7220 Trade Street, suite 115). \$10 general. 619-921-1936. (MIRA MESA)

"The Practice and Vision of Digital Artists" explored during panel discussion with Joe Nalven, Michael Wright, Cher Threinen-Pendarvis, moderator Andrea Chamberlin, Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). \$8. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

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Lynch and Steven Badgett discussed by the duo during art talk, Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

“The Kurds: A People in Search of Their Homeland” discussed and signed by author Kevin McKiernan, Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Book “is a provocative critique on our nation’s foreign relations.” 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

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)

Twin 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)

AcousticMusicSanDiego boasts concerts by Sonia and Disappear Fear, Friday, May 5; followed by Steve Forbert on Saturday, May 6. Tickets: \$15, \$20. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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)

For Everyday Listeners, Not Music Scholars — Ted Libbey signs, discusses *The NPR Listener’s Encyclopedia of Classical Music*, Friday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Mystery Author David Rosenfelt signs, discusses *Dead Center*, Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Jazz at the Point, Point Loma Nazarene University Jazz Band in concert, Friday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall. Find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive; 619-849-2325. \$15 general. (POINT LOMA)

Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano bring their “richly op-

eratic voices” to concert at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard) on Friday, May 5, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25–\$40. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Trummerflora’s “Spring Reverber 2006” promised when this collective of experimental musicians performs Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$10. Required reservations: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

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)

Mystery Author Earlene Fowler visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss her newest novel, *The Saddlemaker’s Wife*, on Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)
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LOCAL EVENTS

Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Relationship Coach, Author Randy Hurlburt discusses love and romantic relationships and signs his book, *Love Is Not a Game, but You Should Know the Odds*, Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-435-5635. (OCEANSIDE)

Singer-Songwriter Phil Christie performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, May 6, 7 p.m., in Templar Hall at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

"The Story Drum: Japanese Performing Arts" — storyteller Katy Rydell teams up with Japanese-American performance ensemble Shin3 for program with taiko drumming, storytelling, traditional folk and dance for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, May 6. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults, those over 12. \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

Locals! Los Alacranes perform for World Music Series, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., in Oceanside Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Co-founder Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez describes their music as "Southwest-Chicano-Mexican-barrio folklore." \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Clarinet Marmalade Quartet plans concert, Saturday, May 6, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Requested donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ranch Gothic Author C.J. Box signs and discusses *In Plain Sight*, Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Enjoy Delta Blues when Robin Henkel performs for San Diego Guitar Society on Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). Also on program: Jeffery Joe Morin (not the surfer) playing tunes from '30s and '40s. Meeting open to players of all levels, styles. Attend and be inspired! Donation: \$3 for non-members (after first visit). 619-280-9035. (NORTH PARK)

The San Diego Children's Choir performs sacred and secular music from around the world, Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

Morehouse College Glee Club plans concert, Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Program includes classical, jazz, and African folk music. \$25 general. 619-850-8816. (ROLANDO)

San Diego Choral Union Spring Concert, Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m., at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). \$10 general, free for those 12 and under. 619-889-6594. (KENSINGTON)

ROAM-○-RAMA

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

Stonewall Peak's angular summit of white granitic rock is a conspicuous landmark throughout Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Although Stonewall stands some 800 feet lower than nearby Cuyamaca Peak, its central position and steep, south slope provide a more inclusive view of the park area itself.

Beginning across the highway from the entrance to Paso Picacho Campground (on Highway 79 about midway between Julian and Descanso), the 2.2-mile-long trail to Stonewall's top climbs steadily and moderately on a set of well-graded switchbacks. The former live-oak/black-oak forest and scattered pines and cedars that grew on the mountain's lower slopes prior to the 2003 Cedar Fire are mostly gone now. Pioneering shrubbery is making a comeback, but there's not yet enough of it to seriously block the view — which expands incrementally the higher you go.



Fire-scarred oak

About halfway up the trail, a view opens to the north and east. Cuyamaca Reservoir lies to the north, its level and its extent varying according to the season and the year's precipitation. During the wettest years, the water surface floods a spacious meadow just above the main reservoir and covers a total of nearly 1000 acres.

When you reach the top of the switchback segments, turn right (south) toward the summit of the peak. Follow the trail as it knifes upward to the ridge top and farther to the base of the Stonewall's naked granite summit. A series of steps hewn in the rock and a guardrail are provided in the last, very steep hundred feet or so. The Stonewall hike is a great one for kids, but very small ones must be carefully guarded on the final climb up the steps.

On top, you won't see any ocean views (the main Cuyamaca Mountains ridgeline stands tall in the west), but the foreground panorama of the park's rolling topography is impressive enough. Late-season precipitation (the peak was dusted with snow as late as April 5) will ensure that the landscape below remains emerald-green for a few more weeks to come.

During spring and summer, swallows or swifts practically rake the summit during their high-speed maneuvers, and larger birds — ravens, hawks, and even bald eagles — may cruise by. Eagles, along with egrets, herons, and ospreys, are attracted to the shoreline of nearby Cuyamaca

Reservoir, especially in winter.

This article contains information about a publicly

marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills.

STONEWALL PEAK

Enjoy unobstructed, post-fire views from Stonewall Peak in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

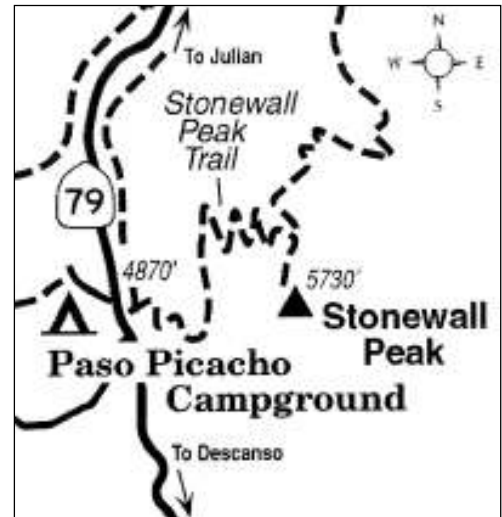
Distance from downtown San Diego: 50 miles

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Local Author John Shore discusses *Penguins, Pain, and the Whole Shebang — Why I Do the Things I Do...By God as Told to*

John Shore on Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Valley Center Art and Music Festival on Sunday, May 7, 1-6 p.m., at Valley Center Community Hall (28246 Lilac Road).

Program boasts Peter Sprague and Pass the Drum, Beck Hollyday Jazz Quintet; guitar workshop, Rad Hatter hat-making, caricatures, kids' activities, art demonstrations, more. Bring blankets, lawn chairs. Free. 760-749-8852. (VALLEY CENTER)

Music from Ghana promised when Bolga Zodoomah performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, May 8, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Open-Mike Poetry Night, Monday, May 8, 8 p.m., at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Electronic Music Marathon with "mix of electronics, visual effects, and interpretive dance" in compositions by SDSU students, Tuesday, May 9, at 7 and 9 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. \$5. 619-594-6036. (SDSU)

"Your Momma's Comedy Show" — Gulden, comics Mark Schreiber and Suzie Lotzof, and sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction for Comedy Grill, Tuesday, May 9, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Semi-Sweet, this ensemble of "local musical moms" performs show tunes and big-band-era songs on Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

"Health Secrets of the Stone Age" divulged by Philip Goscien-ski, M.D., on Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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the Wrong Name, Just Love Poems for You) reads from his work, Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-602-2012. (CARLSBAD)

A Modern Retelling of Jane Austen's Persuasion offered by Laurie Horowitz in *Family Fortune*, which she'll sign and discuss on Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Ladies' Night Out," Women's Chorus performs American folk songs, fiddle tunes, and pop hits, Thursday, May 11, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). \$5. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

People's Choice Concerts with students performing songs and covers, and music videos produced by student tech teams showcased, at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12. \$10 general. 760-757-2121 x6438. (OCEANSIDE)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres wrap up series in Los Angeles with game against Dodgers, Thursday, May 4, 7:10 p.m. Pads head to Petco Park for series with Chicago Cubs, May 5-8, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Milwaukee Brewers arrive for games May 9-11, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

OUT & ABOUT

SILHOUETTE, WITH TOOL Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego family day, Sunday, May 7.

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HAMMERING MAN AT 3,110,527, JONATHAN BOROFKY, 1988



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Del Mar National Horse Show, 61st annual show of competitions, instruction, and displays continues with hunter/jumper week events through Sunday, May 7. The "\$100,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del Mar" is Saturday, May 6, 7 p.m. \$17.

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. Reservations: 858-792-4288. (DEL MAR)

Fast and Fairly Flat with a "figure eight" course, it's time for Barrio Logan Grand Prix Bicycle Race, Saturday, May 6, with starts from 7:30 a.m.-4:16 p.m. Categories for youth and adult riders. To reach the racing, exit southbound I-5 at César Chávez Parkway, go straight to Beardsley Street. Free for spectators. 858-495-2454. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Cinco Cycling, join Knickerbikers for 25-mile ride on Saturday,

May 6, starting at 9 a.m. at Harbor Drive and Hawthorne. Bicycle out to Point Loma, Cabrillo Monument, then back to farmer's market on Imperial Avenue for lunch (bring money). 619-562-7677. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

2006 Walk for Hope to cure breast cancer is Saturday, May 6, around campus of University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Registration: 7:45 a.m. at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Plaza on campus. Details: 858-452-6846. (LINDA VISTA)

Flower Field Bicycling, Express and Junior, Sierra Club bicyclists

host two rides on Sunday, May 7. Express ride of 50 miles through Rancho Santa Fe to Flower Fields of Carlsbad starts at 8:30 a.m. at corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real; 858-452-6237. A 38-mile ride starts at same time, same location; 858-623-0628. Free. (DEL MAR)

Heavy (Foot) Traffic on 163, the 2006 Race for Literacy 8k run/walk boasts course along Highway 163. Event starts near Spreckels Organ Pavilion at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 7, finishes at Pantoja Park (on G Street). 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK, DOWNTOWN)

Tennis Fest is Sunday, May 7, noon 4 p.m., at Balboa Tennis Club (2221 Morley Field Drive). Instructional clinics, exhibition matches, pros demonstrating skills, playing tips, skill workouts, and drills. Free. Registration: 619-299-8647. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Showpark Ranch and Coast Classic runs Tuesday-Sunday, May 9-14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

WWE Smackdown, Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., at ipayOne Center. Tickets: \$20-\$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

SPECIAL

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience is on display 24 hours a day, Friday-Sunday, May 5-7, at Veteran's Museum and Memorial Center (2115 Park Boulevard). The Wall is traveling three-quarter-size replica of memorial in Washington D.C. Free. 619-498-4600. (BALBOA PARK)

Cinco de Mayo Is Not Mexican Independence Day! Fiesta commemorates the victory of a very small band of Mexican soldiers and townspeople over much larger French forces on May 5, 1862. Commemorate the victory at parties including:

Tenth annual "5 on 5 Block Party" is Friday, May 5, 5 p.m.-midnight, with live music, dancing, food. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. Find fiesta on Fifth Avenue (between Island Avenue and J Street) and on J Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues). 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Old Town Fiesta Cinco de Mayo celebrated May 6 and 7 in Old Town State Historic Park. More than 200 performers at eight venues around park, including stagecoach rides, Kumeyaay village Battle of Puebla reenactments, Escaramuzas Golondrinas equestrian group, children's activities, more. Hours: noon-10 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 619-296-3236. (OLD TOWN)

Tequila and wine tasting, tacos for sale, guacamole and tortilla making, cooking demonstrations, music, dancing, and arts and crafts all promised during Cinco de Mayo Festival on Friday-Sunday, May 5-7, all day, at Plaza del Pasado (in Old Town State Historic Park). Free. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

Dancing, live entertainment, food offered when Univision Radio hosts "Fiesta del Pueblo" Sunday, May 7, noon 8 p.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds. Free. 619-235-0600. (DEL MAR)

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)

Thwap! Bang! Wow! Saturday, May 6, is free comic book day, when "close to 2 million comic books will be given away" around the planet. Comic Day gets underway at 10 a.m. at Comic Gallery locations (4224 Balboa Avenue, 858-483-4853; and 322-J West El Norte Parkway, 760-745-5660). (CLAIREMONT, ESCONDIDO)



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Point Loma Artists' Tour, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. See work in variety of media created by 19 local artists. Free. Maps

available at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). 619-850-3530. (POINT LOMA)

Astronomy Day commemorated with all manner of activities, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Space Center. Make moon craters and launch balloon rockets (10 a.m.–noon). At 11 a.m., NASA/JPL solar system ambassador James Butts offers space updates. "Walk Through the Solar System," 12:15 p.m. Views of sun (safety equipment and filters

provided), with San Diego Astronomy Association on hand until 10 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Co-Creating a Better World" is theme for Holistic Living Expo, with 60 exhibitors showcasing products, services for healthy living; lectures. Expo is Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 p.m., 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Admission \$5 general, \$3 for seniors and teens, free for those under 12. 800-722-7330. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kimono Sale, Joyce Lee-Westdall of Kimono Corners plans moving sale to benefit Japanese Friendship Garden, Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Model Railroad Swap Meet hosted by San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Saturday, May 6, 7–11 a.m. For sale: toys, model kits, trains, scenery, books, more. Admission: \$2 for buyers, \$5 for sellers. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Plant Sale with all manner of plants on offer hosted by La Mesa Beautiful is May 6 and 7 at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church (4816 Glen Street). Sale opens at 9 a.m. both days, closing at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 619-465-2391. (LA MESA)

15th Annual Pug Rescue Party, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. 4 p.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ten and younger. 619-685-3580. (DEL MAR)

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)

Over 5 Million Old Postcards, paper collectibles, and ephemera on offer during San Diego Vintage Paper Collectibles Show, May 6 and 7 at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Ven-

dors with wares such as cigar labels, valentines, travel brochures, movie memorabilia, Western Americana, more. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission: \$5 on Saturday, free on Sunday. 626-665-9435. (KEARNY MESA)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Book Sale on Saturday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., at University City Library (4155 Governor Drive). Free admission. 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Carlsbad Village Faire, Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., with over 850 arts and crafts booths, antiques, pancake breakfast, food for sale, children's rides. Free. 760-945-9288. (CARLSBAD)

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)

House of Poland presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. Free. Polish food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

"Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming" provide theme for scholar-led, theme-based discussions exploring contemporary and classic Jewish literature. Examine *The Centaur in the Garden* by Moacyr Scliar with Ben Siegel, Sunday, May 7, 1–3 p.m., in 201 West Commons at San Diego State University. Free. Registration: 858-694-2484. (SDSU)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Talmadge Art Show, over 40 local artists exhibit and sell work Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Free admission. 619-559-0586. (HILLCREST)

Circle the Maypole (a "refurbished" 40-foot-tall cedar tree) to celebrate May Day, and enjoy entertainment by Moreton Bay Fig Morris Dancers (at noon and 2 p.m.), Sunday, May 7, at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). Free. 888-407-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

Craft Club, group gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, May 8, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Ring of Fire wine series continues with "wine essentials" on Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m., at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723

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

There's "Thunder on Main" during Cajon Classic Cruise, the weekly car show featuring "more than 500 classic, custom, and hot rod cars," on Wednesday, May 10, 5–8 p.m. on Main Street. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Death: Is Western Man in Denial?" Examine topic on Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

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 through 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. Tues-

day–Sunday, with hours extended to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. \$20. 619-533-7355. (EAST DEL MAR)

"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)

"Dialogue: Judy Christensen, Sally Hagy-Boyer, Kathy Miller, and Lisa Olson" exhibit artists' books through Sunday, June 18, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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)

FOR KIDS

"Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus" promised when comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble

entertains through Sunday, May 7, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Enjoy *Princess Phoebe's Birthday Present* with Big Joe Productions, May 10–14.

Show hours: Wednesday–Fri-

day, 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)

"Alice in Wonderland" presented by actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre through May 7, in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fri-

day, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Performance on May 6 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9–\$12 adults, \$7–\$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry | SATYRICON XXXI–XXXIII (LATIN)

[XXXI]

Tandem ergo discubimus, pueris Alexandrinis aquam in manus nivatam infundentibus, aliisque insequentibus ad pedes ac paronychia cum ingenti subtilitate tollentibus. Ac ne in hoc quidem tam molesto tacebant officio, sed obiter cantabant. Ego experiri volui an tota familia cantaret, itaque potionem poposci. Paratissimus puer non minus me acido cantico excepit, et quisquis aliquid rogatus erat ut daret. Pantomimi chororum, non patris familiae tridinium crederes.

Allata est tamen gustatio valde lauta; nam iam omnes discubuerant praeter ipsum Trimachionem, cui locus novo more primus servabatur. Ceterum in promulsidari asellus erat Corinthius cum bisaccio positus, qui habebat olivas in altera parte albas, in altera nigras. Tegebant asellum duae lances, in quarum marginibus nomen Trimalchionis inscriptum erat et argenti pondus. Ponticuli etiam ferruminati sustinebant glires melle ac papavere sparsos. Fuerunt et tomacula supra craticulam argenteam ferventia posita et infra craticulam Syriaca pruna cum granis Punici mali.

[XXXII]

In his eramus lautitiis, cum Trimalchio ad symphoniam allatus est, positusque inter cervicalia minutissima expressit imprudentibus risum. Pallio enim coccineo adrasum excluserat caput, circaque oneratas veste cervices laticlaviam immiserat mappam fimbriis hinc atque illinc pendentibus. Habebat etiam in minimo digito sinistrae manus anulum grandem subauratum, extremo vero articulo digiti sequentis minorem, ut mihi videbatur, totum aureum, sed plane ferreis veluti stellis ferruminatum. Et ne has tantum ostenderet divitias, dextrum nudavit lacertum armilla aurea cultum et eboreo círculo lamina splendente conexo.

[XXXIII]

Vt deinde pinna argentea dentes perfodit: "Amici, inquit, nondum mihi suave erat in triclinium venire, sed ne diutius absentivos morae vobis essem, omnem voluptatem mihi negavi. Permittetis tamen finiri lusum." Sequebatur puer cum tabula terebinthina et crystallinis tesseris, notavique rem omnium delicatissimam. Pro calculis enim albis ac nigris aureos argenteosque habebat denarios.

Interim dum ille omnium textorum dicta inter lusum consumit, gustantibus adhuc nobis repositorium allatum est cum corbe, in quo gallina erat lignea patentibus in orbem alis...

— Petronius



Petronius

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Poetry | SATYRICON 31-33 (ENGLISH)

At last then we sat down, and boys from Alexandria poured water cooled with snow over our hands. Others followed and knelt down at our feet, and proceeded with great skill to pare our hangnails. Even this unpleasant duty did not silence them, but they kept singing at their work. I wanted to find out whether the whole household could sing, so I asked for a drink. A ready slave repeated my order in a chant not less shrill. They all did the same if they were asked to hand anything. It was more like an actor's dance than a gentleman's dining room. But some rich and tasty whets for the appetite were brought on; for every one had now sat down except Trimalchio, who had the first place kept for him in the new style. A donkey in Corinthian bronze stood on the sideboard, with panniers holding olives, white in one side, black in the other. Two dishes hid the donkey; Trimalchio's name and their weight in silver was engraved on their edges. There were also dormice rolled in honey and poppy-seed, and supported on little ridges soldered to the plate. Then there were hot sausages laid on a silver grill, and under the grill damsons and seeds of pomegranate.

While we were engaged with these delicacies, Trimalchio was conducted in to the sound of music, propped on the tiniest of pillows. A laugh escaped the unwary. His head was shaven and peered out of a scarlet cloak, and over the heavy clothes on his neck he had put on a napkin with a broad stripe and fringes hanging from it all round. On the little finger of his left hand he had an enormous gilt ring, and on the top joint of the next finger a smaller ring which appeared to me to be entirely gold, but was really set all round with iron cut out in little stars. Not content with this display of wealth, he bared his right arm, where a golden bracelet shone, and an ivory bangle clasped with a plate of bright metal. Then he said, as he picked his teeth with a silver quill, "It was not convenient for me to come to dinner yet, my friends, but I gave up all my own pleasure, I did not like to stay away any longer and keep you waiting. But you don't mind if I finish my game?" A boy followed him with a table of terebinth wood and two crystal dice, and I noticed the prettiest thing possible. Instead of black and white counters, they used gold and silver coins. Trimalchio kept passing every kind of remark as he played, and we were still busy with the hors d'oeuvres, when a tray was brought in with a basket on it, in which there was a hen made of wood, spreading out her wings...

— Translated by Jeffrey Henderson.

Kids' Magic Mile, 2006 *Union-Tribune* Race for Literacy is Saturday, May 6. One-miler starts 8 a.m. near Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Math and Science Fair planned Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.–noon, in hub plaza at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. Activities for elementary school children, learning booths such as "Isolating DNA," "Microbe Matching

Game," more. Free. 760-795-6616. (OCEANSIDE)

Philippine Dance Concert for Children by Pasacat dancers, Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m., at Educational Cultural Complex (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). \$12. 619-477-3383. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Sea Schoolers: T Is for Turtle" offered on May 6, 10, 14, and 27, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium scavenger hunt, live an-

imal encounters, stories, crafts. For kids three and four years old with chaperone. \$28 per pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Make a Mexican Paper Flower on Saturday, May 6, noon–3 p.m., in Plaza del Pasado in Old Town State Historic Park. Free. 619-297-3100. (OLD TOWN)

Creativity, Close-Up, Lux Art Institute hosts family day activities on Sunday, May 7, 1–4 p.m. Local artist Jean Lowe unveils *Animal*

Tales, and there will be art activities, music, entertainment (by Nels and the Peanut Butter Cookies), more. Free. Find Lux at 1550 South El Camino Real. 888-458-9278. (ENCINITAS)

Silhouette, with Tool! Create a full-body silhouette holding the tool of your choice with professional silhouette artist Randy Parish demonstrating her techniques during family day activities, Sunday, May 7, 2–5 p.m., at Museum

of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (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.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art, an exploration of "the aesthetics of feminine constriction through the female undergarment of the past, serving as a representation of restricted movement and limited choice" offered in "Ophelia Rising: An Installation by Andrea Singer," on display through May. Singer uses fashion dating back to the 1770s to explore "woman as a subject of constraint."

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"Sexual activity was regarded so differently then."

"Every society has its rules and norms, and they just happen to be different in various societies. The Greeks were actually pretty prudish, except in some contexts, they did allow open expression of sexuality in some religious context and in comedies. They didn't have a sexualized culture in the same way that we do.

"It's always in service of larger themes. But it must have been all the funnier because the outlets were so restricted. I think that modern western culture is overloaded with erotic imagery in advertising and sexual situations in literature and television

and films. It's just not special. Among the Greeks, twice a year, you could see comedies that had a pretty open expression of sexual situations and language, but only then."

"I was amazed to read in your translation of *Lysistrata* women talking on stage about their use of a six-inch dildo."

Professor Henderson laughed. "They had them. And they had a dildo maker."

"How did you learn that?"

"Well, we actually know something about that because there were not only references in comedies, but some medical writings, and bills of sales and so forth that were important. The best ones came from Hyonia. There was a certain import trade in them. The Athenians tended to like Malesian ones."

"Why were those preferred?"

"They were well made and realistic. We have a little snatch of dialogue from a lost comedy. Two wives are comparing their dildos and talking about how life-like one of them is. And the other one is saying, 'Well, nothing substitutes for the real thing when it comes right down to it.'"

"Of what were they made?"

"Leather. I hate to think what the Greeks would have done with plastic."

"Walt Disney."

"That's interesting. There's been a good response from read-

ers in the Aristophanes series. We also have done all the tragic poets and we're working on fragments of those. There are a lot of quotations of lost place by the major poets and we're publishing those so that people can see what, at least poets of the plays written by Sophocles and Aeschylus, and Euripides. Because we only have a small fraction of what they wrote, but we have thousands of fragments of lost plays. And they're very hard to get at, and impossible to get at in translation. So, I think that'll be interesting.

"We generally haven't done fragmentary works in the Loeb because they're discontinuous and not read in schools and so forth, but I think they're very interesting and there's been a lot of interest now in partially preserved works of the major authors. So, we thought since no one else is doing this, we might as well do it."

"How did you come to the classics?" I asked Professor Henderson.

"An inspired teacher.

"Who was it?"

"William McCullough, at Kenyon College. I went to Kenyon; I was interested in English and science. And I'd taken years of Latin, because in those days you did, so I knew Latin pretty well. But I didn't know Greek. And when I got to Kenyon, I asked who the best teachers in the col-

lege were, and somebody mentioned Bill McCullough as one of those, and so I took his beginning Greek course. And he was."

"Is he still alive?" I asked.

"Oh, yeah. Yeah, he's retired now but he truly was an inspiring teacher. So, I got hooked on Greek and majored in classics and went on in that, instead of physics or chemistry."

"Thank God," I said.

"Well, who knows? But, I've greatly enjoyed my career as a classicist. I can't imagine doing anything else."

We talked then, again, about Professor Henderson's Loeb collection. He said, "I think students now are more interested in the everyday life of the Greeks and Romans than they were in my day. We were mainly interested in military and philosophical and historical text, and not so much social stuff.

"And now, it's kind of standard courses in college Greek curricula. The Loeb's really help it. One change in my time has been that you didn't want to be seen with a Loeb because it implied that you couldn't read the Latin and Greek, and you needed crib notes, so in graduate school it was very serious to be seen with one. Certainly, you'd never take one to class with you. But now, I mean they're actually assigned as text and people think the translations from the text are

"The best ones came from Hyonia. There was a certain import trade in them. The Athenians tended to like Malesian ones."

good enough that they don't mind if students look at them and use them in classes. When the Loeb started out, it didn't have as scholarly a reputation as it does now.

"James Loeb wanted to make the classics available for everyone, and he thought scholars had their own resources. But he wanted to preserve all that was important in Greek and Latin literature forever, so he endowed the library so that all the volumes would always be in print."

"At what did he make his money?" I asked.

"He was a banker, a Harvard graduate in the late 19th Century and really loved the classics and a bookworm. He came from a powerful family.

"They were bankers and industrialists. And they expected their children to do something

useful. So, James Loeb played his role in his family business, but, I think he would have preferred to be a scholar. But, he did his thing during his lifetime: he endowed various enterprises, including medical science, music and theater and then he did the Loeb.

"Early on, old headmasters and various talented amateurs would do the translations. They were okay. Those guys could write, even if they weren't the greatest scholars, they were excellent writers and the translations were good enough for the ordinary reader. And they just used standard Greek and Latin text. Not the first editions. So, the Loeb's were considered for everyday readers and not scholarly reliable. And so, students and graduate students that used them

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cluding a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

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

United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is lo-

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through February 25, 2007, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.



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were thought to be using unreliable editions from the point of view of critical scholarship. But, as I say, since the '70s, we've been redoing a lot of the volumes and certainly when we do the new volumes, we get both revisions and new volumes, using the top scholars in their fields. And we want them to do fresh editions of the Greek and Latin text too. So, the volumes that have come out, new and revised for the last 35 years, are excellent scholarly tools. And, in some cases, they're the best editions available."

"I thought that it was interesting that somewhere in the publicity material they talked about the

Loebs having decorative appeal."

"We have had orders, for the entire sets for interior decorating purposes," the professor said. Martha Stewart, for instance, has the entire set. In her magazine a few years ago, they were featured in her daughter's kitchen. There was a section of built-in bookcases in the kitchen with the green Greek Loebs in it, as a decorative touch, and on the end along with all these mixers and coffee makers and ovens and things, there was the Loeb Classical Library. Martin Scorsese bought a set.

"They are attractive. They're an unusual size. James Loeb wanted them to be a size that a gentleman could carry in his coat pocket."

"When people wore Norfolk jackets."

"That's why they are of a rather modest size," said the professor. "And, Loeb insisted in his bequest, that they be that size and he designed the volumes as they are today. And they've always been that way. He endowed the library so that the Loeb volumes would always be in print and available at a modest cost. They're very nice volumes. They're all the same price and we try to keep that price as low as possible. They come, you know, in red or green cloth and green or red dust jackets, and they look rather nice all together in a book-

case. All Greek texts have green jackets, and all Latin texts have red jackets."

I asked, "Has the number of people who major in the classics gone down in the past two decades?"

"It's gone up," Professor Henderson told me.

"At Boston University, we have almost a hundred Classics majors now. There are far more than there were twenty years ago. I think there are a lot of reasons for it. In the humanities, there's been praise for critical theory and kind of non-literary enthusiasms in various departments, and that turns off students that are natural humanists because they want to read. They love to read and they love literature. So, they tend to gravitate away from English departments and other language departments toward Classics because this is real literature and very, very good literature. And, it's still taught as literature.

"There's been a great interest in the ancient world, generally. Students are intrigued by films that have classical themes, they want to know more, and students now grew up on comic books and video games, like heroes. Greek literature is full of heroes."

"And demons too," I said.

"Demons, and far-fetched adventures and mythology."

"Makes perfect sense," I said.

"Classics have been around for 2,000 years and it always has its fans. The one change that I've seen is that a lot of students that major in Classics or Greek and Latin, are double-majoring in something more practical. We have a lot of pre-med students and science majors and economics majors, and professional majors who also do Greek and Latin just for fun.

"The Loebs are really good to have because people can read the literature in good translations, and maybe get interested in it, and even if they don't ever move to the Latin and Greek, or move very much to the Latin and Greek, they can at least have it there. I've decided to take Latin, and I can now read it. I'm in a little reading group, and I correspond with a group of 80-year-olds. They read Greek literature twice a week together."

"So, a person could buy 500 of these?" I asked.

"You can buy the whole set," the Professor said. "They gave me a set.

"But you know, if I hadn't gotten a set as editor, I would have bought one anyway. They're wonderful to have around because everything is there, and all these things that you want to look up, are referenced. I used to have to run to the library to get it, but

"If you're a really serious calligrapher, you want to make your own paper."

now I can just go down and pick one out of the shelf, it's still an amazing, great resource.

"I still haven't read all of them.

"On what would they have written?" I asked.

"They had paper. They used vellum for an expensive work. Papyrus was basically the paper source for the ancient world because papyrus reeds grow everywhere along the Nile, like weeds, and you can just make as much paper as you want by pressing reeds."

The professor had made paper. "It's messy but the result is fun. You can do all kinds of stuff. It's great for calligraphers; if you're a really serious calligrapher, you want to make your own paper." Professor Henderson is also a calligrapher. "It is one of those things when I retire I plan to get back to, big time. That and watercolors.

"I did actually make papyrus in a class, just so we could get an idea of what kind of paper

ancient paper was, and how it was made. It is an exceedingly labor intensive process. You craft-hatch it, lay it in a kind of grid, and then you have to pound it, and the sap inside is spread out, and holds the paper together and gives it texture. And then you finish it, and it's very sturdy stuff. It's not that hard to make, but you couldn't really automate the process, I don't think."

I asked the professor if he had any final words.

"I hope that the *Reader* manages to entice people that don't know about classics to pick this up and get intrigued and pursue this stuff. I think there's always a lesson in historical perspective, knowing about the past and what makes classical literature so good for this, not only is it good literature in itself, but the Greeks and Romans articulated things about the world so clearly that it's really compelling. It's not just that it's old, it's really a mirror on the world."

— Judith Moore

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and in-

evitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

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

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the mu-

seum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Mu-

seum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless

Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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“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)

Third Annual Carlsbad Music Festival convenes 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)

The Jerusalem Quartet plays pieces by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Shostakovich for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, May 5, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25–\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

New Music Recital with premiere of works by student com-

posers, Friday, May 5, noon, in music building at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6020. (SDSU)

Gabriel Fauré’s “Requiem” performed by MiraCosta College San Elijo Chorale and Saint Elizabeth Seton Choir, May 5 and 7, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Donations accepted. 760-757-2121 x7879. (CARLSBAD)

“President’s Concert and 60th Anniversary Celebration” planned by Palomar Symphony Orchestra, May 6 and 7. Symphony joined by notable alumni. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

“A Tiger Crouches,” Steven Schick leads La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in concert showcasing “International Business Machine” by David Lang, Stravinsky’s “Firebird,” and Tan Dun’s “Crouching Tiger Concerto” on May 6 and 7. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. \$26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Hear a Classical Music Institution when the Romeros perform May 6 and 7 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Though founder Celestino Romero died in 1996, his sons and grandsons pay homage to his legacy in their performances. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

A Magical Fairy Tale Filled with Mystic Symbolism! Mozart’s *Magic Flute* is final production of season for San Diego Opera. Cast includes tenor Rainer Trost, soprano Ute Selbig, Daniel Borowski, Martin Zysset, others. Sung in German with English translations projected above stage.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday, May 17; 8 p.m. on Friday, May 12; 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 14. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego

Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Traverse Centuries from Renaissance to 20th Century in four languages when Chanson du Soir performs Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Program includes pieces by John Dowland, Castelnovo-Tedesco, Simone Mayer, Mozart, Villa-Lobos, more. \$5 donation benefits Fruit Tree Planting Foundation. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

Clarinet Marmalade Quartet plans concert, Saturday, May 6, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Requested donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

A Night at the Opera, opera scenes presented by Palomar College vocal and accompanying students, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150. (SAN MARCOS)

Concerto Concert with student soloists joining Point Loma Nazarene University Orchestra, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Morehouse College Glee Club plans concert, Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Program includes classical, jazz, and African folk music. \$25 general. 619-850-8816. (ROLANDO)

“Albus/Ater,” enjoy two cycles of ten compositions, each anchored by one large work — Cervetti’s “Guitar Music” and Britten’s “Nocturnal” — complemented by nine smaller works when Colin McAllister is featured during Noise at the Library concert, Sunday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). McAllister commissioned six composers to produce new works for his concert. Preconcert chat, 7 p.m. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The San Diego Children’s Choir performs sacred and secular music from around the world, Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m., at La Mesa

First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

Choral Union at Point Loma Nazarene University presents concert of contemporary and traditional sacred music, including “Rob Ray Gospel Mass” and Schubert’s “Mass in G,” Sunday, May 7. Concert starts at 3 p.m. in Crill Hall; find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Festival chorus presents spring concert, Sunday, May 7, 3 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Church (4540 El Cerrito Drive). The 80-voice chorus and 48-piece symphony plans Mozart’s “Requiem,” selections from *The Mikado* and *Pirates of Penzance*. \$12. 619-670-6780. (SAN DIEGO)

“A Festival of Bells” presented Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m., at First Baptist Church of San Diego (5055 Governor Drive). Five bell choirs from area churches will participate in concert with music by Bach. Free. 858-457-4827. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Cinco de Mayo (Organ) Concert, with guest organist James Welch, Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Year-End Music Concert featuring USD music faculty and music ensembles, Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Donations accepted. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Chamber Music Ensembles at University of San Diego plan concert, Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall at USD (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Concert Pianist Daniel Noli, born in Uruguay, performs Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Music Student Honors Recital for Concert Hour series, Thursday, May 11, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Chamber Music Concert with performances by San Diego Youth Symphony’s wind quintet, brass quintet, flute choir, Camarata, Oak Park Percussion Ensemble, Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

Artistic Alternatives to Cinco Celebrations — photography by Mexican photographer Fernando Aceves goes on exhibit on Friday, May 5, at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street); guitarist Javier Batiz plays during reception. 858-551-0835. Through Sunday, May 21. (LA JOLLA)

The Annual Student Art Exhibition commences with reception, open house, demonstrations on Friday, May 5, 5–8 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). 760-744-1150 x2304. Closes Friday, May 19. (SAN MARCOS)

Tattoo-Related Art by Bill Canales and Rob Benavides goes on exhibit with reception, Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., at Flying Panther Tattoos and Gallery (Art Union Building, 2323 Broadway, suite 101). Continues through May. 619-238-5713. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Two Step,” juried awards show of 90 water-media paintings is on exhibit through Saturday, May 27, at San Diego Watercolor Society’s Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Helen Shafer Garcia. Meet artists during reception on Friday, May 5, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Still-Life Oil Paintings showcased in “Pat Kelly: New Work,” opening with reception on Saturday, May 6, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Closes Sunday, June 11. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

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Francisco de Goya, *Pedro Romero* (detail), oil on canvas, 1796/98. Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Thursday Night Package: Enjoy a 3-course dinner at The Prado Restaurant with wine and 2 tickets to the San Diego Museum of Art to see *In Stabiano* for only \$79.95. For reservations, please call 619.557.9441 ext. 1.

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"Reflections of an Evolving Mind," mixed-media all-student art exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, May 6, 6 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue; 619-563-9770). Through May. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Convergence of Media, Science, and Fashion examined in "Territory," an exhibition of work by collaborative Australian artists Isabelle Gerrard and Patrick Liem opening with reception for duo on Saturday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Limbo Gallery (1432 University Avenue). 619-295-5393. Closes Sunday, May 28. (HILLCREST)

Fifth Annual Juried Art Show hosted by Southwestern Artists' Association continues through Sunday, May 14, in Gallery 23 at

Spanish Village (1770 Village Place). Reception for artists: Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

Water-Media Paintings by Susie Ferry are on view through Tuesday, May 30, at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Meet Ferry during reception: Sunday, May 7, noon. 760-639-6164. (VISTA)

"Art Student Exhibition 2006" opens with reception on Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive; 619-644-7299). Exhibit of work in variety of media closes Thursday, May 18. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

Paintings by Gary Cantor gathered in exhibit opening with reception, Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., in Back Door Gallery at Rhino Art Company (97 North Coast Highway 101). Through Friday, June 9. 760-943-7440. (ENCINITAS)

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 craftsman, 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. Ex-

hibit 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 Gunderath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through July.

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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

John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

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

"Cerca Series: Yvonne Venegas, Tijuana Portraits" 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)

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.

"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.

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

Timken Museum of Art, currently showcased is museum's latest acquisition, *Lady Mary Villiers*, an early 17th-Century masterwork by Anthony van Dyck, court painter for King Charles I and Queen Henrietta. Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Not Quite Straight Outta Baghdad Somehow, some way, someday / We're gonna burn this bitch down for what they did in Abu Ghraib /

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Somebody, somewhere, say something / I've tried myself and I haven't changed one thing.

"A lot of people hear my lyrics and hear the anti-Bush, antiwar lyrics and assume that I'm a terrorist or I hate the country," says Rancho San Diego rapper Timz. "That's not the case. I was born here in San Diego, but my parents were born in Baghdad."

Timz, 21, graduates next month from USD with a degree in business administration. He says he will spend his immediate future concentrating on music. Last Friday at El



TIMZ: BORN IN THE U.S.A.

community. It showed how strong of a community we are. There are about 20,000 Chaldeans in San Diego. We have the second-largest

Cajon's Crystal Ballroom, he performed at a release party for his first CD, *Open for Business*.

Timz works part-time at his father's liquor store. On March 1, two employees of an El Cajon liquor store were executed. Like Timz's family, the victims were Chaldean. "That rocked our

Chaldean community after Detroit.... A lot of people don't know the difference between Iraqi and Iranian. They lump us into one big group of Bin Ladens and Saddam Husseins walking around.... After 9/11, a few people came into my dad's store and gave him a hard time. If they were drunk and they didn't have enough money [to buy alcohol], they would say stupid things to my dad and his workers."

There's still a whole lot left that needs to be addressed / Like all of this talk that Timz hates the U.S. / Wait a minute, Timz hates where? / Homey, I was born and raised here.

"I am a U.S. citizen, but I do have a problem with the people running it and running it into the ground. The scariest thing is what's going on in Iran right now. They are standing up for themselves, and they aren't backing down. I don't want to see this nation get hurt again like 9/11."

— Ken Leighton

Cheap Sex is on a growing list of local performers sounding off with politicized lyrics. The title track of their debut album, *Launch Off to War*, paraphrases the old Country Joe cheer ("What the fuck are we fighting for?") and may have earned the band its own FBI file with lyrics such as *The screams of a child / And*

the death of a man / And now we're killing for gas / Out in the sand.

"Raped by the FCC" draws a line from President Bush to Janet Jackson's bejeweled breast: *Indecency is a word for this freedom invasion / From the Christian right and the Bush administration / Church and state is his agenda / Drop a bomb in a heartbeat but a boob offends ya?*



CHEAP SEX WRITES IN BLOOD

"Dick Cheney": *He's the biggest crook in town / He shuts his eyes when the scandals are found / You've worked for all your life to grow old and retire / Now your life savings just went up in fire.*

Cheap Sex's new album, *Written in Blood*, will be released June 6 on Punkcore Records. An audio stream of the title track is posted on the label's MySpace page.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Beach-Blanket Bummer After a ten-year run, the annual Rob Machado Surf Classic and Beach Fair has been canceled. Held every September at Seaside Reef in Cardiff, the surf contest/festival hosted eight to ten bands during the two-day event. Machado's pro-surfer status attracted big bands...which created problems.

"Jack Johnson stopped by and played one year," says Machado. "Last year [locals] Switchfoot played. We were kind of caught off guard.... I thought we were doing everyone a favor [by having Switchfoot play]. In hindsight, I guess we should have let [the city] know."

Though Switchfoot's appearance wasn't advertised, Machado says, "The band announced it on their website. There were so many people on the beach.... The state [which manages Cardiff Beach] felt like the event got too big and

out of control. The state had been taking care of us because we raised money for local schools and Surfrider [Foundation]. They came back after last year and said, 'No beer garden and no music.' " Machado says the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event, "...decided to pull the plug



MACHADO...WHAT HE DOES BEST

on it this year." Machado's manager is looking for a way to hold the festival without help from the chamber of commerce.

With pro surfer Kelly Slater, Machado played guitar in the Surfers, which released one album ten years ago. "It did really good in Japan. It didn't do much in the States because we were always out surfing." Last month, Machado began cohosting his syndicated one-hour talk show that pertains to surfing. *Off the Lip* originates from San Diego's Free FM (103.7 FM), Sundays at 9 a.m.

— Ken Leighton

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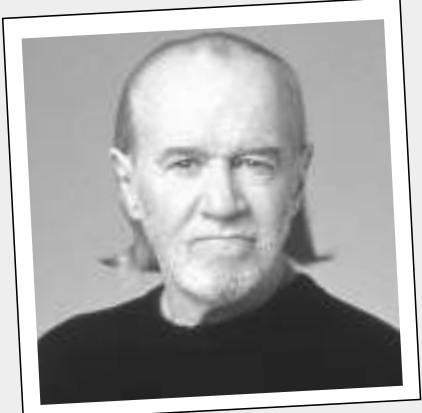
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Heavy, Beautiful “I can still rock,” says Danny Weis, cofounder of Iron Butterfly. The guitarist, who lives in Canada, spent the majority of his youth in El Cajon.

“I fondly remember the years I would go see my dad, Johnny Weis, play guitar,



WEIS SURVIVES THE '60S AND IRON BUTTERFLY?

backing people from the Grand Ole Opry at Bostonia Ballroom in El Cajon,” says Weis. “I was age 9 to 12, and I used to stand right in front of the stage and lean on it with my elbows. I wasn’t too tall then, I guess. I remember Johnny Cash playing right in front of me with my dad backing him on guitar with the band. [Cash] always remembered me and would stoop right in front of me, saying, ‘Folsom Prison?’ I said yes with joy.”

Weis picked up a guitar at around age 12 and by 13 was playing with local bands.

“I was always the youngest musician, as the others were all 18 to 21. I had trouble with club managers, as I looked so very young. They wanted me to dye my hair black and put on a fake mustache to look older. I didn’t.”

With Doug Ingle, Weis formed Iron Butterfly in 1966.

“We sought a band name that was heavy, so to speak, and also beautiful. Not long after, we all got into Darryl DeLoach’s — God rest his soul — black hearse and moved to Hollywood, California.”

Weis quit Iron Butterfly soon after recording *Heavy* in Hollywood. He went on to play with the Rascals, Lou Reed, Alice Cooper, and the Everly Brothers.

“My early musical experiences in San Diego County would shape my entire career.... There was a lot of jazz, country, and R&B.”

Weis’s new solo album, *Sweet Spot*, will be available in June.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Switchband When Minnesota State University (Mankato) students voted for the band they wanted to play their annual spring concert, first choices included My Chemical Romance, Jack Johnson, Dashboard



IS SWITCHFOOT A BARGAIN BAND?

Confessional, or Brooks & Dunn. Because the fees demanded by those performers were too high, organizers booked Switchfoot. (The band’s most recent album debuted at number

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three before plummeting out of sight within a few weeks.)

This year’s spring concert took place off-campus, at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center. Switchfoot drew around 2500 people to the 8000-seat venue. MSU’s Impact Team (which sponsors the annual concerts) reportedly paid the band \$35,000 to \$40,000. Program coordinator Fred Snyder told a campus newspaper that other bands contacted wanted to charge “four or five times as much.”

— Jay Allen Sanford



BABYSHAMBLES, NEVER TO GROW UP

Baby Goliath vs. the Shambles

“We were contacted by lawyers for Babyshambles a few years back,” says Shambles front man Bart Mendoza. “When the Libertines broke up, they wanted to call their new band the Shambles. We’d already had records out in England by that time for, like, seven years.” Mendoza says there were “vague implied legal threats” from the U.K. band’s lawyers until they confirmed the San Diego group’s

trademark on the name.

“Hence, we’re the ‘old’ Shambles, and they have to call themselves ‘Babyshambles.’”

Other Shambles have included an all-girl punk trio

from San Francisco, a Celtic group from Boston, a rockabilly band in New York, a Canadian pop-punk group, and a Philippine death-metal band.

“We rarely even have to get a lawyer involved,” says guitarist Kevin Donaker-Ring. “As soon as we let some pretender know there’s a trademark involved and we’re willing to aggressively protect it, people back off.... Our bassist is a patent and trademark attorney.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Truth Squad “I was the kid on the ground doing pushups with my tongue,” says 13-year-old Jade Gilley

of her role for a Kellogg’s Mini Swirls commercial. Gilley, who attends seventh grade in Vista, has been dancing since age two. As a preteen, she appeared as an extra in music videos for Gwen Stefani (“Holla Back Girl”) and Missy Elliott (“Pass That Dutch”). Gilley says her career started to roll when her local dance teacher set her up with an L.A. agent three years ago.

Recently, Gilley was chosen to be a member of a two-boy, two-girl singing and dancing group called the Truth Squad. Put together by a Los Angeles-based production company that retains creative control, Truth Squad is best described as a young version of the Black Eyed Peas.

“I’m kinda the cutesy girl with the skirt and little jacket,” says Gilley. “I’m the mixed [race] girl. The other girl is Japanese. One of the boys is African-American, and the other boy is Korean and Native American.”

Gilley says she and other group members are paid each time they rehearse or audition for a record company or when they pitch ideas for TV series.

Truth Squad recorded 12 songs for an album that has been shopped to major labels.

One of the songs, “Graduation,” was added to the playlist of Radio Disney, the network that provides kids’ music — Top 40 style — to 50 stations nationwide. Though CD sales are down overall, sales of music to kids under 12 continue to grow, according to *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Gilley’s father says that, by law, 15 percent of his



GILLEY JOINS THE SQUAD

daughter’s income must be put into a fund that only she can get after she is 18; in Gilley’s case, most of her pay goes into a trust fund.

— Ken Leighton

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ChrisChrisChris is a different kind of band: front man Chris Decatur is live onstage in San Diego while the other performers beam in from different locales. Bassist Chris Capri and drummer Chris Hardy are transmitting their performance live via satellite from Austin to a television onstage with Decatur, while synth player Sabado Domingo and rhythm guitarist Lic Brockley are transmitting live from Las Vegas.

"Really, it's just mobile Internet" is how Chris Decatur explains it on his website, "a two-way satellite broadband connection, using nothing larger than your basic pizza dish for transmission and reception. One dish in Austin, another in Vegas, a third [here], all tied together by a patented algorithm to remove latency. 'Latency' is the inevitable delay introduced by long-distance transmissions, digital or otherwise. Bits can only move at the speed of light, and bouncing a signal off a satellite takes a moment."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Making sure the satellite feed doesn't skip. It looks terrible when your band skips because of a bad connection. I'm the only one the audience sees live: guitar and vocals. I don't think anyone out

there has this kind of problem but us. It's also hard, because the guys [in the other cities] can't hear me. They just play to each other. So if I mess up onstage, they're none the wiser. But we're working on that one."

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MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

FAVORITE INSTRUMENT OWNED?

"I'll have to say the Casio PT-87 mini-keyboard that I gave to Sabado. It was just collecting dust under my bed, and it's one of those things I just kept and never knew why. Sabado grew up in Cuba playing keys and thought it was the coolest thing when he saw the keys could be electric! I remember being seven years old, spending countless hours on it, writing songs that were even worse than what I write today. I thought I was the coolest. My poor mom was put through hell. No wonder she drinks whenever she hears a Moog."

GIG DREAMS?

"I definitely have bad dreams about Kenny Loggins coming to our shows and just sitting in the audience, giving that headshake of disapproval. Then Messina would show up at his side — with a gun — and slowly twist a silencer onto the tip of it while wearing these old '80s-style, Day-



Chris Decatur

Glo-lined BMX biker gloves that we all thought were cool back in the day and take me out with two in the chest and one in the head. The crowd would scatter and scream. Loggins and Messina would stand, silent, still, and unshaken. All the while, in the background the band would continue playing on the TV."

WORST GIG?

"The worst gig, without a doubt, was when we were served [legal papers] during a show and had to shut down in the middle of it. We were in B.F.E., Texas, and a bunch of suits straight out of a *Blues Brothers* movie flashback came up on-

stage with papers. I thought they wanted autographs. Turns out they did. The audience thought it was all a part of the act, and I had to tell them what was going on. 'Folks, I apologize, but we're apparently being sued for plagiarism.' Someone from the hushed audience yelled, 'For what song?' And I laughed because we were in the middle of playing it — 'I'm Alright' — the *Caddyshack* theme song. I told them this, and someone yelled, 'Fuck Kenny Loggins!' My face went red, my hands went numb. Hardy kicked his drum set over, and Capri threw his bass at the ground. I just knew it would be the last show we'd ever do as a live band, and it was." ■

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EXTENSION 4000

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Joe Satriani: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Thursday, May 4, 2241
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FRIDAY

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,
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Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-
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FRIDAY

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Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 5, 5
p.m. 2050 Entertainment Circle,
Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or
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SATURDAY

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.

MONDAY

Devildriver: House of Blues,
Monday, May 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-
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TUESDAY

The Fall: House of Blues, Tuesday,
May 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MAY

Boyz II Men [620]: 4th & B,
Thursday, May 11, 345 B Street, San
Diego. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-
8497.

K.T. Tunstall: House of Blues,
Thursday, May 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-
8497.

Guttermouth [129]: 'Canes, Friday,
May 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk,
Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or
619-220-8497.

Brad Paisley [781]: Coors
Amphitheatre, Friday, May 12, 2050
Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.
619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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.

Alice in Chains: House of Blues,
Friday, May 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-
8497.

**I See Hawks in L.A. and Tony
Gilkysen:** AcousticMusicSanDiego,
Saturday, May 20, 4650 Mansfield

Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-
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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-
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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.

Rickie Lee Jones [422]: Belly Up
Tavern, Tuesday, May 23, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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George Clinton: House of Blues,
Wednesday, May 24, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Mobb Deep: 4th & B, Wednesday,
May 24, 345 B Street, San Diego.
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War [589]: Belly Up Tavern,
Thursday, May 25, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140
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**T.I.: 4th & B, Thursday, May 25, 345
B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343 or
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**P.O.D.: House of Blues, Thursday,
May 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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**The Rugburns [263] and Bob
Schneider [252]:** House of Blues,
Friday, May 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-
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Vicente Fernandez: Coors
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Robert Earl Keen [785]:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
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Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-
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JUNE

Bo Diddley [938]: Belly Up Tavern,
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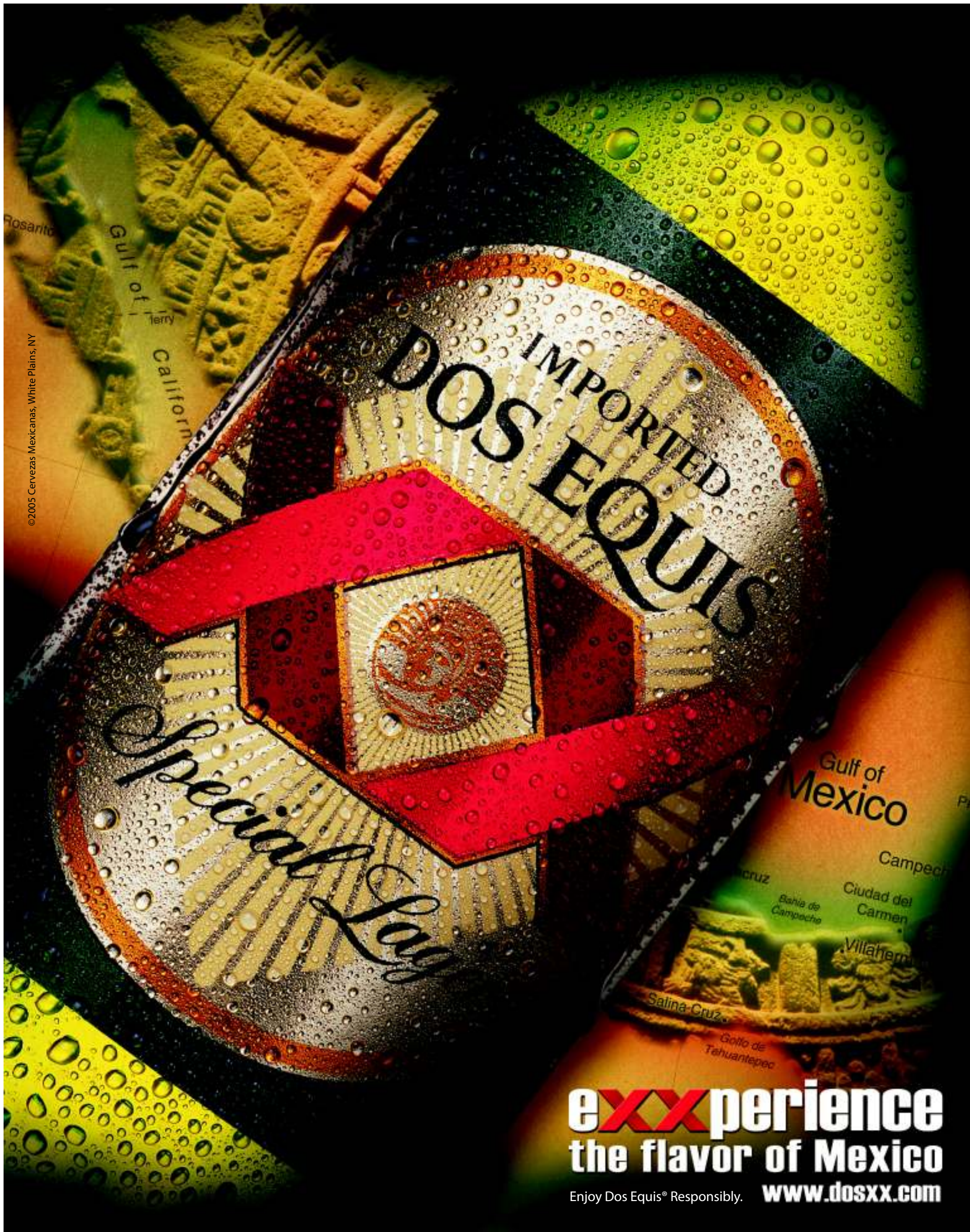
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**Big Head Todd & the
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Def Leppard and Journey: Coors
Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 23,
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Al Jarreau and George Benson:
Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park,
Thursday, August 24, 5005 Willows
Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or
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Randy Travis [780]: Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Friday, August
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [626]:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Friday, August 25, 2241 Shelter Island
Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or
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Al Jarreau: Palomar Starlight
Theater, Friday, August 25, 5 miles
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The Dave Matthews Band [198]:
Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday,
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Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August
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The Doobie Brothers [614]:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
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James Brown: 4th & B, Saturday,
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Joe Cocker [608]: Humphrey's
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Los Lobos [605]: Humphrey's
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James Gang Rides Again: Viejas
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Ricardo Arjona: Coors
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Tower of Power: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Friday,
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The Temptations [958]:
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OCTOBER

Emmylou Harris [830]:
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Celtic Frost: House of Blues,
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Queensrÿche [558]: Humphrey's
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Frank Black: Humphrey's Concerts
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- The Antarticans: The Casbah
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- Atlas of Id: The Jumping Turtle
- Awaiting Samsara: Dreamstreet
- Bill: Belly Up Tavern
- The Brothel Dwellers: The Jumping Turtle
- The Burning of Rome: Longshot Saloon
- Carnifex: Soma
- Chaotic Mess: The Jumping Turtle
- The Clockwork Army: Dreamstreet
- Covette: Soma
- Darkhorse: Soma
- Dead as Dillinger: Buster Daly's, Scolari's Office

- The Deliverance Machine: Dreamstreet
- Dios Malos: The Casbah
- Distant: 'Canes
- Dogmatic [248]: The Jumping Turtle
- The Drinks: The Casbah
- The Embalmers: The Jumping Turtle
- The Empire State: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 'Canes, Longshot Saloon
- The Fall: House of Blues
- The Farmers: Winstons, Belly Up Tavern
- The Forsaken Truth: Dreamstreet
- The Girlfriend Experience: The Jumping Turtle
- Goodbye Tomorrow: House of Blues
- The Gooses: Dreamstreet
- Michale Graves: The Jumping Turtle
- The Greely Estates: Soma
- The Hill Street Stranglers: The Jumping Turtle
- Hot Like a Robot [146]: Soma
- Hyde: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
- Tim in Case of Fire: The Jumping Turtle
- In Every Breath: Dreamstreet
- Kill Me Tomorrow [152]: The Casbah
- Life or Death: Soma
- Long Way Home: The Jumping Turtle
- The Lost Disciples [203]: Dreamstreet
- The Midnight Society: The Jumping Turtle
- Miz Mandy: Belly Up Tavern
- The Modlins: 'Canes
- More Machine Than Man: Brick By Brick
- The Napoleon Complex: Soma
- Needless to Say: The Jumping Turtle
- The Octopus Project: The Casbah
- OneBeLo: The Casbah
- Only in Dreams: The Jumping Turtle
- Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Coffee House, Belly Up Tavern
- The Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower: The Casbah
- Pretty in Stereo: The Jumping Turtle
- The Red Channel Revue: Tiki House
- The Revenge Club: Brick By Brick
- RJD2: The Casbah
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- Secret Apollo: The Kensington Club
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- Sic Waiting: Longshot Saloon
- Slick Idiot: Brick By Brick
- So They Say: Soma
- Someday Assassin: The Kensington Club
- The Starlight Mints: The Casbah
- Stiletto Formal: Soma
- Suicide Silence: Soma
- Swim Party: 'Canes
- Tailgunner: The Jumping Turtle
- Tainted Society: Dreamstreet
- The Talk: House of Blues
- 33 Degrees: Dreamstreet
- Anna Troy [275]: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)
- The Trusted: 'Canes
- The Twenty Fifth Hour: The Jumping Turtle
- The UV Tigers: Soma
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- Vocoder: 'Canes
- Wages of War: Soma
- Wake Up San Francisco: The Casbah
- Wanted Dead: The Jumping Turtle
- A Week's Worth: 'Canes
- Years Around the Sun: House of Blues
- Yesterday's Rising: Soma
- You Die First: The Jumping Turtle
- Zindu: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

- Buddy Akai: Soma, The Casbah
- The Band of Frequencies: Belly Up Tavern
- Big Backyard: Coaster Saloon, Tiki House
- Big Fellas: Winstons
- Blue Print: The Casbah
- Blue Scholars: The Casbah
- Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill
- Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
- Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House
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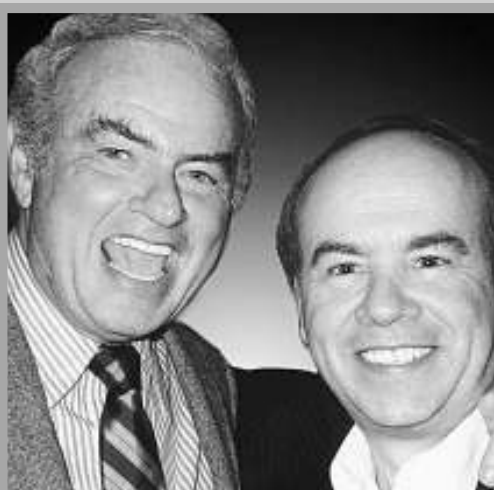
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Cute Is What We Aim For: Epicentre
Devil Driver: House of Blues
The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort
El Dado: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
The Elevators: Island Sports and Spirits
Enter Telescope: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
First Wave Hello [487]: Soma
The Flash Express: The Casbah
Flight Risk: Longshot Saloon

4Play: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Full Effect Band: Viejas Casino
Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
Geezer: Fannie's Nightclub
The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort
Graveyard BBQ: Brick By Brick
Hell Yeah: Scolari's Office
Illicit Behavior: Surf N'Saddle
The Islands: Epicentre
Jamm: Patrick's II

The Jefferson Jay Band: Belly Up Tavern
Johnny Different: Dreamstreet
Jesse Johnson: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Junkies & Thieves: Dreamstreet
Ketchikan: DeOro Mine Co.
Red Lane: Patrick's II
The Late Edition: Dirk's Niteclub

Long Live Logos: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Loose Canon: Surf N'Saddle
Los Widows: The Casbah
Married by Elvis: Belly Up Tavern
Metal Brigade: The Jumping Turtle
Mother Mae I: Brick By Brick
Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
Carlos Oscar: Longshot Saloon
Pickford's Party: RT's Longboard Grill, Thrusters
Pointless: Longshot Saloon
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
Punchline: Epicentre
Redgun Radar: Epicentre
Replay: Fannie's Nightclub

The Rockholics: Second Wind (Santee)
J.D. Romance [528]: Dreamstreet
Serious Guise: The Kraken

The Sex Robots: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
619: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Slewfoot: Longshot Saloon
Tom Smerk: Barrett Junction Cafe and Mercantile
Soul Position: The Casbah
Sparky's Dream: Coyote Bar and Grill

Squiddo: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Stiletos: Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Super Trax: Landing Strip Cafe and Bar
Synggy: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Twisted Logic: The Jumping Turtle
Viva Santana: Humphrey's
West of 5 [505]: Dick's Last Resort
WFO: Brick By Brick
Why?: Epicentre
The Wild Truth: Humphrey's, Belly Up Tavern
Andre Williams: The Casbah

Wishbone Ash: Humphrey's
Zero2none: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Crush: Jimmy Love's
Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
The New Breed Band: Belly Up Tavern
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: 'Canes
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The B-Side Players [649]: House of Blues
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The Lee Brown Perspective [678]: Thrusters, Magnolia's
John Cain [703]: Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Excelsior
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John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect
Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect
The Hot Jazz Caravan: Blind Melons
Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Blind Melons
Keith Jacobsen: Trisler's Wine Bar
Barbara Jamerson: Tio Leo's Lounge, Hotel del Coronado
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado
Israel Maldonado: Pasquale on Prospect
Turiya Mareya & the World Beat Jazz Ensemble: World Beat Center
Joe Marillo [645]: Portugalia
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Croce's Jazz Bar
Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Josh Nelson: Dizzy's
Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: Fresh Seafood Restaurant & Bar
P. Trac Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect
Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
David Patrone: Viejas Casino
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar
Primo: Sevilla, Belly Up Tavern, Croce's Jazz Bar
Ritmo Tropical: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Glen Rose: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Carlos Rull: Bistro 221
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar, Pasquale on Prospect
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
Anthony Smith's Jamisphere: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio: The Laurel Restaurant and Bar
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare
The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American Grill
The Derrick Vaughn Band: Humphrey's
Jason Weber: Humphrey's
Willovealot: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Magnolia's, Thrusters

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Led by the incomparable **Mark E. Smith**, Manchester's **Fall** has been making a kind of hybrid of primitive '60s garage rock, kraut rock, and whatever obscure records are in the band members' collections. But the music isn't really the point. For the Fall fan, the point is Smith — his spoken-word delivery, cryptic utterances (extraordinarily literate lines combined with nonsense words, sometimes delivered through a squealing megaphone, the spat-out syllable "ah" appended to the end of almost every line), and his bizarre onstage behavior (flicking lit cigarettes at bandmates, for instance).

When the Fall were coming to California on a U.S. tour a couple of years ago, I asked editor, author, and Fall fanatic Eliot

Van Buskirk what the furthest distance he had traveled to see the band was. He answered, via e-mail: "6000 miles, from San Francisco to Camber Sands, England." He continued: "In fact, had a terrifying encounter when this English girl arranged for me to meet Mark by telling him I had something 'absolutely mind-blowing' to tell him. I did not. But after MES started walking away after five minutes of my fanboy jabbering, the following came to me: 'Thank you for putting literature into rock and roll.' He froze in his tracks, walked back over to me, gave me a big hug, and left, still saying nothing. Better than a kick in the teeth."

As it turned out, the Fall didn't make it to California that year. Somewhere in Texas, Smith issued a hand-scribbled statement: "The Group / New York Agency + Tour Manager are too lazy to play. 50% refund to all



THE FALL

ticket holders." It takes a certain kind of person to be a Fall fan.

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Common Sense [736]: Belly Up Tavern

Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations [748]: Belly Up Tavern

Gente Fina: Belly Up Tavern

Humo Verde: Belly Up Tavern

Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Belly Up Tavern

The Mayan Kings: 'Canes

The Rhythm Roots All-Stars: Belly Up Tavern

Stranger: 'Canes

EXTENSION 4007

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Music (Mission Valley)

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Christopher Dale: O'Connell's Pub
and Nightclub

Christopher Dallman: Twiggs Tea
and Coffee Company

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House

Trevor Davis [812]: Lestat's Coffee
House

Brian Dolzani: Twiggs Tea and
Coffee Company

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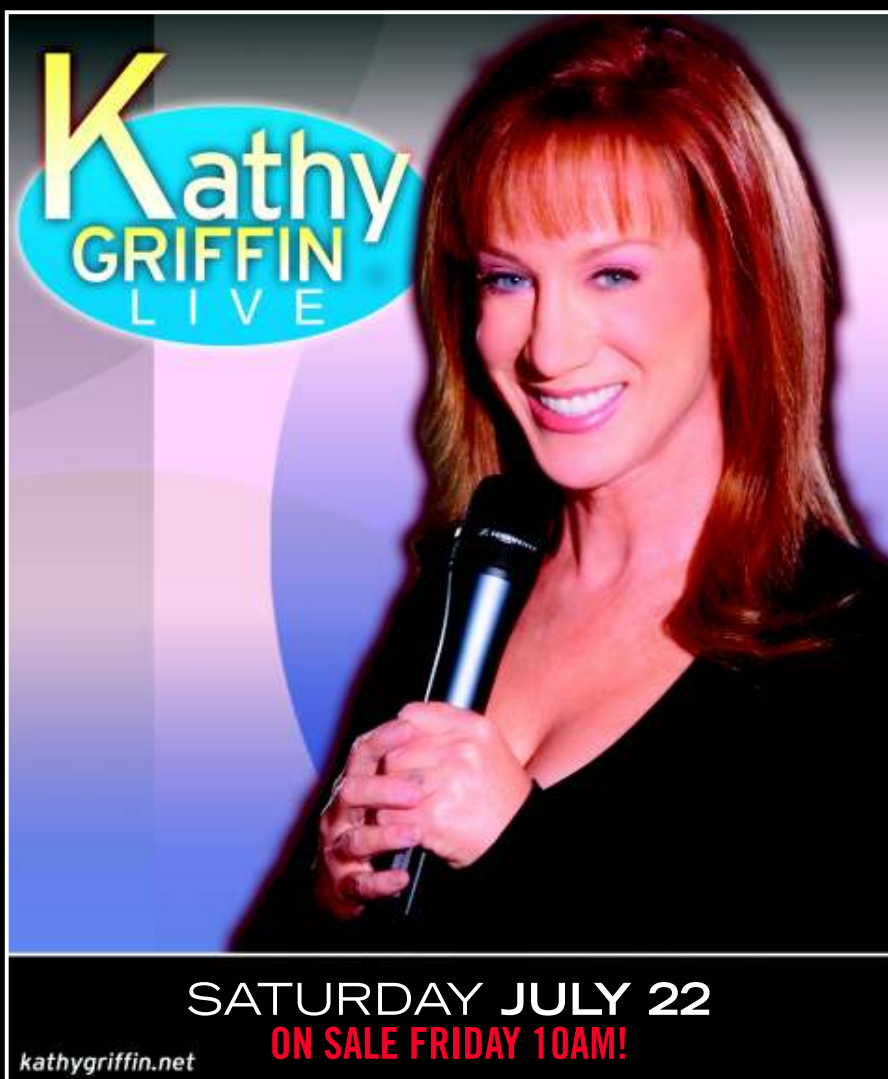
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Lydia: Epicentre

Tim Mudd: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Barbara Nesbitt: The Jumping Turtle

The New Dadaists: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Bianca Paras: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Steve Poltz /815/: Belly Up Tavern

Steve Poltz & the Rugburns: Cheers

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Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Derren Raser Band: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), Belly Up Tavern

Andrea Reschke: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Amber Rubarth: University of San Diego

Sven-Erik Seaholm: Belly Up Tavern

Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno /861/: Winstons

Skibbreen: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Sonia and Disappear Fear: AcousticMusicSanDiego

Garrison Starr: Belly Up Tavern

Olga Tapia: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Pete Thurston: Lestat's Coffee House

Michael Tiernan /883/: The Jumping Turtle

2 Guys Will Move U: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

John Vanderslice: The Casbah

Laura Veirs: The Casbah

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Wood'n Lips: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Laura Zambo: North Clairemont United Methodist Church

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Nena Anderson: Old Venice Cafe

The Bayou Brothers /948/: Patrick's II

Big Mo: The Del Dios Country Store

Blue Rockit /955/: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Charles Burton Blues Band /931/: The Kraken

Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II

The Chet Cannon Blues Jam: Humphrey's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters /932/: Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe

The Credit Union: Ocean House

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen /912/: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Robin Henkel Band /914/: Tio Leo's Lounge

Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II

Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

Jumpstart: Patrick's II

R. Kelly: Copley Symphony Hall

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Henry's Pub, Belly Up Tavern

Gregory Michael: Bully's

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors /910/: The Kraken

Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band /971/: Humphrey's

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Len Rainey & the Midnight Players /921/: Belly Up Tavern

Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe

S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno

The San Diego Blues Trio: The Aero Club

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

Smoke Staxx: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Theo & the Zydeco Patrol /929/: Coyote Bar and Grill

Billy Watson: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Coyote Bar and Grill

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde /985/: Princess Pub and Grille

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Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Erik Kertes: Dizzy's

Los Ingrat0z: Over the Border

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Faith Page /989/: The Westgate Hotel

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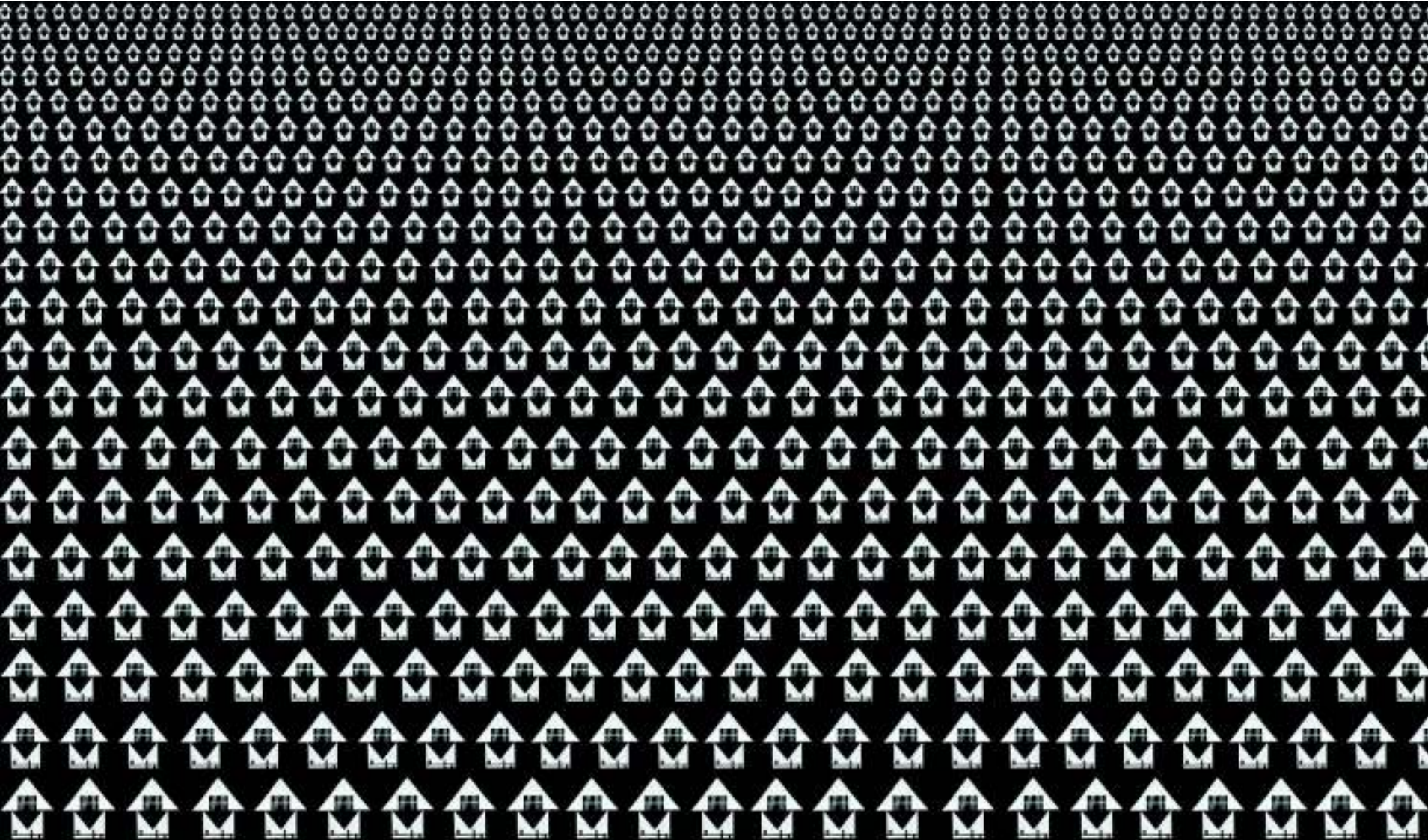
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UPCOMING:

- 5/11: Relay for Life presents
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5/10 4-8 PM:

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- 5/11: Reggae with **SOJA**
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Ascension: Second Friday of the
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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.
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Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays,
Robin Roth, Terryn, and other female
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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.
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4696 30th Street, North Park.
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Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with
DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and
Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and
up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street
(corner of 14th Street, across from
City College), downtown,
619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays,
downtempo, electronic, and ambient
with DJs Wank Chops, Istr, and
guests; 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover.
The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street
(corner of 30th and Juniper), South
Park. 619-284-6784.

Hot Wax: Thursdays, funk, classic
hip-hop, and '80s dance hosted by Mr.
Riddles and guests. No cover. Buster
Daly's, 3112 University Avenue,
North Park. 619-284-2747.

**Inferno Young Adult
Nightclub:** Thursdays, college jam;
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Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and
reggaeton, 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high
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Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and
drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and
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Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an
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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
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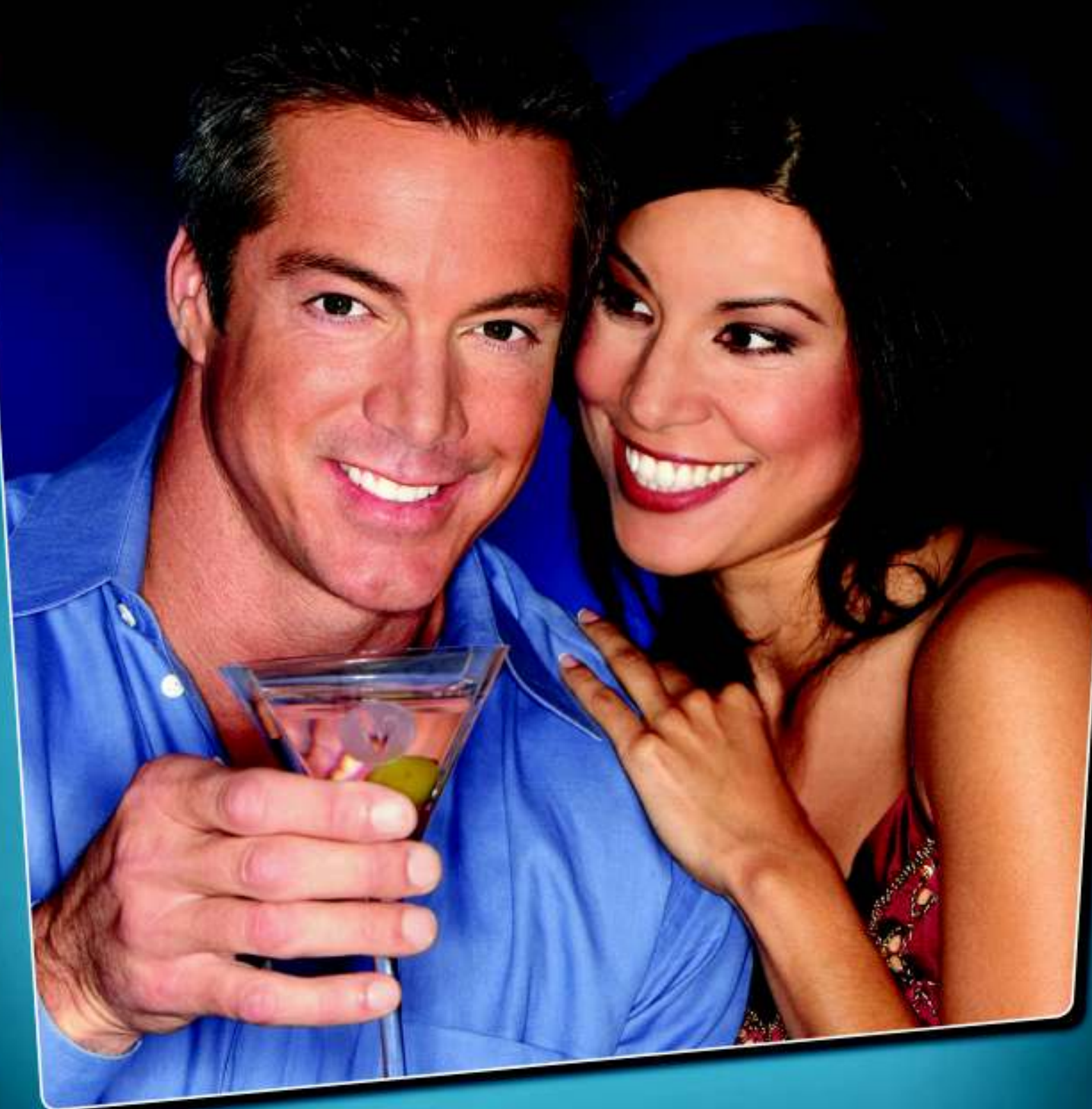
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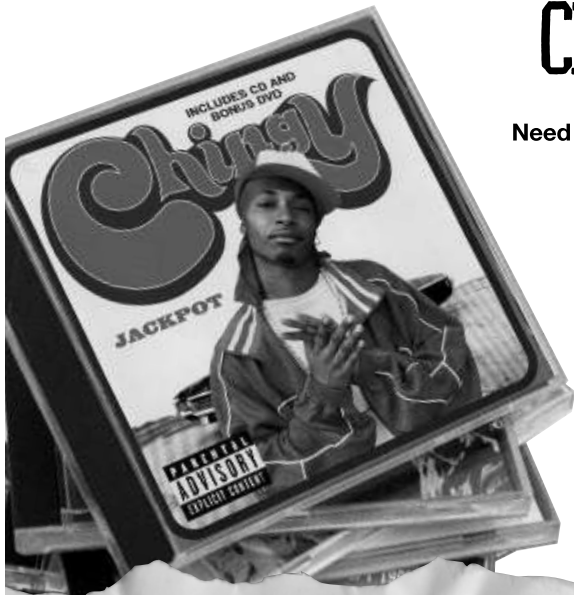


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Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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NORTH COUNTY

The 101 Artist Colony, 25 E Street, Encinitas. 760-809-3251. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Calima*, jazz duo.

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, *Buddy Blue* Tribute featuring the *Farmers*, *Dave Alvin*, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, *Married by Elvis*, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, *Steve Poltz*, *Sven-Erik Seaholm*, and the *Wild Truth*, rock/blues/acoustic/folk. Friday, 9 p.m., *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, *Humo Verde*, and *Gente Fina*, reggae/roots/Latin rhythm. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Common Sense*, the *Jefferson Jay Band*, and the *Band of Frequencies*, reggae/rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz. Monday, *Garrison Starr*, the *Derren Raser Band*, and *Gregory Page*, acoustic/folk/rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., the *Rhythm Roots All-Stars*, *Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels*, and *Aloe Blacc*, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Bill*, *Miz Mandy*, and the *New Breed Band*, indie/pop/jazz.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull*, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skibbereen*, folk. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *Shauna Burns*, folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, folk.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Live rock, call club for information.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Runnin' Blue*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday and Sunday, live blues/jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the *Flounders*, acoustic/rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Crossroads*, pop rock. Saturday, *West of Memphis*, blues.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., open mike hosted by *J.R. Robinson*, acoustic/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *David Beldock*, folk/rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Sparky's Dream*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the *Citizen Band*.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the *North County Cowboys*, country. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Big Mo*, jazz/R&B/blues.

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Twisted Logic* and *Metal Brigade*. Friday, *Michael Graves*, the *Girlfriend Experience*, *Dogmatic*, and the *Sex Girls*. Saturday, *Shighlo*, *Pretty in Stereo*, *In Case of Fire*, *Tailgunner*, and *Atlas of Id*. Sunday, the *Twenty-Fifth Hour*, *Agony in Heaven*, the *Midnight Society*, *Needless to Say*, and *Only in Dreams*. Monday, *You Die First*, the *Embalmers*, *Wanted Dead*, the *Hill Street Stranglers*, *Brothel Dwellers*, and *Chaotic Mess*. Tuesday, *Alyssa Jacey*, *Barbara Nesbitt*, *Michael Tiernan*, and *Brewers Spearit*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, *American Pharaoh* and *Long Way Home*.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Live music, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Sunday, the *Blues Brokers*. Monday, the *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Flight Risk*, *Slewfoot*, and *Pointless*, hard rock. Saturday, *Sic Waiting*, the *Empire State*, and the *Burning of Rome*, hard rock/metal. Tuesday, *Carlos Oscar*.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland band. Friday and Saturday, live rock/acoustic/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the *Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Illicit Behavior*, rock. Saturday, *Loose Canon*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., the *Clay Colton Band*, pub rock. Friday, call club for information.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday, live classic rock. Saturday, *City Limits*, country/rock/blues/rockabilly.

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. Live rock/reggae/blues/jazz nightly. Friday, the *Hot Jazz Caravan*. Saturday, the *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz.

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. Thursday, the *Trusted*, *Vocoder*, and *Empire State*, alternative rock. Friday,

Agua Dulce, *Stranger*, the *Mayan Kings*, *DJ Buddha*, and *Yo Flaco*, Latin jazz/reggae/rock/hip-hop. Saturday, dance party. Wednesday, the *Modlins*, a *Week's Worth*, *Swim Party*, and *Distant*, rock/alternative/metal.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4438. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Big Backyard*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., the *Buzz Bombs*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 4 p.m., the *Antiques*, the *Clockwork Army*, *Vision of a Dying*

World, and the *Gooses*. Friday, 7 p.m., *Awaiting Samsara*, *33 Degrees*, *In Every Breath*, and the *Forsaken Truth*. Saturday, 7 p.m., the *Deliverance Machine*, *Junkies and Thieves*, and *Johnny Different*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the *Lost Disciples*, *J.D. Romance*, and *Tainted Society*

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, *Ritmo Tropical*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Anthony Smith's Jamisphere*, 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, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach.

858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live 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.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Call club for information.

Old Venice Cafe, 2910 Canon Street, Point Loma. 619-222-5888. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Nena Anderson* and *James Forston*, blues/jazz.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live reggae.

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RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Tuesday, 11 p.m., Pickford's Party, rock.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., Pickford's Party, alternative/rock/funk. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Willovealot, smooth jazz/funk/R&B. 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, Brain Buckit, rock. Saturday, the Red Channel Revue, alternative rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Big Backyard, rock. Wednesday, call club for information.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, 8 p.m., Le String Band 5000, acoustic jazz/Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Live music nightly. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Big Fellas, rock. 8:30 p.m., the Farmers with Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno, alternative rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band.

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Acoustic/MusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Sonia and

Disappear Fear, acoustic pop/folk. Friday, Steve Forbert, pop.

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.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Tony Cummins, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., Jamie Crawford, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, Slick Idiot and More Machine Than Man, industry. Saturday, Mother Mae I, Graveyard BBQ, WFO, and Scar'd Sanity, metal/hard rock. Wednesday, C.I.A. and the Revenge Club, punk.


Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 284-2747. Saturday, 9 p.m., live bands, 11 p.m., Dead as Dillinger, alternative rock/psychobilly/punk.

Copley Symphony Hall, 1245 Seventh Avenue, San Diego. 619-235-0804. Friday, 8 p.m., R. Kelly.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Thursday, Why? and the Islands, rock. Tuesday, Punchline, Redgun Radar, Cute Is What We Aim For, and Lydia, rock/alternative.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live blues/jazz. Saturday, DJ event, lounge.



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Album: *I Only Laugh When It Hurts* (2005)

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Songs: 1) Temptation 2) Where Have You Gone 3) Dickey-Doo 4) Slow 5) (Not) Missing You 6) That Sucking Sound 7) Impossible 8) Way to Winger 9) Too Late 10) Asleep 11) Didn't You 12) Closin' In

Band: Jerry Rig, guitar, vocals; Will Poncavage, bass, vocals; Billy D, drums, vocals

My expectations for Butter Face were lower than usual. The cover art is pixilated and blurry black-and-white photographs, and I thought, *Super*,

another “I’m so sad” album from maudlin emo — or, worse — goth kids.

To my surprise, *I Only Laugh When It Hurts* starts out with two guitar-heavy songs.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, Tribe of Kings, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Tuesday, Sean Perry, electric soul/mash-up.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Flock of 80's. Friday, DJs Tony Aguilera and Nick Shakes, dance. Monday, acoustic music. Saturday, groove. Tuesday, the Stiletto, rockabilly/swing. Wednesday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, jazz/blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Criminal Funk, '80s dance. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Saturday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Gomango Kids Concert, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Derrick Vaughn Band, smooth jazz, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Wishbone Ash, classic rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jason Weber, jazz saxophonist. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Chet Cannon Blues Jam. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Wild Truth, original rock.



“Temptation” and “Where Have You Gone” both feature masculine sounds and driving rhythm. This isn’t emo, and it isn’t Lilith Fair. This is good ol’ three-piece rock and roll. They sound quite a bit like Stone Temple Pilots.

One drawback to the first song and, really, the entire album is it’s too heavy on special effects. The vocals are especially affected. There are few songs that don’t sound piped in or over an intercom or some damn thing. The band could be a shade tighter, too. On some tracks they sound fuzzy and don’t come together like clockwork. I think the buzz is from recording and low production value. The hits could be sharpened with practice. They may already be

snappier, since this is a 2005 recording.

My favorite songs are track 3, “Dickey-Doo” (a warbling, crawling, ax-grinding instrumental...heavy on the ax), and track 11, “Closin’ In,” which is the clearest, tightest song on the disc. There are a few throwaways and forgettable songs, but all in all *I Only Laugh When It Hurts* is a good CD.

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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Rick Lyon, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live blues/rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Secret Apollo, Smeday Assassin, and a Scribe Amidst the Lions, hard rock.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Jim Gala Jazz Trio.

Landing Strip Cafe and Bar (at Brown Field), 1425 Continental Avenue, San Diego. 619-661-6037. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Super Trax, oldies/Latin/classic rock.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Pete Thurston. Friday, Gregory Page. Saturday, Trevor Davis. Sunday, Acoustic Underground. Monday, open mike. Wednesday,



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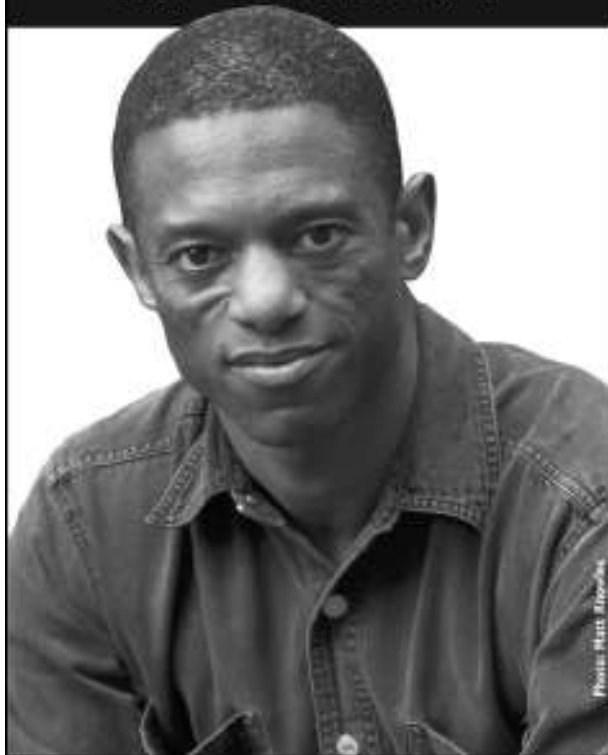
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North Clairemont United Methodist Church, 4570 Mt. Herbert Avenue, San Diego. 858-278-2433. Sunday, 6 p.m., *Laura Zambo*, folk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Hyde, the Empire State, Zero2None*, and *El Dedo*, hard rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Johnson*, rock. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Long Live Logos, Enter Telescope*, and *Squidido*,

hard rock/punk/metal. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Sex Robots, Billy Candler, 4Play*, and *Christopher Dale*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*, folk/country. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1370 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-0757. Saturday, 2 p.m., *the Pacific Men's Choral*.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live rock/blues.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump Jones*, blues. Friday, *Smoke Staxx and the Robin Henkel Band*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Rockit and Barbara Jamerson*, blues/jazz. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Call club for information.

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10 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz/saxophone.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Alfonso, Bianca Paras, Gentrì, and Kenny Durham*. Friday, *Billy Candler, Christopher Dallman, Collin Elliott, Jon & Noah, Skott Freedman, and the Green Water District*. Saturday, *Ben Henry, Brian Dolzani, Gail, Poolabomb, the New Dadaists, and Tim Mudd*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. 619-260-4600. The Grille: Saturday, 9 p.m., *Amber Rubarth*, acoustic/folk/indie.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk/R&B.

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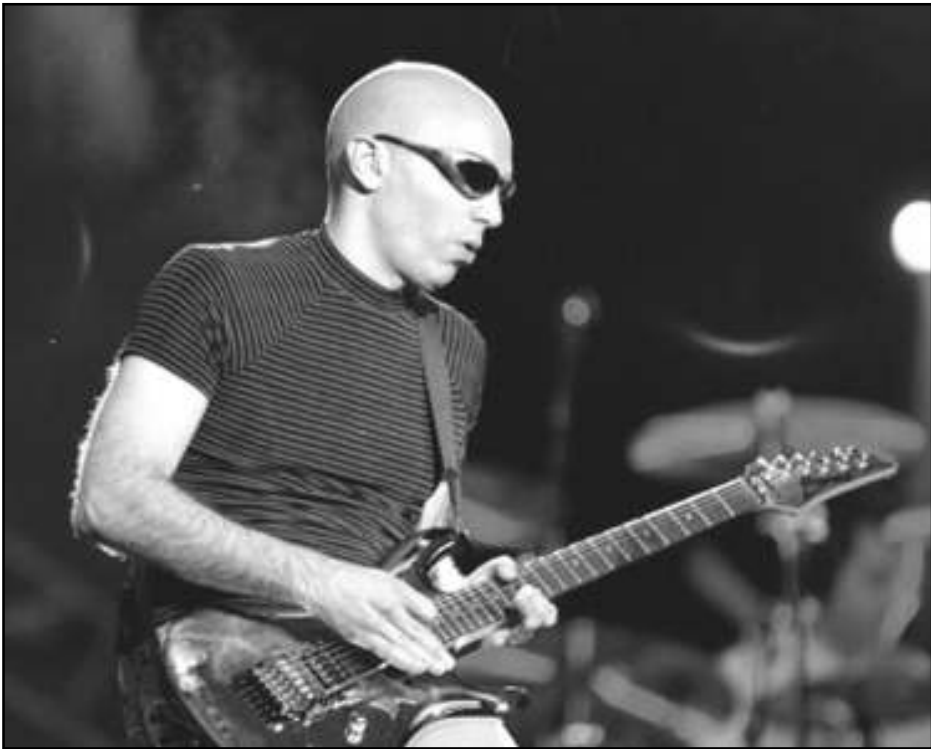
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Tight Ensemble Riot

"Why did you go to law school if you don't want to LIE?"

The San Diego Rep has reconfigured the Lyceum Space for David Mamet's *Romance*. For years, the black box theater has been on a diagonal: one triangle the stage, the other the audience. Now they've got a 3/4 thrust design, jutting into the house. Bleachers of seats on the sides resemble jury boxes, which is fitting for Mamet's courtroom caper about the letter and mean-spirit of the law, bigotry, racism, homophobia, and, thrown in for good measure, the possibility of World Peace.

As in Kafka's novel *The Trial*, we don't know the defendant's crime. He's a chiropractor who may have assaulted a chiropodist. A foot doctor. In Hawaii? Maybe. But that doesn't explain the rabbit, the arrow, or the drawing of a heart. Unlike Kafka's cursed existential soul, Mamet's defendant's convinced he has a way out: simply create an "alternative" story. A lie — or, in euphemistic legalese, do advocacy. When his defense attorney raises moral objections, the defendant's shocked. "Why did you go to law school if you don't want to LIE?"

Two events turn the courtroom into Joe Orton shenanigans (okay three, if you add that no women are present, and a boys-will-be-boys locker-room atmosphere prevails): 1.) representatives from Israel and Palestine have come to the unnamed city for a peace conference (a parade of sirens passes outside); 2.) the judge has a cold. His first prescription works more like Prozac than NyQuil, however. He

interrupts the proceedings to wax giddy about the historical moment: "Enemies...reaching out." Later, "We get caught up in the form, the law, religion, nationality, skin color...but now and then see that, underneath, we love each other."

Here as elsewhere in Mamet, no good thought goes unpunished. *Romance* peels away surfaces, legal veneers, liberal pieties, all sense of accord. It digs "underneath" and reveals a courtroom — and by extension a country — engaged in internecine war. It's like watching Toto pull the curtain back at Oz, only the mutt, it turns out, is just as racist, bigoted, and me-first entitled as the jerks, Dorothy included, he exposes.

The defendant is a Jew; his defense attorney (for much of the play none of the courtroom figures have names, just functions), a Christian. During a private conference, the attorney makes an anti-Semitic remark. The defendant throws an anti-Christian counterpunch. Next thing you know they're terrorizing each other with hateful slurs (Mamet's an equal-opportunity slasher: *Romance* will offend Jews and Christians — the latter given strings of anti-Semitic correlatives: anti-Christianism?). Later, through a miracle we aren't privy to, the defendant and his attorney devise a plan to save the world.

One pill makes him yummy. And one pill tweaks his gall.... The judge's first cold medicine gave him lollypop visions of humankind. His second prescription provokes a skullsucking reactionary with

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Steve Lipinsky, Peter Van Norden, Matthew Henerson in *Romance*

Romance, by David Mamet

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Sam Woodhouse, cast: Peter Van Norden, John Altieri, Steve Gunderson, Matthew Henerson, Craig Huisenga, Steve Lipinsky, Ruff Yeager; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Jeannie Galioti; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Rachel Levine

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a need to confess. "I just can't take the burden anymore. What am I? Switzerland? A country with no feelings?" He barbecues every sacred cow, especially those truths held to be self-evident.

When it opened in 2005, critics labeled *Romance* "slight" and "lite" — maybe out of self-defense, since Mamet assaults all claims, and claimants, to authority. Amid the offensive remarks and the comedy, Mamet probes this country's col-

lective — pluralist and fractured — psyche, ultimately answering Rodney King's "can't we get along?"

Romance resembles the movie *Raising Arizona*. Both, before they dwindle into silliness, are a hoot. In *Romance*, Mamet scathes until he reaches his implied question: what do Americans *really* think of each other? Then he retreats into formalism, letting the comedy's frayed strands play themselves

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out. This shift makes for a mixed aftertaste: Mamet uses humor — this being his first official comedy — as an analytical probe. But the play's last third feels thin, even ditzzy, when compared to his opening salvos.

Romance has been labeled a farce. But it unfolds more like a fugue, a polyphonic score based on points and counterpoints. Maybe a homeopathic intent lurks in the clash of stereotypes. By articulating the rancor beneath "civilized" surfaces — air out "ancient enmities" in the state, the workplace, the home, rather than let them fester — *Romance* might help cure the disease with its essence. But then again, since the playwright's having such fun bashing everyone, maybe not.

Mamet's characters rarely speak complete sentences. They lurch, intrude, half-utter second thoughts, lapse. Words vie with bald emotions, elbowing each other to surface first. The overall effect of this fragmentation — and no one does it better than Mamet — is a bizarre kind of unified voice. Any actor misses a "but," even an "um," and the structure falls apart.

Although the San Diego Rep has some difficulties finessing late-second-act sags, the Sam Woodhouse-directed production is clear and brisk, especially

the tight ensemble work. The marble floor of Nick Fouch's handsome, oak-stained courtroom could be a wrestling ring. And, whether individual or tag-team, every cast member delivers with no holds barred.

Standouts? John Altieri's *très flamboyant* Bernard, who, maybe the most put upon of all, gets to shout the author's message about peace in the macro- and micro-spheres. Also, pointing to the judge, Bernard gets to say, "He's the one that should be on trial."

It's actually a compliment Peter Van Norden has earned as the scatterbrained arbiter of justice in the "psychotometic" throes of a cold pill's side effects. Somehow Van Norden makes both versions of this freakish loose cannon — the giddy "we are the world" idealist; and the rampant xenophobe — a laugh riot. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Always...Patsy Cline

The Welk Resort Theatre presents this musical about the great Patsy Cline and her friendship with

Louise Seeger. Larry Raben directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 11; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AND TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448, OR 888-802-7469.

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 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Crave

Lynx Performance Theatre stages Sarah Kane's drama in which four voices "describe desires, remember losses, and question their future in the face of their psychological damage." Al Germani directed. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, SORRENTO VALLEY, FRIDAY, MAY 5, THROUGH JUNE 11; FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.

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" is 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 (often 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 11; 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.

Killer Reunion

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion that doesn't go according to plan. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

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.

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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.

Nocturne

New Village Arts presents Adam Rapp's Pulitzer Prize nominee that begins, "Fifteen years ago I killed

my sister." Joshua Everett Johnson directed.

STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCISE, 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, SATURDAY, MAY 6, THROUGH MAY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

No Way to Treat a Lady

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages the California premiere of Douglas J. Cohen's musical, based on William Golding's novel and film. Rick Simas directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, MAY 6, THROUGH JUNE 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

The Odd Couple

The Coronado Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy about a neatnik and a slob and when the twain were forced to meet. Keith A. Anderson directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Rehearsal for Murder

The best part of Lamb's current offering happens before the stilted dialogue starts. 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 stage glooms, dapples, and brightens with theatrical magic. And throughout Nick Parde's expert lighting rinses the space with 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. Brooke's mystery-psy-

chodrama, even with a talented Lamb's cast, lacks interesting characters (they are types: the parsimonious producer, the vain romantic lead) and, 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, a sting. But it takes all of a long, slowly paced first act to establish a "dunit" — the fiancée didn't "drop" 12 stories by herself; she was nudged — and a long, slowly paced second to show that the "who" that dunit isn't who you think. The bare-stage, black-walled look suggests the epic 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.

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

Reviewed this issue. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 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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Trying

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She Sells C-Food by the Shore

The first warm day of spring, I headed for Harbor Island to catch some rays at lunch. A few minutes later, I was sitting on the lanai at the water's edge at Island Prime C Level, the Cohn Restaurant Group's newest local restaurant, with chef Deborah (Kemo Sabe, Indigo Grill) Scott at the helm. It's on the site of the old Ruben's, stylishly remade with plenty of space to eat al fresco. Two restaurants share the same building and kitchen — the higher-end Island Prime to the right of the front door and the more casual C Level to the left.

C Level itself provides a choice of venues — a wood-paneled indoor dining room (which I ignored), a roofed and shaded patio, or the umbrella-shaded sunshine of the lanai. Outdoors, you can watch boats sail by in close-up, with the downtown skyline and the Coronado Bay Bridge in long-shot view. Just down the block is the *Reuben E. Lee*, looking mighty yare for a non-floating wreck; the Cohns currently lease it as a storage area for Island Prime, but another company hopes to turn it into a hotel.

The weekday lunch crowd here is dressier than the usual San Diego dinner crowd. Most wear serious corporate business drag (suits, dresses, heels); some larger groups wear name-tags, too. Many are hearty eaters: We saw several lunch orders of brick-cooked chicken, huge Kobe beef burgers, and (for a more dietetic choice) the BLT Wedge, an entire, trisected head of iceberg lettuce with bacon, baguette slices, and blue cheese dressing on the side — owner David Cohn's pet dish.

The menu headings are C-going cute: Appetizers are called "Under Way," salads are "Kelp Beds," and entrées are "High Tide."

That day for lunch, my partner chose the "High Tide" Lobster and Jalapeño Cheddar BLT, which comes with a bowl of sherried lobster bisque. The first thing you need to know about the C-level lobster (which appears on the menu in several guises) is that it's inexpensive bulk lobster meat (like lump crab, but with smaller lumps) extracted from the critters' knuckles. Hence, the lobster BLT is literally your proverbial "knuckle sandwich." The stuff tastes bland, barely like seafood at all, and on that day the melted cheese was gentle, too. It's supposed to be jalapeño cheese, but the menu was recently changed from plain Cheddar — the earlier version is what we



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got: The ooze on our sandwich resembled Velveeta. Tomato and mellow applewood-smoked bacon completed the array of mild, soft ingredients served on white-bread toast. As we were about to discover, seafood that doesn't taste like seafood is what many of C Level's patrons prefer.

For example, the accompanying sherried bisque, made from the same bulk lobster (rather than shells and spare parts, as French chefs do it) is sweet and creamy but carries only a whisper of lobster flavor. This, it turns out, is a response to customer demand, says chef de cuisine Mike Suttles. "Josh — Joshua McGinnis, the original chef de cuisine — who's a great chef, worked on the lobster bisque for three months to come up with a perfect one. But when we served it, we were getting constant complaints about the strong flavor. They said it tasted too much like seafood," sighs Suttles, who came over from Blue Point when McGinnis moved to a gig in L.A. "So Deborah came up with this one on the fly one day. It seems to be the answer to the problem. Once we stopped using lobster bodies and roasting them off tradi-

tionally, that ended the complaints." If you do want a heartier bisque-style soup with more lobster flavor, there's a Sherried Lobster Kettle Pan Roast (\$12), which includes lobster claw meat. Incidentally, the soup-and-sammie combo sells

for \$17, while for just \$12 at several nearby restaurants (including the Boathouse, C Level's neighbor on Harbor Island), you can get a whole Maine lobster with melted butter. Your call.

My lunch, plucked from the "Kelp Bed," was the C-Level Louie, a San Francisco treat that I direly miss down here. At S.F.'s Cliff House (another "view" restaurant, overlooking the Pacific) and at any number of good dives, they make it with briny little "cocktail shrimp" and satiny-sweet Dungeness crab meat. At C Level, they make it with precisely four medium shrimp that have been boiled in plain water for a couple of minutes too long. The flavor had a muddy undertone. For \$4 more (bringing the salad to \$19), I went for the option of adding a handful of Alaska King crab meat. All of this species is frozen when caught, and it ran true to form — low in

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Potentially the best of our starters was a bowlful of little-neck clams and Fox River mussels in a pinot grigio broth with pancetta and rapini (strong Italian wild broccoli), with crostini toasts alongside for dipping. The clams were sweet and tender, and the sauce was initially delicious — until the mussels kicked in and peed in the pool. “These have an odd smell,” said Provv. “I don’t like it.” Indeed, these were the mussels that Anthony Bourdain warned us about in his *Kitchen Confidential*. They’d obviously been sitting in the walk-in for a few days, befouling themselves until their shells and meats had developed a faint stink. I spoke with Mike Suttles about this the next day. He’d been off the previous evening, “or else I’d blame myself,” he said. He disclosed that the restaurant’s fishmonger is Fish Warehouse, the same source that Oceanaire and Blue Point use. “It’s one of the most professional seafood companies that I’ve seen in San Diego. We get deliveries six days a week. We go through so much product, we pretty much turn everything over every day. But I’ve had to constantly retrain my guys on changing out the pans for the mussels, to put ’em in perforated drip pans with ice on top and not just throw ’em in a hotel pan and stick ’em in the walk-in when we’re busy. It’s a constant work in progress.”

A pair of modest-sized crabcakes are typical of the Delaware Bay region, seasoned with Old Bay spice mix, a few

bits of bell pepper and scallion greens, and a lot of salt mixed into the mayonnaise binding. There’s no breadly filler, but the lump crabmeat — again, sans SD-taboo “seafoody” flavors — is nothing to write home about. A spicy coral remoulade for dipping streaks the plate, and next to the cakes is a small salad of spring mix and applewood bacon chunks in a slightly harsh vinaigrette. A Caesar salad was nothing special either, as the lettuce was limp and the pair of anchovies decorating the top were dry. “Where’s the olive oil?” Provv quipped. The croutons consisted of two slices of toasted baguette, one of them spread with Kalamata tapenade.

Crispy Buffalo Oysters are the maritime equivalent of chicken “Buffalo wings,” with five bottled bivalves for the protein, drenched with Crystal hot sauce from Louisiana. Unlike the famous version invented by the gals in Buffalo, there’s no melted butter added to it to soften the heat — the sauce is spicy, but not good-spicy. It comes with a cole slaw of red-and-white cabbage shreds, cucumber wedges, julenned green apple, and carrots in a mayo-and-vinegar dressing enlivened by chunks of blue cheese. The slaw is placed over more hot sauce, which makes the plate look like the site of a bloodbath.

After learning about the lobster meat at lunch, we decided against ordering the lobster-mac entrée for dinner, figuring it would taste a lot like the version we didn’t like at Dussini’s a few weeks ago. Instead, we went for the Kobe beefburger (\$22) and were glad of it. C Level may be to blame for the disappearance of Snake River Kobe burgers from

Trader Joe’s freezer case — the restaurant is using giant quantities of it in this popular and frequent off-menu “special.” “It’s awesome, it’s so tender,” said the waitress. “They feed the cows sake and give them massages.” The sake and massage folklore isn’t exactly true, the owner of Snake River Farms told me a couple of years ago — the steers are just plump Wagyu breed cattle, carefully raised in a more wholesome environment than the normal feedlot. One of the joys of the dish is that the beef (ground by Snake River) is reasonably safe to order rare — and when you do, that’s how the kitchen grills it. The garnishes include portobello mushroom slices, plus tomato and lettuce. Alongside comes a delightful green apple “sauerkraut,” its sweet-sour dressing spiced with cinnamon, plus a conical wire basket of slim, salty, herbed and Parmesan-flecked french fries, which were lukewarm when they reached us. (The regular C-level burger is also worth a try, made with good ground sirloin from Newport Meats, the same company that handles most of Snake River’s Kobe.)

The most serious entrée is the diablo brick chicken, “marinated in Dijon mustard for 40 hours,” the waitress told us, and served with gorgonzola polenta. The portion is an airline cut (breast plus wing-drumette) infused with mustard flavor, but with slightly dry meat. The polenta is soft and heavy on cheese, as lumpy as Mommy’s dreaded cream of wheat cereal. Filling out the selection was a Parmesan crisp sprinkled with crushed red chilies, a large boiled asparagus spear, and a pillow of cooked arugula.

A special of fennel-crusted mahimahi was less than special; for that matter, it was less than fennel-crusted. The fish was cooked to local taste — a little dry — and came with a wild rice mix and grilled baby bok choy. We liked the bok choy.

A full-time pastry chef creates all the desserts. Provv loves chocolate, so we ordered her a mud pie — rather grainy chocolate ice cream topped with whipped cream and a sprinkling of nuts, drizzled with aggressively sweet chocolate syrup (resembling Smucker’s banana-split sauce), atop a fudgy “chocolate decadence” crust that tastes as if it’s made of super-market-quality cooking chocolate rather than a premier brand. You have to love really sweet sweets to enjoy this one. A key lime pie had a graham cracker crust shaped into a “cup,” like a strawberry shortcake. The filling was a weighty lime pudding topped with stiff whipped cream. Perhaps a better choice for our tastes would have been the ice cream trio; since both the ice cream and the waffle cones are made in-house, I’m tempted to call them Ice Cream Cohns.

What the Cohns are good at is restaurant design and ambience — creating varied, handsome environments to sip, talk, and nosh. C-level is typical. “I’ll bring my out-of-town guests here,” said Provv as we left. “They’re not foodies anyway.” The restaurant’s name and its motto are both accurate. The food is pretty much C-level — as in a passing grade of C. The motto is “views to dine for,” and that sums it up. With so much to fill the eye, you hardly notice what you’re eating or how much

you’re paying for it. Next week, if all goes as planned, we’ll check out Island Prime, the more formal dinner house.

ABOUT C LEVEL

Executive chef-partner Deborah Scott was on vacation the week I went to C Level, so I spoke with chef de cuisine Mike Suttles. Mike has been with the Cohn group for four years, previously cooking under Jonathan Hale at Blue Point, the Cohns’ fine-dining seafood restaurant. I asked how Island Prime’s kitchen handled having two very different restaurants on a single site. “There are two separate lines in one kitchen,” he said. “We have separate staffs — but one’s twice as busy and makes the same amount of money as the other one. C Level is the really busy one. Last Wednesday [the day I lunched there — N.W.] we had an absolutely full house from three in the afternoon until nine o’clock at night.”

The menu has numerous cheese dishes on it, not what you’d expect from Scott, whose cuisine at Kemo Sabe and Indigo Grill emphasizes spice and audacity, rather than C Level’s gooey comforts. “Deborah grew up in Virginia,” said Mike, “and this food is more of what comes from her background in the Low Country — like, the she-crab soup and crab cakes come from that. She was calling her mom a lot for recipes, and her mom sounds like a real down-home, country-cookin’ kind of gal.”

A new menu had just gone in that week, dropping a few dishes and replacing them with items previously served only in the dinner house. “A lot of people who dine at Island Prime come to C Level for

lunch, and they asked for these dishes. Deborah will do anything for anybody; that’s really her philosophy. We started getting a lot of requests for the ahi stack so we decided to make it available to everybody. As for the lettuce wedge, that’s one of David Cohn’s favorite dishes.

“David’s given us a lot of freedom here to make things happen, and a lot of top-notch equipment that he’s brought in. Our pastry chef came from Baleen and makes all the desserts, including ice cream. She even makes the cones, on a specialized waffle-cone maker that’s small, very thin, and looks like a panini press. She’s having a good time with that stuff. Deborah buys her all kinds of fun little toys.”

Future plans, he said, include expansion of the patio past the current planter-box border to install a wet bar during the summer, along with a raw bar. “People have been asking us for oysters on the half-shell, things like that. I guess sitting right on the water gives them the idea,” says Suttles. He and Deborah are still tackling the difficulty of tweaking the menu in so busy a restaurant. “We’d planned on a soft opening, but we hit the ground running with 800 covers on opening day,” he says, “and the pace has never really slackened off.” Another issue is how to maximize the kitchen’s efficiency for the hectic pace of the C Level staff. “That line down at the C Level is one of the hardest lines for any chef to work on. We have some design problems with how the line was put together. We’re gonna try to deal with it, but it does create some problems for us — putting food out on a fast-paced lunch can be really tough sometimes.” ■

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It's the first thing you notice. How this little lady has to step up onto a foot-high stool, just so she can reach the dishes her cook passes through from the kitchen.

Turns out that Su Cha Yang (or Sheehan, which is her married name) is five foot one and around 60 years old — but she seems taller and looks way younger.

I'm sitting — at last! — up at the red Formica counter. Lord knows I've passed this place a million times, then forgotten where the heck I saw it. Today, I was aboard the 955, heading along 43rd, when I spotted the half-hidden sign, "Elaine's Coffee Shoppe." I pulled the cord and leapt out.

So there I was, wandering around near Bee Out Bail Bonds, the Palavra Tree — a teen crisis center — a laundromat...Ah. There. The grilled windows of Elaine's. Gray wood, cream stucco. With all the security, it's hard to tell if the place is open or closed. I pull on the metal-barred glass door. It opens.

Whoa. It's like coming home to a surprise party, tables full and all abuzz. Everybody looks up. There are buttery walls, green carpet, that red Formica counter, hand-painted wooden chairs, ivy in hanging pots, fresh-cut flowers. A lady's straw hat decorated with seashells hangs on the wall, along with signs reading "Cash Only" and "Please! No Profanity." Like a one-man band,

this little Korean-American lady in a stylish beret jumps on and off that step stool, reaching for steaming dishes, buzzing about with plates, checks, sauce bottles, order books.

"Good morning," she says from behind the counter. "How are you doing?" She pours a cup of cawfee and hands me a menu.

"Still doing breakfast?" I ask. "All day," she says.

Great. Now. The delicious moment. Let's start with "Breakfast specials." Two hotcakes or two French toast, with two strips of bacon, or two link sausages, and one egg, \$4.25. Good price. Short stack (two pancakes) or two hotcakes, \$3.50. Pigs in a Blanket, \$5.00. Omelets from \$6.00 (cheese), to \$10.95 ("the Hunter," with "ham, bacon, mushrooms, onions, and peppers, topped with cheese and Mexican salsa"). The sausage-and-cheese omelet (\$8.00) looks interesting, and I wouldn't even mind the liver and onion with eggs (\$9.95).

But I'm losing my place. A gal who's just sat down at the table behind me, Bertha, orders the sausage and cheese omelet for her and her little girl Dorothy.

Now a couple comes and sits next to me at the counter. They've already decided. The guy, Tim, orders a country sausage with eggs and grits (\$8.00), and Shona, the gal — hmm. This is interesting. She goes for a special, tacked to the

front of the menu. "Salmon croquett," with two eggs, and hash browns, grits, or rice and toast or two hotcakes, for \$6.95. Two bucks off the standard menu price.

Salmon for breakfast? A deal's a deal. I go for it, with poached eggs. And grits, just 'cause it's been so long. I ditch toast for hotcakes — it's the syrup — and, last minute, ask for a country sausage. 'Course if I'd known it was gonna make it four bucks extra, I would definitely have rethunk that one.

The salmon patty is interesting. The grits have a dab of butter in the middle and create a kind of mush base to the whole meal. I swing between the egg part and the cakes. Drown 'em in syrup, natch. Su says that the good'n spicy sausage I'm eating is pork.

"You should see this place Sunday mornings," says a lady named Andrea. "Madhouse! Everybody comes out of church and heads straight here."

Andrea's a law prof at Cal Western. Teaches business and telecommunications law. She's eating country sausage with eggs and hotcakes (\$8.00).

"People have been coming for years, because of Su. Those flowers in the vase are from her garden. She grows the vegetables she uses here! You

get judges, ministers, teachers as customers because there're always interesting tastes. She marinates her steaks. She cares. The second time I came here, she knew my name. I guarantee 75 percent of customers here are regulars."

"I call myself the dandelion," says Su. "Because I just keep popping up."

She's had an adventurous life, all right. Like, she started at about age 20, hopping on a plane from Seoul, South Korea, where she'd grown up during the Korean War. She flew off to Saigon at the height of the Vietnam War, to sell diamonds to GIs at Tan Son Nhut air base. Then she bought this place with her realtor husband 26 years ago, when South Crest was a pretty rough part of town. 'Course it still ain't La Jolla. "I told him I could handle it," she says. Maybe she'd learned from her brothers back in South Korea. One's a police chief, the other's a chief monk in a Buddhist monastery.

She says she does nonmeat dishes for vegetarian and Muslim customers, plus Korean, if you want it. "I've got plenty of kimchee in the kitchen," she says.

"Well," I say, "might take you up on the *bul ko ki* next time." That's Korean beef barbecue (\$8.95). Easier to handle than kimchee.

One step at a time. ■

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"When you walk into a café in Paris and have a wonderful Bordeaux Superior, you are drinking Merlot."

When it comes to promoting and defending Merlot as a "serious wine," said Swanson general manager Stu Harrison, "we have a very vested interest." Harrison was co-presenting, with winemaker Chris Phelps, a pro-Merlot wine seminar at Donovan's restaurant, in an effort to save Merlot from its own success at the bargain level. "We're the largest single estate-grown Merlot producer in the Napa Valley. We are committed to Merlot because, when Clark Swanson bought the vineyard in 1985 — long before Merlot became a craze — he hired a guy named Andre Tchelistcheff."

Tchelistcheff, of course, was the Dean of American Wine, the guy who helped drag California into its modern era through his work as winemaker at Beaulieu and as a consultant all over the place. Harrison said, "Tchelistcheff took a look at the property that Swanson had just purchased, and he said, 'You plant Merlot. This site is perfect for it.' And indeed, that's what Swanson did. We have 52 acres of it."

Swanson is situated in Cabernet country — Oakville, just a couple of blocks from Mondavi, and a stone's throw from Rutherford. What was Tchelistcheff thinking? "Clay-ey loam," said Phelps. Clay — a particularly iron-rich strain of

it — makes up a good part of the soil undergirding Chateau Petrus, the most sought-after Merlot in the world. "You'd think clay-rich soil would get oversaturated with water," he granted — clay doesn't drain the way other soils do. "But it meters out water during the season and sloughs it off after it's saturated."

Clay doesn't provides any guarantees, however. "Merlot is extremely site-sensitive," continued Phelps. It may produce drinkable wine in all sorts of conditions, but once you start trying

for something special, it gets finicky. It's not unusual for a Merlot from cooler regions — such as Carneros, south of Napa — to pick up a slightly herbaceous quality. "In Bordeaux," said Phelps, "they celebrate a little bit of green, herbaceous character. I have a bit of an aversion to it." He prefers the fruit-friendly heat of Oakville, especially given Merlot's natural ability to hang on to its acids as it ripens. (Heat can drive acid down during the latter stages of ripening.) "In the California wine business, we add a lot of tartaric acid, but it's a lot better on the palate if you don't have to — it makes the wine hard, accentuates the tannins and astringency. It was nice when I came back to Merlot" — after years of working with Cabernet — "and I remembered, 'With Merlot,

we don't need to worry about acid.'"

To demonstrate the importance of place, Harrison and Phelps set up a couple of tastings as part of their pro-Merlot seminar, held a few weeks back at Donovan's steakhouse. First, a lineup from around the world, with all five wines displaying distinct differences. Chile, softer and fatter (possibly thanks to consultant Michel Rolland); Italy, leaner and harder; Washington state, richer/deeper; France, dirtier/more herbal; California, riper/sweeter.

Harrison took the opportunity to lament the predicament of American Merlot, plagued as it is by its own success at the bargain-wine level. "France is far and away the largest producer of Merlot. When you walk into a café in Paris and sit down and have a wonderful Bordeaux Superior, you are drinking Merlot. Over 40 percent of the grapes grown in Bordeaux are Merlot — there's almost twice as much Merlot grown as Cabernet Sauvignon. But of France's 262,000 acres of Merlot, only the 2,000 acres of Pomerol produce a world-class, stand-alone Merlot. It shows you how specific the growing conditions must be and how fanatical the people must be."

But nobody rags on cheap French Merlot the way they do cheap American Merlot. And everybody knows about Pomerol's Chateau Petrus. Said Harrison, "It's sort of a stealth varietal. The U.S. and Chile are well-known producers, because 'Merlot' is on the labels. In other countries, for the most part, it's not. We call it the 'New World handicap.' Here, we have a varietal-based labeling system...we don't have the ability to give the consumer information on the label that allows him to differentiate



Craig Phelps, Stu Harrison

between, let's say, Swanson and two-buck Chuck. They both say 'Merlot.' When was the last time that anybody in this room lumped together Petrus and Mouton-Cadet? They're both Merlots, yet at the end of the day, you don't confuse the two.

"The next step," according to Harrison, "is much more specific appellations...as in the case of Bordeaux, developing specific proprietary wines steeped in very specific appellations." And he hopes it's a step that will be taken someday: "The Europeans have been doing this for three or four hundred years; we're sixty years old."

I sympathize with Harrison. He's striving to market a serious and complicated Merlot in a time when Merlot has become associated with words like "easy" and "simple" and "drinkable." But

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I think he's overstepping a bit here. In fact, you *can* lump together Mouton-Cadet and Petrus, just by calling them both Bordeaux. In fact, he *does* have the ability to put stuff on his label to help the consumer differentiate between Swanson and two-buck Chuck. For starters, there are the words "Napa Valley" — still the biggest indicator of serious wine quality to the American mass market. Then there's the word "Estate," indicating that the grapes were managed by the winery and presumably, grown to the winery's specifications. (Not everyone would know that, of course — which is why he's running these seminars.) And labels aside, there is the matter of price tags. Presumably, when someone buys a \$20-plus Merlot, they're going to be looking for something more than "drinkable." But that's not to say that there's no room for fine-tuning.

A second tasting provided a NorCal tour — Carneros, Rutherford, Atlas Peak, Bennet Valley, and Oakville. The differences were less obvious but still discernible. What was more interesting to me was the third tasting, which highlighted winery practices. It was all Swanson Merlot, treated in various ways.

One sample had spent time in a high-end commercial American oak barrel, and another in one of Swanson's custom barrels. Explained Phelps, "We buy our oak in Pennsylvania, and we have the staves cut to our specifications. I leave half of them in Pennsylvania and have the other half trucked to Oakville, where we air-dry them for up to four years in the open air." (The Pennsylvania half gets rained on more often — "It's important to develop special molds on the wood. And the rain helps leech out some of the green tannins.") The custom barrel was miles ahead of the commercial. A strong note of coffee and the trademark American-oak dill, a general roundness to the mouthfeel. "It's probably not a big factor, but we're always looking for those little details that will make the wine even better." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Dripping summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M. (1/05)

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime

"pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find it like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honeybutter, well-balanced slaw.... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the

house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Corkage fee for BYO is \$10, but waived on Tuesdays. Reservations urged. Lunch weekdays, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/04)

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n

one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days for all three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy,

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Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat

bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Vigilucci’s 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that’s Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci’s Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy’s), 858-693-3663. “The name ‘Bolsa’ isn’t Vietnamese,” says Kim Trang. “It’s Spanish for ‘bag.’” She’s playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam’s most popular quick meal, a beef

rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We’re talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at

SDGE driveway; do not pass McDon-ald’s. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don’t already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you’re unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, egg-plant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the out-standing dishes. If you’re planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodat-ing but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It’s distinctly different from the standard

North Indian menus, centering on nu-merous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *utta-pams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the se-quence you hope to eat them — that’s usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don’t expect hovering “Raj”- style service — it’s just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tues-day through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal Ameri-can-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reserva-tions advisable on weekends. Childrens’ and vegetarian meals available on re-

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Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; break-

fast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 6 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III

reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The

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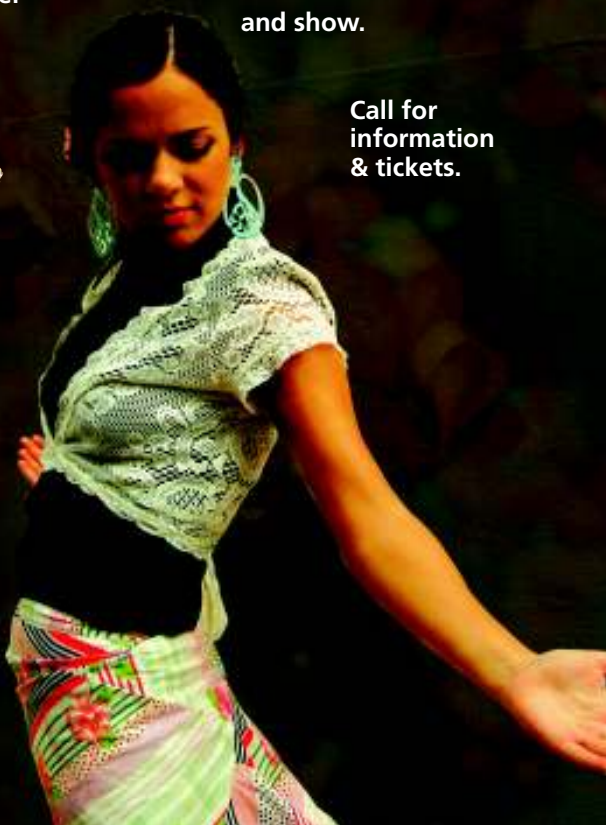
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food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua’s “destination restaurant” status, there’s a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua’s stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (11/04) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don’t miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam’s Steak N’ Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam’s has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak’s a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won’t need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin’s Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest’s new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-

wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It’s located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don’t miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you’d be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Lightnin’ Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino’s Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal “saddles” (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren’t the smokiest, but they’re tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato

fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you’re getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Rosie and Joe’s Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the “Beerubin” sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it’s out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your “head feels like an old potato” and your “tongue like a button hook” (to quote Kipling), Spice House’s answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don’t know if it’s the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast

and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

THE BEACHES

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day’s best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they’re in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and

sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe’s from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you’ll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don’t have to be vegi-virtuoso to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it’s stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

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dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open daily until 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's lamented fishing industry. The same Si-

cilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted owner and executive pastry chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more so-

phisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinnmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing

numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honey-mooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (1/05)*

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Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because

there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine

with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily for dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the

Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. No lunch, but dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

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UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bor-

deaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/04)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convooy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morn-

ing until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — N.W. (5/05)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard

yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's



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mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Three meals daily. Open until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except

the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think

chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you

choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Breakfast, lunch and early dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobbler, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller

stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their

"sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant,

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Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la

boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*rioguis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (8/05)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it

down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 72 hours to a week's notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy.

Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello

mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (souful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajas*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée,

and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

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Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian “monk’s curry,” and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table’s first round of delicate “flower buns” with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let’s face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you’ll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It’s only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you’re-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain’t. It’s either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn’t great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers’ favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll for-

mula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there’s also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia’s Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP’s Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP’s patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws

some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja’s heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food’s no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won’t — you’ll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana’s bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila’s aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That’s still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We’re talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The “Lighthouse of Mazatlan” is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it’s deli-

cious — like eating a sliced clam. It’s great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican seabass), char-broiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn’s between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden (“*escondida*”) mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (“*cabrito tatemado*”). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompopo* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and “burnt milk” caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It’s hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the “*Rey del Pollo*” sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the road’s end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at “the turn” (“*la vuelta*”) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mex-*

icana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of “themed” Italian. Buca di Beppo (“Joe’s Cellar”) is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown’s rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield’s breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you’re having fun. Don’t leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/05)*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses,

BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order “Hawaiian” pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe’s Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry’s) based in southern Louisiana wouldn’t survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe’s is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food’s not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownpups may prefer the patio to the rockin’, raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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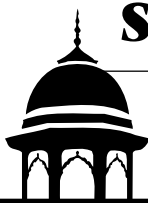
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When, some while back, I purchased my code-free DVD player online, or my all-region DVD player as you prefer, I envisioned the subsequent purchase of a festering list of titles, mostly French, that I had hitherto been unable to catch up with on the big screen or via VHS video and American-manufactured DVDs. Naturally I had not bothered beforehand to research the practicability of the plan, and I soon became disenchanted at the number of title searches on French Amazon (amazon.fr) which came up empty. I had just assumed that the Frenchman's pride in his cultural heritage ensured that things like Yves Allégret's *Une Si Jolie Petite Plage*, Georges Franju's *Pleins Feux sur l'Assassin*, André Delvaux's *Un Soir un Train*, and Jacques Demy's *Trois Places pour le 26* would have been preserved posthaste on DVD, even if without English subtitles, exclusively for the French market. I seemed to have been sorely mistaken.

Following my initial purchase of a boxed set of five Alain Resnais films, unavailable over here, and subtitled into the bargain (I had to have *that*,

though of course I'd already seen them all), my one major success was the late Claude Sautet's *Max et les Ferrailleurs*, featuring an optional English-dubbed soundtrack, Romy Schneider manifestly doing her own dubbing, with her accent explained by the character's German origins, a foreigner among unaccented English-speaking French people.

This film, never released in the U.S., comes from Sautet's peak period in the Seventies, right after *The Things of Life* and right before *César and Rosalie*. (Unaccountably, the jewel case for the American DVD release of the latter bears a critical blurb with my own misspelled name on it: "Unpredictable." How, and why, did anybody scrape that up?) Even in a strict *policier*, Sautet's signature theme of middle-class and middle-aged *angst* is still in evidence, together with his tactile feel for his characters' material circumstances (Schneider's streetwalker get-ups make quite a fashion show) and his sensitivity to the human need of fellowship and human cognizance of inescapable solitude. And the intricate plot is highly ingenious if you can accept the premise of a well-heeled police detec-



Classe Tous Risques

tive (Michel Piccoli, a Sautet mainstay, like Schneider) willing to lay out his own money to fund an entrapment scheme, putting temptation in the way of a gang of penny-ante dimwits and transforming them into big-time bank robbers. But then, almost anything can be accepted when we find out, at the end, the depth of his obsession.

All in all, a most satisfying purchase, worth every euro.

I again came up empty, however, in my additional search for Sautet's first notable opus, *Classe Tous Risques*. For this one, a generic gangster film from 1960, I would have to wait upon the intrepid pearl divers at Rialto Pictures, those devout revivalists who

earlier fished up, for theatrical reissue, Jules Dassin's *Rififi*, Julien Duvivier's *Pépé le Moko*, H-G Clouzot's *Quai des Orfèvres*, Louis Malle's *Elevator to the Gallows*, Jean-Luc Godard's *Band of Outsiders*, Jean-Pierre Melville's *Bob le Flambeur* and *Le Cercle Rouge*, Georges Franju's *Eyes without a Face*, and Jacques Becker's *Touchez-pas au*



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Grisbi. On the last two, coincidentally, Sautet had served out some of his apprenticeship as an assistant director; and what's more, his ensuing career as a full-fledged director has in point of fact drawn close comparison with that of Becker, for his timeless, untrendy, self-effacing classical style (although a contemporary of the New Wavers, Sautet never benefitted from their flood of publicity), as well as for his warm and compassionate humanism, his adherence to Becker's precept of "humility in the face of reality."

Happily, Rialto has indeed now gotten around to it, and the pristinely restored print will be on exhibit at the Ken Cinema for the next week. Apparently an abridged, English-dubbed version of the film had been in circulation at some distant point in the past, under the title of *The Big Risk*, but I had never been able to see it, and the one-line review of it in my 1991 edition of Leonard Maltin's *TV Movies and*

Video Guide leads me to the unavoidable conclusion that Maltin had never seen it either: "Too-leisurely-paced account of criminal on the lam, who for sake of his family gives himself up to police." The only portions of that telegraphic sentence fragment that have any connection to the actual film are "criminal on the lam" and "family," a conjunction that bespeaks the filmmaker's humanism and humanity even when imprisoned within rigid genre conventions.

One might well wonder why this early film was deemed worthier of revival than the mature *Max et les Ferrailleurs*, and one might receive a partial answer in the selective list above of previous Rialto releases, weighted as it is toward French *noir* (the poeticized horror/sci-fi of *Eyes without a Face* excepted) and toward antiquated black-and-white photography and pea-soup atmosphere (*Le Cercle Rouge* excepted). *Max*, even though it fits into the genre, has the creamy, rich, glossy color and the clear, bright, airy space of a Rock Hudson and Doris Day comedy, a different type of beauty, an ironically clashing beauty. That the earlier Sautet film is more of an impersonal genre piece

might, from a certain angle, be viewed as an advantage: the *film noir* aficionado, of whom there are legions, will immediately know where he stands. By the same (or a similar) token, the genre affiliations of the later film might help explain why it alone, among Sautet's output of the Seventies, got passed over for American distribution. The underworld milieu doesn't chime with *The Things of Life*, with *César and Rosalie*, with *Vincent, François, Paul, and the Others*, with *Mado*, with *A Simple Story*. The Sautet aficionado will need to adjust his bearings.

For all that, *Classe Tous Risques* is incontestably minor Sautet, a good, solid, serious, straightforward, fatalistic crime thriller of the kind they don't make anymore; and as such it offers the moviegoer a refuge from 2006 and a retreat to a time when, let's say, *Spartacus* was the reserved-seat roadshow, *The Magnificent Seven* was all over the neighborhoods, *The Bellboy* was the Saturday kiddie matinee, *The Rise and Fall of Legs Diamond* was at the grindhouse and *Hiroshima, Mon Amour* at the art house. In other words, it looks rather better today than it would have looked at the time.

At any time, however, it could lay claim to some fine qualities: a fast-start robbery in broad daylight, open air, and plain sight; a Byzantine getaway route; excellent location work in Milan, the South of France, and Paris; an ending quite shocking, paradoxically, in its discretion and its concision (a use of ellipsis reminiscent of the opening ellipsis in *Touchez-pas au Grisbi*, skipping over events that any other filmmaker would have played to the hilt); and a gentle emphasis on family, feelings, professional fraternity, which, along with the sparing doses of omniscient third-person narration, nudges the film at least a little ways into Sautet's "personal" territory. The hero, simply stated, is at heart a "better" friend than his old friends, and the difference will prove to be his downfall.

Uppermost among its fine qualities, the film features, as our criminal on the lam, the great Lino Ventura, a self-possessed, barrel-chested ex-wrestler with a face of furrowed granite and eyes sodden from all they've seen (a face no less noble than Bogart's), a specialist in underworld roles, including a supporting part in *Touchez-pas au Grisbi* and the starring part in what I count as the best of all the Melville gangster films, adapted as *Classe Tous Risques* from a novel by José Giovanni, *Second Breath*. (When is Rialto going to get around to that one?) It also features a dewy and skinny Jean-Paul Belmondo, just before his big splash in *Breathless*, as the lone-wolf hoodlum who befriends the hero when the latter's return from exile in Italy stalls in Nice, after his partner-in-crime and his wife have been gunned down in a shootout (he will run first to the side of his fallen buddy, then to his wife), leaving him with two young sons on his hands, effectively immobilizing him. An ex-boxer in real life as in the present script, with boxing gloves for bric-a-brac in his Paris apartment, Belmondo is already in full command of his cocky charm: "The nice thing about me is my left," he introduces himself to a lady in distress (Sandra Milo) after cold-cocking her harasser.

If the film ultimately amounts to no more than a master's thesis, the mastery is no misnomer, no mere hyperbole. Sautet would thereafter demonstrate it time and again. ■

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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)

American Dreamz — Spongy satire divides its feeble forces between the Bush Administration (*à clef*) and the TV talent contest, *American Idol*, aligning the two targets when the mush-brained President agrees to appear as a guest judge on the season finale, a showdown pitting a “white-trash girl from Ohio” against an undercover Iraqi terrorist with a taste for show tunes. Writer-director Paul Weitz has rounded up key members of his cast from his total oeuvre, Dennis Quaid from *In Good Company*, Hugh Grant from *About a Boy*, Jennifer Coolidge from *Down to Earth* and *American Pie*, Chris Klein from just *American Pie*. The mood is affable rather than combative, not the ideal mood for satire. With Mandy Moore, Sam Golzari, Willem Dafoe, and Marcia Gay Harden. 2006. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

An American Haunting — Supernatural thriller with Donald Sutherland, Sissy Spacek, James D’Arcy, and Rachel Hurd-Wood, written and directed by Courtney Solomon. (CHULA VISTA 10; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 5/5)

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)

Classe Tous Risques — Reviewed this issue. With Lino Ventura, Jean-Paul Belmondo, Sandra Milo, and Marcel Dalio; directed by Claude Sautet. ★★★ (KEN, 5/5 THROUGH 11)

Failure to Launch — This romantic-comic bauble by Tom Dey has a definite situation, namely a mid-thirties stud still living at home with his parents. If the situation were born of any necessity — financial, psychological, medical, or otherwise — the film might additionally have had a subject. But since the situation is only an amorous stratagem, an ace-in-the-hole shameful secret useful for scaring off over-serious girlfriends, the film is left with no more than a formula: the burdened parents hire a “professional interventionist” (new synonym for paid escort) to woo their son away from the nest, the wooer soon starts to fall for him in earnest, he sees through the ruse and cuts himself off from both wooer and parents (good question: “Why didn’t you just say something? All you had to do was tell me”), and everyone reconciles in the end. More simply, the whole thing is just a piece of exercise equipment for a couple of A-list hardbodies named Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker, the latter of whom could be said to be miscast as a character forever claiming and demonstrating a hearty appetite. Zooey Deschanel, as the sardonic roommate (what lately would have been known as the Joan Cusack character) driven half-mad by a

persistent mockingbird, protects herself — and her “indie” reputation — behind her idiosyncratic delivery of lines, half-depressive and half-drugged. (If you’re not having a good time, well, neither is she.) And Terry Bradshaw, the former football star and current buffoonish football analyst, reveals the desperation of the enterprise by revealing his heinie. Justin Bartha, Kathy Bates. 2006. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; 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;

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Hard Candy — Thonggrrrrl14 makes a chat-room date with Lensman319, which is to say a fourteen-year-old, pixie-haired schoolgirl and a professional photographer eighteen years her senior, but predator becomes prey in this simple-minded, long-drawn-out ritual of revenge, essentially a two-character piece, an interminable tennis volley of his-and-hers faces, grueling, fatiguing, suffocating. With Patrick Wilson and Ellen Page; directed by David Slade. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Hills Have Eyes — At first blush, a slick remake of the schlocky Wes Craven gorefest of 1977. But because the director (Alexandre Aja) is French in origin, besides being the offspring of a film director and a film critic, perhaps it's also an *hommage*. Perhaps, too, there's something of significance to be read into the breed of deformed yahoos spawned by U.S. nuclear tests in

New Mexico, the crater of abandoned autos, the ghost town of mannequins (- Surrealism for Dummies), and the transformations of a wimpy Democrat into a warrior and of a gun-toting Republican into a toasted marshmallow. Or perhaps not. Perhaps the mind yearns to wander. "The lucky ones," the ad misinforms us, "die first." Not really. The lucky ones stay home. With Aaron Stanford, Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan, Ted Levine, Robert Joy. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Hoot — Middle-schoolers take up the cause of endangered owls, with Luke Wilson, Logan Lerman, and Brie Larson, directed by Wil Shriner. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/5)

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 inunda-

tion of their frozen valley. Even if they can escape the flood, outrun the rapacious sea beasts, and catch the prototype of Noah's Ark, the end is still near. And at the end of a sequel, even with a final retreat into Major Denial, the end can only be nearer. The consciousness of imminent doom is compounded — is complemented — by the personal identity crisis, the extinction anxiety, of the sore-thumb mammoth: "What if I *am* the last mammoth?" On the 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; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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)



Silent Hill

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom — The note of campiness, carried over from the previous Spielberg-Lucas collaboration, is sounded here first thing, and with full Bette Midleresque force: the Paramount logo fades into a bas-relief design on a Chinese gong (joke), and the camera moves over from that to the smoking mouth of a papier-mâché dragon out of which emerges a blond nightclub singer (joke), doing "Anything Goes" (joke) in Chinese (joke) and, at the same time, blocking out a couple of letters of the movie title (joke), as though it were situated behind her on stage instead of superimposed on the screen. This little song-and-dance expands into one of those Busby Berkeleyan production numbers (have we wandered into a Mel Brooks movie by mistake?) that shows no respect for the realistic boundaries of the stage nor for the point of view of the live audience. But that's all part

of the joke, too. The nightclub brawl and car chase that soon follow are in the outright slapstick vein of Spielberg's *1941*, and indeed much of the action to come is built on the chain-reaction principles in force there. The Kate Capshaw character, spoiled, pampered, a constant complainer and frequent screamer, very much in contrast to the Karen Allen character in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, sees to it that the tone of facetiousness never flags. In that sense, she seems much more the on-screen stand-in for the filmmakers than does the likable (thanks only to Harrison Ford) hero. Indeed, there's a strong temptation to see her as their official proxy, again, in her cupidity and in her xenophobia, or at least parochialism, as regards any lifestyle (read "filmmaking style") that sinks below the comfort-level of the Shanghai Hilton. 1984.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 5/6 MIDNIGHT)

Inside Man — Unabashedly commercial enterprise from Spike Lee, a lightweight heist-and-hostage caper with a heavyweight cast: Clive Owen as the bank-job mastermind, Denzel Washington as the New York cop who catches the call, Jodie Foster as the smugly enigmatic free-lance troubleshooter with friends in high places ("My bite's much worse than my bark"), and Christopher Plummer as the philanthropic moneybags, plus a couple of poised midleweights, 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

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 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)

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parent innocent (Josh Hartnett) caught in the machinations of two rival gangs, African-American and Jewish, or “Darkies” and “Skullcaps” in copscape, headed respectively by the Boss (Morgan Freeman) and the Rabbi (Sir — his official screen credit — Ben Kingsley), in addition to an out-of-town hit man (Bruce Willis) who plays both sides of the street. It features a staggering body count, a tediously doubling-back narrative, an offputtingly facetious tone, and a dense, heavy, claustrophobic décor. Mykelti Williamson, the shrimp man from *Forrest Gump*, earns a smile as a toothy dimwit named “Sloe,” but that’s early in the proceedings, before exasperation sets in. With Lucy Liu and Stanley Tucci; directed by Paul McGuigan. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Mission: Impossible III — Tom Cruise carries on as secret agent Ethan Hunt, with a new adversary, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and new director, J.J. Abrams. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/5)

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.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Neil Young: Heart of Gold — Director, or on this occasion documentarist, Jonathan Demme fumbles through ten minutes of perfunctory interviews with the headliner and his fellow musicians, wretchedly shot in the interiors of cars and elevators, before settling down for nearly an hour and a half of well-recorded concert footage at the Ryman in Nashville. Reflective of the recent loss of his father and his own brush with a brain aneurysm, it is a mostly mellow set, even a melancholy one, a conspectus of new Young and old Young, with the now jowly, scowly singer squeezing out that effortful, painful, soulful voice from beneath a classic Good Guy’s white cowboy hat. (Which changes to a tan hat, still that of a Good Guy, midway through: the film was shot over two nights.) His accompaniment encompasses, in varying combinations, bass guitar, dobro, keyboard, percussion, horns, strings, and backup singers. One of these last, Emmylou Harris, joins him on two duets, of which “This Old Guitar,” a song about and performed on an instrument handed down from Hank Williams, is some sort of high point. “When God Made Me,” a soft-sell, Socratic appeal for tolerance, with the singer at the keyboard for the only time and a silhouetted chorus behind him, tops it. Young, to be sure, is amply documented on film, notably in Jim Jarmusch’s *Year of the Horse* from the late Nineties and his self-directed *Rust Never Sleeps* and *Journey through the Past* from the Seventies. The rabid will need no urging to see the latest addition. The more tepid might require assurance that if they were to limit themselves to just one, this should be it. Let them be assured. 2006.

★★ (LA PALOMA)

The Notorious Bettie Page — Unworthy biopic on “the pin-up queen of the universe,” a brief reign in the mid-Fifties, until a congressional hearing on pornography sent her down the path of repentance, into the sheltering arms of Jesus. Gretchen Mol is game enough in the posing sessions, and has her own kind of vulnerability in the role of the naïve and unreflective (so portrayed, anyway) Southern-bred sex object.

Yet, besides missing something in the hips, replacing the dangerous curves with the gentlest of slopes, she cannot hope to match the charisma, the mystique, the mystery, of her assigned character. (It’s no problem to match the raven hair and bangs.) She finds herself in much the same predicament as past impersonators of Marilyn Monroe or Elvis Presley — and no, it is no overstatement to place Bettie Page, 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)

The Promise — Costume epic by Chinese filmmaker Chen Kaige, of *Farewell My Concubine* fame. (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 5/5)

RV — Hackneyed vacation comedy (it could almost have a *National Lampoon*’s in front of its title) about a horse’s-ass dad who rents an eyesore motor home, christened by his children the Rolling Turd, in an effort to fulfill family obligations and keep an important business engagement at the same time. Well done, nonetheless, in an overdone sort of way. Cheryl Hines, an expert reactor after years opposite Larry David on HBO’s *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, here makes a fine foil for Robin Williams, characteristically overwound. With Joanna “JoJo” Levesque, Josh Hutcherson, Jeff Daniels, and Kristin Chenoweth; directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Sentinel — Someone in the Secret Service, so says a scumbag informer, aims to assassinate the President. Framed for it is the very agent who blows the whistle, a wily old veteran (Michael Douglas) who once took a bullet for Reagan and is now as-

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HOLLY JONES

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I saw Jane Campion’s *The Piano* at a matinee with only one other person in the theater — a great experience that prompted me to see all of Campion’s work. At Citizen we stock a healthy amount of Campion titles. *An Angel at My Table*, about writer Janet Frame, stands out. With an incredible cast and fine detail, it captures the fragility and wonder of this artist’s world.

For a recent fresh voice, try Miranda July’s *Me and You and Everyone We Know*, which earned a prize for Originality of Vision at Sundance.

If you enjoyed Hirokazu Kore-eda’s *Nobody Knows*, consider going back to view *After Life*. This gentle, humorous film introduces you to a metaphysical way station where people who’ve just passed away select a favorite memory to bring with them in their final passage.

AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE

(Australia) 1990, Criterion

List price: \$39.95

ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE

WE KNOW (USA) 2005, MGM

List price: \$24.96

AFTER LIFE (Japan) 1998,

New Yorker

List price: \$29.95

signed to the First Lady and having a hot and heavy affair with her on the side. A political potboiler of passable suspense, flunkable logic, with a singed image as if fried under a sunlamp. Kiefer Sutherland, Eva Longoria, Kim Basinger, David Rasche, Martin Donovan; directed by Clark Johnson. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; 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 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)

Silent Hill — Video-game gamut of

SCOTT DAVIS

Owner, Citizen Video

Film shorts seem to be the next big thing. Perhaps it’s an indication of shrinking attention spans, but I like to think it stems from a desire to explore ideas more compelling than those that Hollywood’s endless feeding tube offers. Peripheral Produce is a Portland-based experimental film distributor representing some amazing, under-recognized talent. The compilation, *From Tugboats to Polar Bears* by Matt McCormick, has shorts ranging from the comedic to the sublime.

If you’re in the mood for poetic, intelligent shorts, then Bill Brown’s *The Next Best Place* is a must-see.

Peripheral Produce’s *All Time Greatest Hits* fits the bill if you’re diving into shorts for the first time. It has works by Miranda July, Naomi Uman, Jim Finn, and others. It’s sure to provide something for everyone.

FROM TUGBOATS TO POLAR

BEARS (USA) 1999–2004,

Peripheral Produce

List price: \$24.95

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1994–2003, Peripheral Produce

List price: \$24.95

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TIME GREATEST HITS (USA)

2003,

www.peripheralproduce.com

List price: \$24.95

CRAIG OLIVER

Filmmaker and Citizen Video staff

Since 1997, Korea’s been kicking out great films. Its “new wave” filmmakers have explored and revised genres, mixing action with art house, horror with comedy. *Memories of Murder* involves the investigation of the first serial killings in Korea, and is one of the best modern cop movies.

Oasis is a dark, unorthodox love story between a man of diminished capacity just released from jail and the cerebral-palsy-stricken sister of the man he’s convicted of killing. Tough in its realism and broken by moments of magic realism, the most cynical viewer will give in to its power.

Equally dark, though more manic, *Save the Green Planet!* is a hybrid of sci-fi, horror, dark comedy, thriller, and drama. In it, a man’s convinced that aliens disguised as humans are taking over the Earth, and he needs to stop them.

MEMORIES OF MURDER (South

Korea) 2003, Palm Pictures

List price: \$24.99

OASIS (South Korea) 2002,

Lifesize Home Entertainment

List price: \$24.95

SAVE THE GREEN PLANET!

(South Korea) 2003,

Koch Lorber Films

List price: \$29.98

ghoulies and ghosties, creepies and crawlies, in an abandoned coal-mining town in West Virginia. Very little development; plenty of the feeling of a bad dream, and plenty, too, of a bad movie, albeit a smoothly tooled one. With Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean, Laurie Holden, Deborah Kara Unger, and Alice Krige; directed by Christophe Gans. 2006.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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)

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Sophie Scholl: The Final Days — Talky, stagy, draggy dramatization of the martyrdom in 1943 of a student resistance leader under the Third Reich. Vibrantly acted, even so, by Julia Jentsch as the music-loving revolutionary and by Alexander Held as her relentless interrogator. The material is intrinsically grim, but that’s no excuse for the dismal cinematography. Directed by Marc Rothemund. 2005. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Stick It — Missy Peregrym as a rebellious gymnast and Jeff Bridges as her autocratic coach, written and directed by Jessica Bendinger. (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; OCEAN-SIDE 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)

Take the Lead — Inspirational pabulum, “inspired,” to begin with, “by a true story,” that of Pierre Dulaine (played by that

lovely Latin, Antonio Banderas), who volunteers to bring his courtly Old World manners and his ballroom dance steps into Detention Hall at a rough New York high school: *Mad Hot Ballroom* meets *Black-board Jungle*. The school principal (the formidable Alfre Woodard, who recedes from center stage too soon and too far) sees in the proposal “the cure for cutting class,” a punishment so cruel and unusual as to scare the detainees straight. It’s true that the sounds of Gershwin from a boom box drive them to plead for mercy, but nevertheless the Detention Hall roster remains as fixed throughout the school year as the roll of any English or History class. A tango demonstration staged by the swarthy dance

instructor and a lithe blond ice queen, and chopped to bits by the erstwhile music-video director Liz Friedlander, widens the students’ eyes and horizons, and a formulaic dance competition offers them the Gerber Strained Carrots at the end of the stick. 2006. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Thank You for Smoking — Satire with teeth, discolored though they may be. There is nothing exceptional cinematically about the directing debut of Jason Reitman, son of the mainstream comedy director Ivan Reitman (*Ghostbusters*, *Twins*, *Kindergarten Cop*, and the like), but from the

opening credits — the witty cigarette-pack graphic motif, Tex Williams’s C&W oldie, “Smoke, Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette,” in the background — his savvy adaptation of the Christopher Buckley novel does everything it set out to do. It delivers, in the phraseology of a cigarette ad, full rich flavor. Decidedly smoky, dry, sharp, acid, with a bitter aftertaste. It centers on a tobacco-industry lobbyist, the self-described “Colonel Sanders of Nicotine,” a role that returns Aaron Eckhart to the friendly climate of his name-making film, *In the Company of Men*, where his hard-hearted charm, his machine-gun glibness, his immunity to self-doubt, can properly flourish. (The meaty face, the steely eyes, the sneer-

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; **An American Haunting** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:50, 7:45, 10:05; **Hoot** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:25, 9:40; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:55, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 1:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:55, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:15; **RV** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:35; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45) 4:25, 7:20, 10:30 Sun. (12:45) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Thank You for Smoking** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 8:05, 10:30; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:55; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **The Wild** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:25, 7:35; **United 93** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 1:40, 3:05) 4:20, 5:40, 7:10, 8:15, 9:50, 10:50 Sun. (12:30, 1:40, 3:15) 4:20, 5:55, 7:10, 8:35, 9:50; **An American Haunting** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:50, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:20, 9:35, 10:40 Sun. 12:50, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:35, 10:25; **Ask the Dust** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25 Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **Hoot** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:50) 5:10, 7:45, 10:05; **Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; **Lucky Number Slevin** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:55) 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; **Silent Hill** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 1:50, 3:55) 4:55, 7:00, 7:55, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 1:50, 3:55) 4:55, 7:00, 8:20, 10:00; **Stay Alive** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:15; **The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **The Hills Have Eyes** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:35) 4:15, 7:05, 9:45 Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; **The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

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Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
American Dreamz (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:05, 4:05) 6:55, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 1:05) 4:05, 6:55, 9:25; **D’Lucky Ones** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Inside Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (9:35, 12:30, 3:30) 6:40, 9:35; **Mission: Impossible III** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50) 6:30, 7:00, 7:35, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10 Sat.,-Sun. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 3:50) 4:20, 4:50, 6:30, 7:00, 7:35, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10; **RV** (PG) Fri. (9:40, 12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (9:40, 12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:25, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:20, 1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; **Stick It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10, 12:50, 3:25) 6:35, 9:05; **The Sentinel** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:40, 1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; **The Wild** (G) Fri. (9:50, 12:20, 2:40, 4:55) 7:15, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (9:50, 12:20, 2:40) 4:55,

7:15, 9:20; **United 93** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:50, 1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; **V for Vendetta** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (9:45, 12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45

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tinel (PG-13); **Silent Hill** (R); **Thank You for Smoking** (R); **United 93** (R)

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Mission Valley 20

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ing lips do not fit him for roles of sensitivity.) The surrounding cast is studded with true stalwarts, William H. Macy as the sanctimonious U.S. Senator from Vermont (“Where the Cheddar Is Better”) who is pushing for a skull-and-crossbones warning

on all cigarette packs; Robert Duvall as the industry’s grand old man with his private jet, Tobacco One; J.K. Simmons as a conscienceless yes-man; and Sam Elliott as the cancer-ridden original Marlboro Man. (Maria Bello, Katie Holmes, Rob Lowe, and Adam Brody are in there, too.) The plot angle of pitching Hollywood on the idea of making cigarettes sexy again seems a little unimaginative, or rather, unobservant. Hollywood, like France, like Spain, has remained one of the last bastions of resistance

against the anti-smoking movement, defiantly puffing away on screen, defending to the death the right of free choice. (There is pointedly no puffing on screen here: over-protection against charges of hypocrisy.) But this angle nonetheless leads profitably to the inner sanctum of Entertainment Global Offices (EGO), the orientalist lair of a Michael Ovitz-type superagent: “Jeff invented product placement.” Further plot mechanics, although no more ingenious, never get to be a grind. At a brisk hour and a half, the film can be safely recommended to all who like their comedy unfiltered. 2006.

★★★ (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)

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; RAN-

CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

V for Vendetta — Comic-book adaptation, or “graphic-novel” adaptation, about an avenging superhero hidden behind the stiff grin of a Guy Fawkes mask: a kind of Frankensteinian composite pieced together of Zorro (the black hat and cape, the revolutionary politics, the carving of his initial on his handiwork), Blade (the adeptness with cutlery, the customized arsenal thereof), the Phantom of the Opera (the disfigurement by fire, the romantic longing, the underground lair), among others. Batman, Darkman, whateverman. But it’s his superhuman powers, much more than his plagiarisms, that make him into a bore: a martial-arts magician, an invincible one-man-army, a rebel without a care. The Australian actor Hugo Weaving is the sonorous voice, and presumably the body, behind the disguise. And Natalie Portman, with a faint and fugitive British accent, and a political-prisoner haircut that martyrs her in the image of a Tibetan monk, is the tomato of his eye. The setting is indeed England, at a time in the near future when America, undermined by an unspecified war (illustrative news clips from the Middle East), has been reduced to “the world’s biggest leper colony.” England isn’t much better, your

standard totalitarian dystopia by way of Orwell, hard on minorities and nonconformists, explicitly homosexuals of both sexes, one of whom harbors a clandestine copy of the Koran. (For aesthetic reasons only, like one of the Book People in *Fahrenheit 451*.) The television voice of the regime, meantime, is a Bill O’Reilly blowhard, and its official head (John Hurt, promoted from his spot as the downtrodden hero in the 1984 treatment of *1984*) is a Hitlerian ranter and raver. The only thing the least bit out of the ordinary in all of this is the closeness of the correlation to the present day, the strictness of the equivalence, the bluntness of the political comment, the harness on the imagination. One might guess that the filmmakers — first-time director and veteran ad man James McTeigue, screenwriters Andy and Larry Wachowski — would stop short of equating terrorism and justice. But that can only be a guess. They, and their upright terrorist, to the inaudible cheers of Al Qaeda, do not stop short of blowing up Parliament. With Stephen Rea and Stephen Fry. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Water — Deepa Mehta’s period piece about outcast widows in India of the 1930s. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/5)

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 quality rather underscores the cranked-out quality. With the voices of Kiefer Sutherland, Jim Belushi, Eddie Izzard, Janeane Garofalo, William Shatner, and Greg Kinnear; directed by Steve “Spaz” Williams. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; 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)

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Endurecen leyes

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La oficina de Aduanas y Seguridad Fronteriza (ICE) endurecerá medidas para deportar a indocumentados y residentes legales que sean criminales o estén relacionados con actos delictivos.

Con una nueva estrategia de acción más agresiva las autoridades migratorias perseguirán a sujetos que violan constantemente las leyes del país.

Además se incrementarán las redadas y la

vigilancia en la frontera para deportar de manera más rápida a los migrantes que crucen ilegalmente al país.

El Secretario del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional Michael Chertoff junto Julie Myers de ICE anunciaron la implementación de una rigurosa estrategia para reforzar leyes migratorias.

"La migración ilegal es una creciente amenaza de nuestra seguridad nacional", dijo Chertoff.

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Saca la espada

Con el tema de la inmigración en Estados Unidos bajo el brazo, la actriz mexicana Salma Hayek presentó en Madrid su último trabajo como actriz, Ask the Dust, en el que comparte cartel con el irlandés Colin Farrell, con quien tuvo una relación "muy dinámica y estimulante creativamente", según sus palabras.

Precisamente Ask the Dust, producida por

Tom Cruise y dirigida por el estadounidense Robert Towne, guionista de Chinatown y Mission Impossible, explora uno de esos temas: las diferentes maneras de aceptar la identidad nacional en el contexto del exilio.

"La derecha que pide la expulsión de los indocumentados nunca se imaginaria el problema económico que representa que se vaya esa gente", dijo Hayek.

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Hace historia

Rafael Márquez se convirtió en el primer futbolista mexicano que disputará una final de la Champions League.

El defensa central del Barcelona hará historia el próximo 17 de Mayo en París cuando su equipo enfrente al Arsenal de Inglaterra.

Frank Rijkaard, técnico holandés del Barcelona, calificó de "muy complicada" la clasificación de su equipo para la final de la Liga de Campeones tras empatar en

el partido de vuelta de las semifinales ante el Milan (0-0) y se declaró "muy contento" por el éxito del conjunto azulgrana.

"Hemos tenido que sufrir ante un gran equipo, y hemos luchado muchísimo para estar en París", comentó Rijkaard.

Para el holandés, el Barcelona ya ha logrado su objetivo de estar en la final, aunque se resistió a hablar de favoritos en el partido que le enfrentará al Arsenal inglés.

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Reconocen escuela

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Diario San Diego

Cuando los estudiantes están motivados su aprovechamiento escolar es el mejor y ese es el caso de la escuela Arroyo Vista, misma que fue nombrada escuela distinguida del Estado.

Ante el anuncio, maestros y alumnos del plantel celebraron en grande.

"Cuando nos enteramos estábamos en una junta y todas en la oficina empezamos a gritar y de inmediato lo dimos a conocer por el altavoz", comentó la subdirectora del colegio.

La escuela Satélite Arroyo Vista Elementary abrió sus puertas hace siete años e incluye jardín de niños al sexto

grado de primaria; con programas bilingües con total inmersión para el aprendizaje y uno de asesoría con estudiantes y maestros llamado 'Juntos todos logran más' o TEAM. Hasta los mismos estudiantes tuvieron la confianza en que la escuela obtuviera el reconocimiento.

"La verdad para mí no fue una sorpresa porque yo sentí que éramos de las escuelas que se merecían el reconocimiento", comentó Camero Laufer de seis años y quien también es presidente de la sociedad de alumnos.

"Yo estoy muy orgullosa de que mi escuela haya sido distinguida", dijo Alyson Chase.



Desplumadas

Las Águilas de América sellaron su eliminación del Torneo Clausura 2006 en la última jornada, tras empatar a un gol frente a los Rayados de Monterrey en el estadio Azteca.

Así, el cuadro americano quedó fuera de la fiesta grande y le cedió la calificación a su archirrival, las Chivas de Guadalajara.

Al director técnico de las Águilas no le quedó otra más que aceptar con resignación la eliminación. "Pagamos lo que no se hizo a lo largo de la temporada", reconoció Manolo Lapuente.

"Estamos apenados con nuestra afición, pero debemos seguir adelante. Esto ya se acabó".

Lapuente argumentó que en los próximos días

analizará la situación conjuntamente con la directiva porque es algo que no se puede hacer de golpe. "Viene el momento de calma en el que debemos pensar en reforzarnos lo mejor que se pueda", apuntó.

Y en cuanto escuchó la palabra fracaso, comentó: "No le tengo miedo a las palabras, no se calificó y es un fracaso". Y con respecto a su futuro dentro de la institución, el veterano entrenador, confesó: "No lo sé, vamos a platicarlo con calma".

Una vez más resaltó que esta es una institución y que el plantel está en deuda.

Lapuente dijo que no fue suficiente el haber ganado el campeonato de clubes de la Concacaf.



Cumplen boicot

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

El llamado de activistas sociales para boicotear la economía de San Diego, surtió efecto luego de que miles de trabajadores y estudiantes no se presentaron a sus colegios o fuentes de empleos.

Las calles vacías, tiendas desiertas y varias manifestaciones a lo largo y ancho del condado materializaron lo que fue llamado por muchos un Día sin Inmigrantes.

En la garita que conecta a Tijuana con San Ysidro se presentó un contingente que bloqueó los carriles de paso a Estados Unidos pero la gente fue esparcida por elementos de la policía Municipal.

Aún Así el cruce en la garita el primero de mayo

pasado fue expedito, no hubo espera de ninguna índole ni en San Ysidro ni en Mesa de Otay.

Fue un panorama muy diferente al que se registra todos los días cuando las filas para cruzar a San Diego llegan a rebasar los 200 automóviles por carril.

Con civilidad y actitud pacífica los migrantes de San Diego, hicieron que su voz se escuchara en Washington para que el Congreso apresure una ley migratoria.

En la garita de San Ysidro las cosas se pusieron color de hormiga cuando un grupo bloqueó los carriles de acceso para evitar el paso de automóviles.

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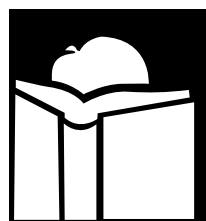


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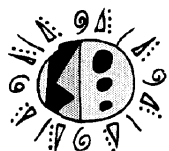
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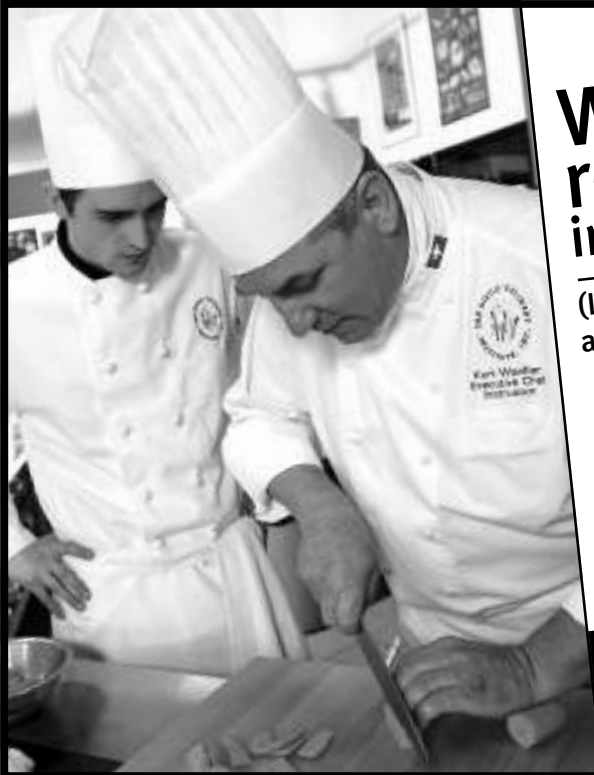
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- With 68-Across, a 1972 Bill Withers hit (and a hint at four spots within this puzzle's grid)
- Latin American agreements
- Place to kick something
- Like a Smurf
- CBS cop show
- Joe Lieberman's middle name
- Genesis sibling
- Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
- Somewhat
- Santiago natives
- Made stuff up
- "That is to say ..."
- Spook
- 1938 Bette Davis film
- A Roosevelt
- Maureen Dowd pieces, for short
- Koch's predecessor as New York City mayor

- Even
- Like crossword solvers, of course
- Nintendo rival
- Hip bone
- Sun-bleached
- New ____
- In most cases
- "Tsk!"
- "So what else ____?"
- Roman statesman and writer
- Act passed in 1970
- Makes right
- Abbr. after some church names
- Rogers of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood"
- Prepare for a second crop
- 1988 Tom Hanks comedy
- Expression of pride?
- Eyelid afflictions
- Droop
- See 1-Across

Down

- Many ozs.
- Utility abbr.
- Novelist or poet: Abbr.
- Classic soft drink brand
- Hatch plots
- Creation of 1948
- Tuscan city outside of Florence
- Child reading prog.
- Spanish pronoun
- Greeting for Julius
- Mrs. Rocky Balboa
- Ravel classic
- U-Haul competitor
- Ad-____ (improvises)
- Elvis trademark

- Sch. term
- Scribble
- Prefix with center
- 26th of 26
- "Baby Hold On" singer
- Back muscle
- Emeril's catchword
- Sloth, e.g.
- "The speech of angels": Carlyle
- Part of a college email address
- Come together
- Sweet drink
- Papua New Guinea port
- Babe in the woods
- Felix's roommate on TV and stage
- "Pulp Fiction" actor Ving
- Most recent
- Deficiency of red blood cells
- Smooth-shelled ocean creature
- Thick slices
- Erykah Badu's do
- Supplement used to treat
- Down
- Chew (out)
- 4th of 26
- '60s antiwar grp.
- Dr. of rap

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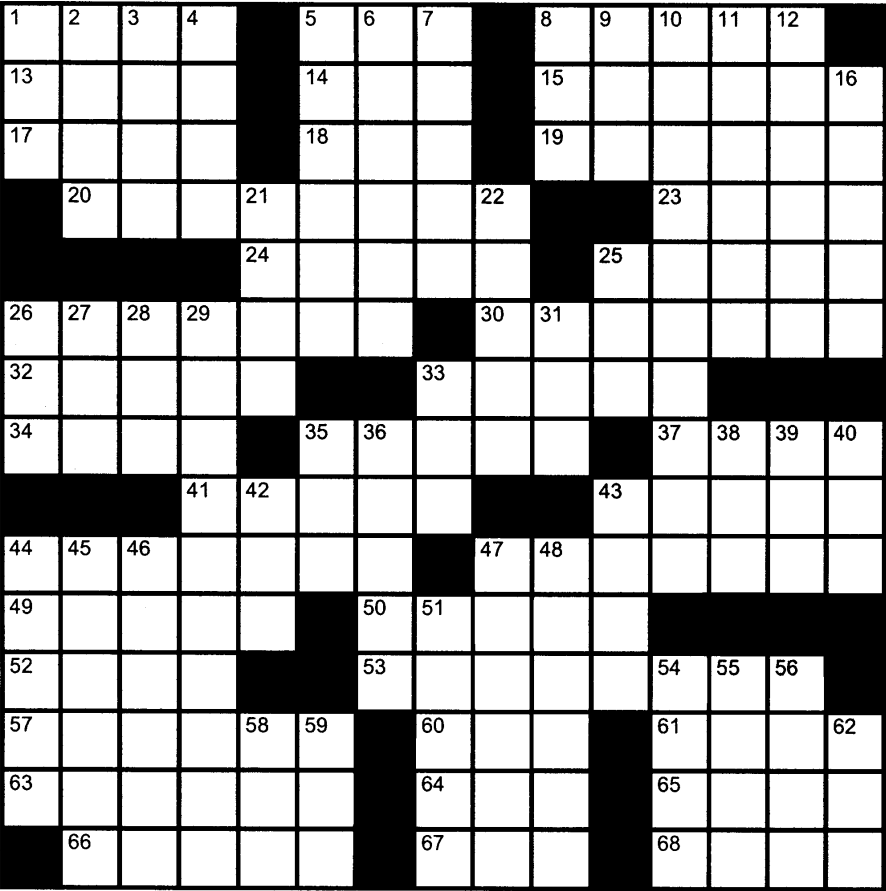
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FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS (FOG). Social club, full calendar of activities. Free strictly confidential information. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. Call 619-291-4480.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Balance Between Activity and Passivity" May 22, 7-9pm, 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

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NORTH COUNTY, 53, tall, slim, pleas-ant, fun, sense of humor, father, de-greed, Caucasian, nonsmoker. Seeks 43-53, feminine, loving, trim, attractive, North County lady for dating. (5/17) ☎ 50426

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 175lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable, homeowner with nice body/smile. Seeking relation-ship or marriage with fun, friendly lady. (5/10) ☎ 50413

LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED Thing, yes I'll try again. Divorced white male, 60s, healthy, nonsmoker, caring, easygoing, sincere. Seeking attractive, loving white female, 50-68. (5/17) ☎ 50424

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SEEKING TALL, Leggy lady who's smart, articulate, funny for movies, the-ater, some sports, outdoors, swimming and romance. Open to age. Open-mined, unencumbered 50, 5'10", white. (5/17) ☎ 50437

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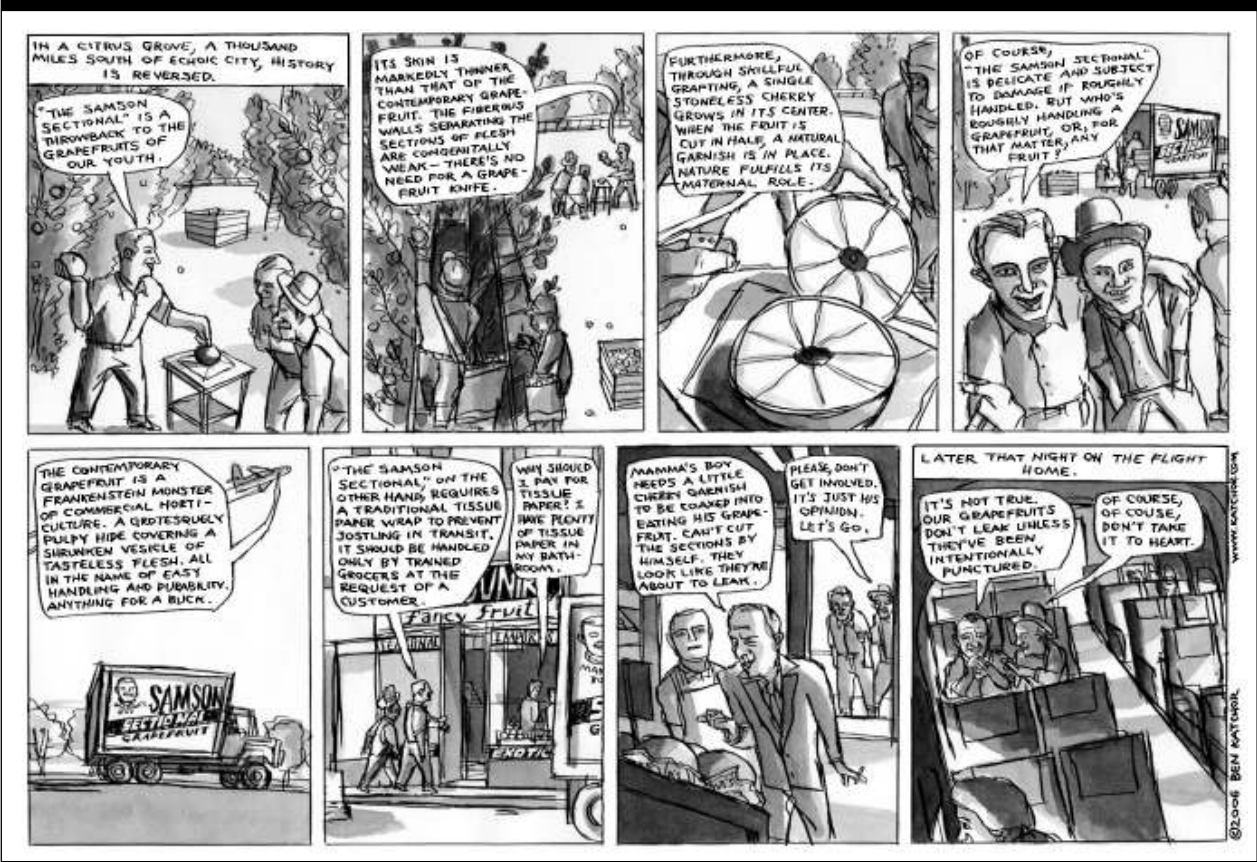
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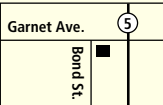
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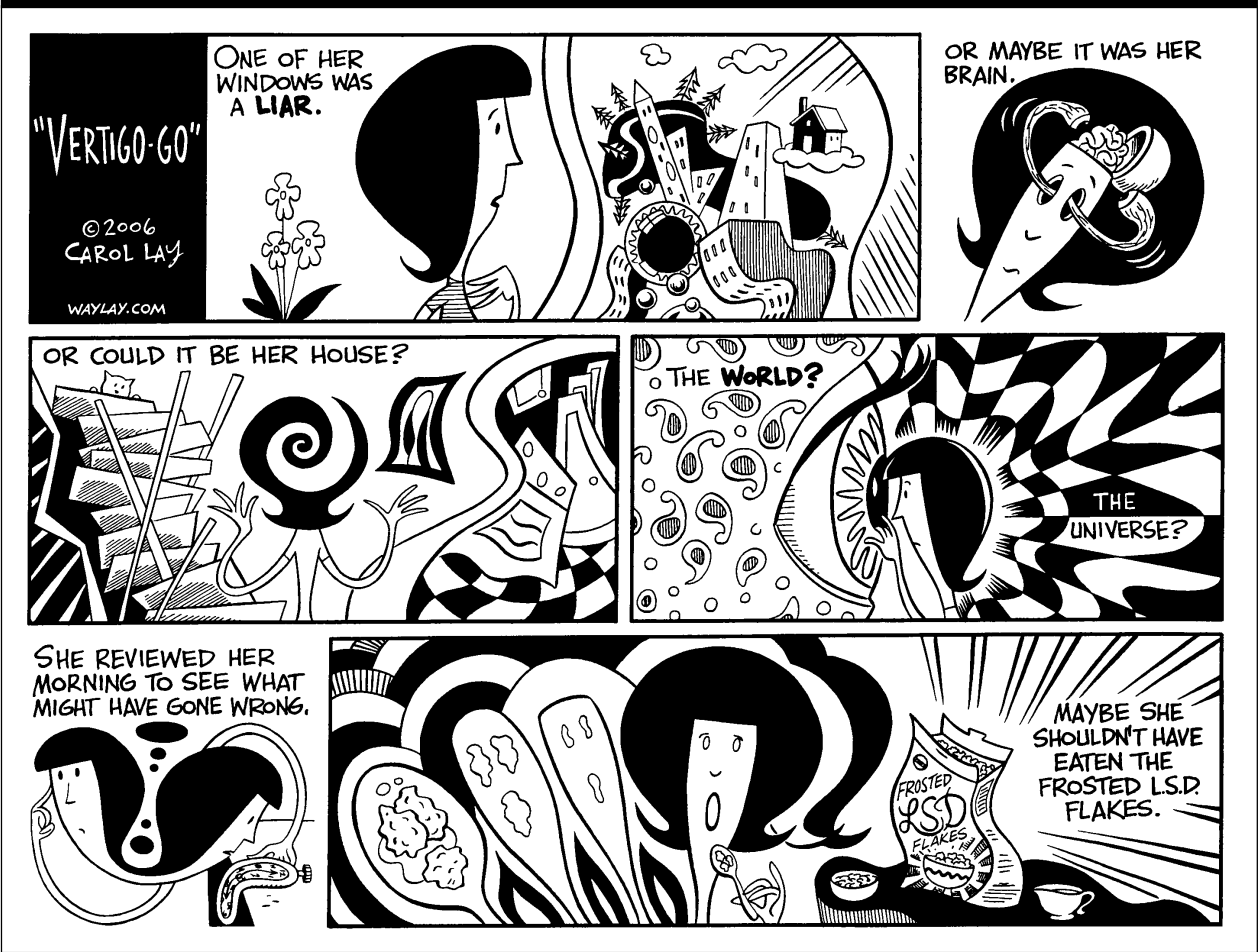
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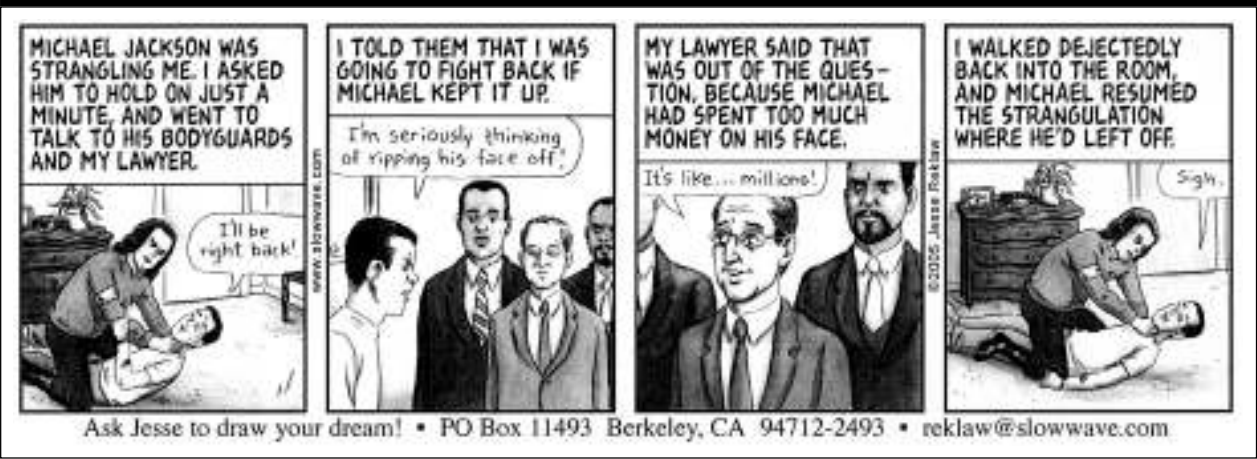
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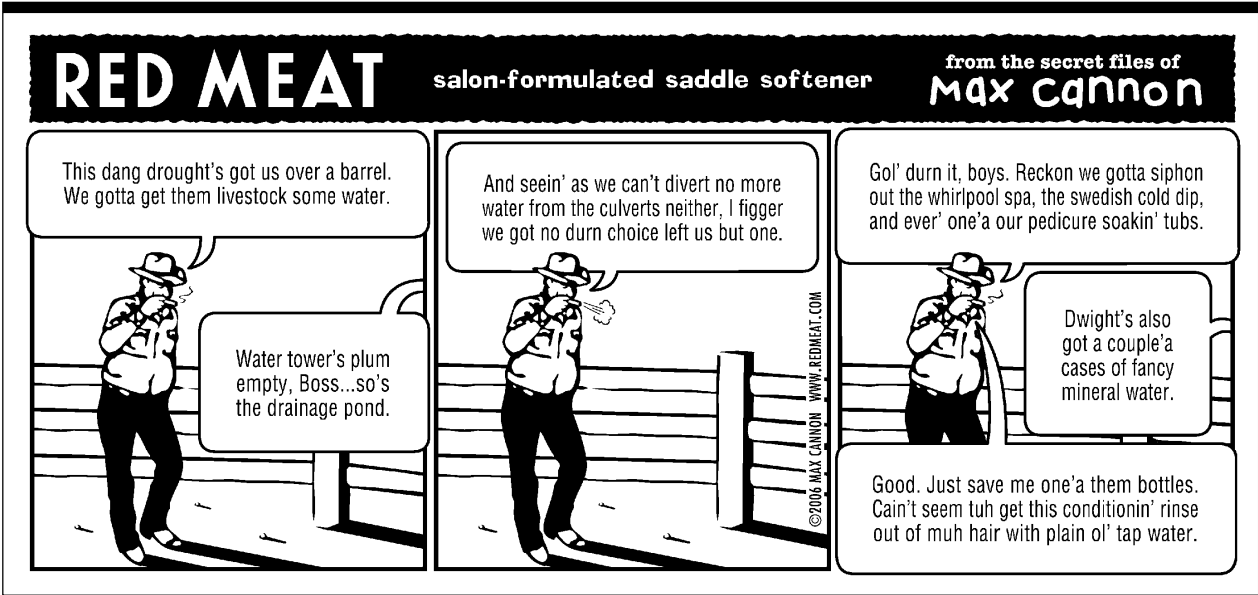
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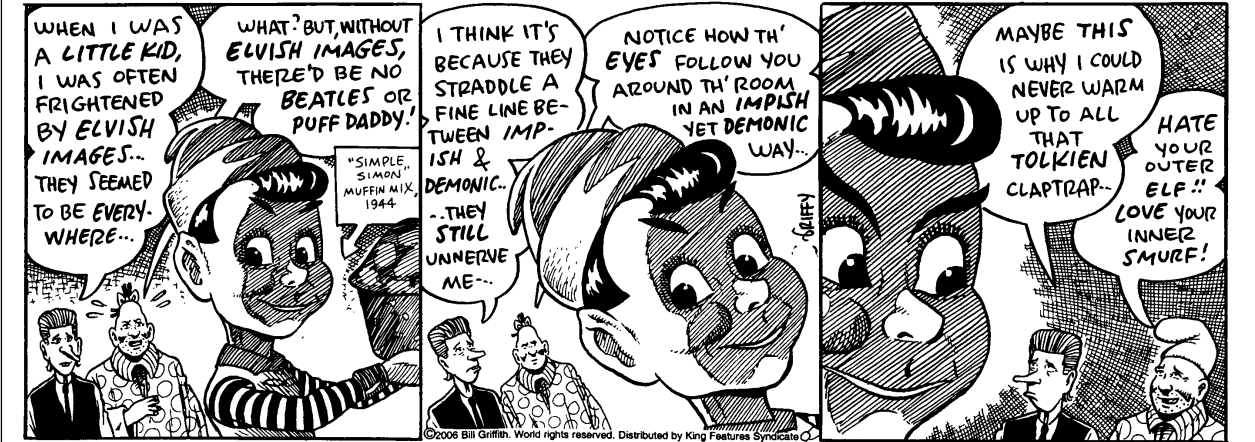
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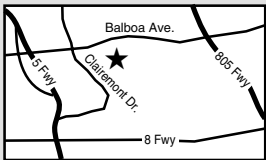
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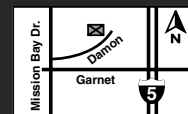
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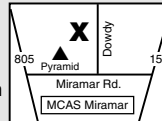
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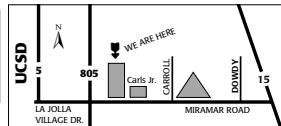
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LEAD STORY

— Leonard Brown, 47, sentenced in 1982 to 99 years in prison in Florida for armed robbery, was released in April after a fellow inmate (having looked over Brown’s records) pointed out to officials that Brown’s sentence was illegally long and that 15 years was the maximum time he could have been kept behind bars. The probable explanation, according to sources cited by the *Tampa Tribune*, was that Brown’s judge (now deceased) misinterpreted whether Brown was ever armed. Thus, but for the fortuitous discovery of that eagle-eyed inmate, Brown would have spent his entire post-teenage life in prison.

The Litigious Society

— (1) Michael Oddenino, a lawyer in Arcadia, Calif., filed a lawsuit in March against the coach of his daughter’s high school softball team for \$3 million for her emotional distress from the coach’s calling her a “2-year-old” and calling the players in general “idiots” for making insignificant mistakes. (A judge rejected it.) (2) In Cardiff, Wales, in March, Sabrina Pace, 26, sued the manager of the car rental firm where she works because, following her breast-augmentation surgery, she couldn’t get the manager to stop paying attention to her breasts.

Latest Religious Messages

— In March, Fredericton, New Brunswick, anti-abortion activist David Little, 60, resisting his upcoming trial for tax evasion, informed the judge that he would need an indefinite postponement because his wife and stepdaughter are possessed by Satan and require exorcism. He told the judge that some exorcisms work quickly, but that he knows of one that has lasted 16 years. The judge said bring in some evidence of the possession. (Little has openly refused to pay taxes because some government money funds abortions.)

— More Religious Messages: (1) Stan and Stella Hagarty began an Internet business recently as the Wholly Love shop from Bridgend, Wales, specializing in sex products for Christians “to enhance your sex life with your spouse,” including

Pure Arousal Super Stretch Rings, Silver Clitoral Charms, and the Snail Trail Vibrating Tickler (but no pornography or bondage or anal-use items). (2) Convicted Iowa sex offender Scott Smith petitioned a judge in February not to make him wear the electronic ankle monitor as part of his five-year probation because his Brotherhood of Christ sect regards electricity as one cause of why people disobey God. (The judge’s decision was not reported.)

Compelling Explanations

— (1) *Kuwait Times* reported in April that food inspectors shut down the Hawally bakery in Kuwait City after finding dough stored in a toilet, which the owner explained was so that the humidity would keep it moist. (2) Houston police officials started an investigation in March into whether Lt. Joseph Buttitta had sexually harassed a female officer. KPRC-TV reported that the female at first described a consensual relationship that she should have broken off sooner, but then “accidentally” (in a reporter’s word) told Buttitta she loved him when she really meant to say goodbye.

— Honesty Is the Best Policy: (1) Caught by police with illegal emergency lights on his car, Bradenton, Fla., restaurant manager Kenneth Holmes, 26, said at his February sentencing for impersonating a police officer that he did it “to get home quicker,” that the flashers were “cool” and a “fantastic time-saver” that enabled him to drive through red lights. (2) According to a February police report on the Arizona State University student newspaper’s website, an 18-year-old student, arrested at Hayden Library for masturbating openly while watching Internet porn, explained to police, “To be honest, the Internet connection at my dorm isn’t good enough.”

Questionable Judgments

— In February, several patients at an unlicensed mental health facility in Columbus, Ga., told the local *Ledger-Enquirer* newspaper that they had recently worked security at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta during football games of the University of Georgia and the Atlanta Falcons. The facility,

the Greater Grace Community Center, has recently been shut down, but the newspaper was able to verify much of the patients’ story. Among the facility’s patients are those diagnosed with anti-social personalities or bi-polar disorder or homicidal tendencies.

— The *Seattle Times* reported in February that Edith Macefield, 84, living in a tiny, rundown, 106-year-old house in an industrial neighborhood, across from a chemical plant, had rejected a final buyout offer from developers amounting to nearly \$750,000. “I don’t care about money,” she said. “It’s [been] my home [for 54 years].... What would I do with that kind of money anyway?” The developer has purchased the rest of the block and will build around her tiny lot, boxing her in with walls 60 feet high.

Shania Twain Is Nothing But Trouble

— (1) Matt Brownlee, 33, with a long record as a drunk driver, was acquitted of criminal DUI charges in Ottawa, Ontario, after psychiatrists concluded that his latest accident was the result of a sincere belief that singer Shania Twain was helping him drive the car. (A 1996 brain injury might have given him a disorder in which he believes that celebrities communicate with him telepathically.) (2) Following a hung jury in England’s Winchester Crown Court in April, Linda West faces retrial in the 2005 death of her husband, which she said was accidental, in that her gun slipped while she was energetically performing a Shania Twain number (“Man! I Feel Like a Woman”) in what she described as the couple’s sex game.

Worst Lawyers’ Strategies

— Madison County, Ill., lawyer Gary Peel, 62, who was battling an ex-wife over alimony, filed for bankruptcy to reduce her chances of getting anything, and then when she challenged his filing, he allegedly tried to blackmail her into silence. According to federal charges against him in March, he told his ex-wife that, unless she relented, he would shock her elderly parents by giving them decades-old nude photos of him with the ex-wife’s younger sister. However, Peel perhaps

forgot that the sister was allegedly only 16 when the photos were taken, and he has been charged with possessing child pornography. — Waco, Texas, attorney Paula Allen personally agreed to bond in October on behalf of client Rolando Castelan (accused of drug offenses), but when Castelan skipped a court date, she was charged the \$5000. According to prosecutors, Allen, with three men, then picked up Castelan against his will at his wedding in December and detained him, while forcing him to telephone his friends for loans to pay her the \$5000. Eventually, Castelan’s ex-wife (one of the call recipients) helped him escape from Allen and her cohorts, and Allen was charged with kidnapping.

Recurring Themes

— “News of the Weird” has several times visited the issue of people (mostly men) who are dissatisfied with their bodies because of the imagined unsightliness of their limbs or their genitals and who seek voluntary amputation (“body integrity identity disorder”). In March, three men were arrested in rural North Carolina and charged with castrating several such needy men who had read about the unlicensed “surgeons” on the Internet and traveled from other states (and one foreign country) to get relief. (Under North Carolina law, the specific crime is “castration without malice.”)

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— Still More Reasons Not to Smoke, Beyond What the Surgeon General Told You: In February, the cigarette of a 46-year-old woman in Parkersburg, W.Va., accidentally set fire to her long hair, and she later died at the West Penn Burn Center in Pittsburgh, Pa. Also in February, Dennis Crouch, 53, who had earlier chased his wife with a knife during an argument in Daytona Beach, Fla., resisted police when they arrived, provoking one officer to fire her Taser, which struck a cigarette lighter in Crouch’s shirt pocket, setting fire to his upper body. (His burns weren’t serious.)

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Thirty Years Ago

Victor laughs to himself thinking about how easy it is to bunk honkies. Anyone who is a transient is sure to get his ass kicked in a dope deal because, as Victor explains, he will be too stupid to make certain that he finds a go-between he can trust.

Victor recalls last year when the Grand Jury indicted thirty people and managed to close down the bar, Martell's, to quell the downtown drug traffic. The business had to be moved, spread around, up and down the strip. "Thank the Lord for the Search and Seizure Laws," mutters Victor to himself.

—"DESOLATION ROW," Esteban Nunal, May 6, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

It was I who murdered Emory Van Falkenstein.

Van Falkenstein had spotted the 1921 Philadelphia edition of Bret Harte, that rare, almost legendary volume in ruddy board cover. It was the one book I needed to complete my Bret Harte collection. And Van Falkenstein did not need it, did not want it as I did, with an all-consuming lust.

—"THE BINDING MYSTERY OF THE VILLAINOUS VAN FALKENSTEIN," Pierre Menard, May 7, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

Mayoral candidate Maureen O'Connor has looked to twin sister Mavourneen for advice throughout the current campaign. But this relationship hasn't occupied all of Mavourneen O'Connor's time: she has been involved in the purchase of real estate valued at more than two million dollars. That property, which includes the historic Palm Hotel, has been purchased by investors headed by Robert Ballantyne, friend of Maureen O'Connor's husband, Robert O. Peterson, and of the O'Connor sisters.

—THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, May 8, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

I wanted to get away from there. One of the orphanage boys climbed on my back. I decided to step over the barbed-wire fence instead of going around it. My knee gave out halfway across, and I fell back into the wire. It tore my thigh open, and blood spurted out.

The boy helped me across the fence with a spooked look on his face. Little boys always stare at blood like it's a miracle.

I went into the bathroom where Pastor Von was bathing the orphanage boys.

"Drop your pants," he said.

We could see the fat inside my leg

through the cut. "Looks good," Von said.

One of the *gringos* in there cried, "Jeez!"

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE JOY OF COOKING," Luis Urrea, May 9, 1991

Ten Years Ago

The battle between cops, firefighters, and Mayor Susan Golding over what's to become of the old Naval Training Center has grown into a memo war between staffers for two city councilmembers. It started when Barbara Warden's chief of staff, Mitch Berner, who sides with Golding's desire to annex most of the land to an expanded Lindbergh Field, dashed off an angry memo to Byron Wear's chief of staff, Johnnie Perkins. Wear — whose constituents include noise-sensitive Point Loma dwellers who want the airport moved — favors construction of a police and fire training camp on the surplus federal property.

—CITY LIGHTS: "WARDEN COPS AN ATTITUDE,"

Thomas K. Arnold, May 2, 1996

Five Years Ago

While 91X was talking about what they thought might be on the new blink-182 album called *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket*, another station — audible in parts of San Diego



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County — was playing from the album.

Although *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket* is not supposed to be released until June 12, KROQ Los Angeles started playing a cut called "The Rock Show" on April 20.

"They could have stolen it [the song] off Napster," said Jim Richards, who oversees 91X and the other San Diego FM stations. But Richards did admit it could be a conscious decision by the band to give KROQ a big scoop.

—BLURT, Ken Leighton, May 3, 2001

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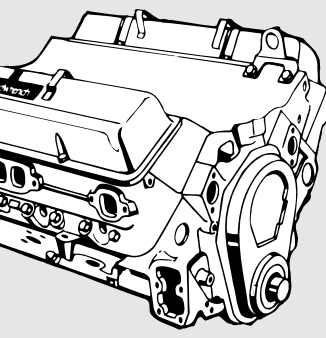
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Dear Saffron,

Here's a piece of postmodern rudeness I just don't understand: Why do many people think that the best way to decline an invitation is simply not to respond? I can't tell you how many times I've invited people to a party, or over for dinner, or to some fun event and, sure, they call me back if they can come, but if they can't make it they just "shine it on." I wait and hear nothing, wondering if I should count them in, not knowing how many guests to plan for. I know everyone's "so busy" these days. Me too. Tiny children are busy. Dogs and cats are busy. Our date books and Palm Pilots are all filled to bursting. Still, it only takes a few seconds to leave a phone message or send off an e-mail saying, "Thanks for inviting me. I can't come, but maybe next time!" I wish people would have the courtesy to politely say "yes" or "no."

IN A HUFF IN IMPERIAL BEACH

Dear In a Huff,

I agree. Just because we're all drowning in spam, junk mail, eerie computer-generated phone sales calls, and generally being bombarded by ads from every direction every minute doesn't mean we can't call our friends back. Make sure when you extend invitations that people know you expect them to RSVP. Incorporate this plea as part of the message: "PLEASE let me know either way if you're able to attend. I'll be waiting to hear from you."

Dear Saffron,

My father died recently after a long illness. I came back to San Diego for the funeral (I live on the East Coast now) and stayed for a month to help my mother with arrangements. It was an appalling and eye-opening experience. There is an enormous amount of business to do after someone dies. Perhaps that can't be helped. However, some companies make it so much harder than it needs to be for the people left behind who are already heartsick and exhausted. Here's one example. My mother tried to cancel my father's Internet service. After talking to five different people in as many departments, she had made no headway and turned it over to me. At first I thought "Poor Mom, she just doesn't understand how to get things done over the phone." But after a series of unpleasant phone encounters I realized that the people at this Internet-service provider

(not a small goofy outfit but one of the mega corps) were just giving us the runaround — trying to prevent us from canceling the account! I was put on hold eight times, sometimes for over ten minutes. I, too, got punted from department to department. Finally I started to get mad. Eventually I was able to cancel the account, but only upon their receipt of a copy of the death certificate. I understand protecting clients' privacy or preventing someone who is mischievous or malicious from cancelling another person's account, but this should not have taken hours and multiple tries involving two different people repeatedly begging on the phone to be resolved. This was obnoxious, and at a time when no one around here needed any extra grief. Is there some way to get companies to streamline their procedure regarding a simple request such as cancelling an account?

IN MOURNING IN POWAY

Dear In Mourning,

I am very sorry about your father's death. Go public with your complaints in as many venues as you can think of. What you described is outrageous. A company is only going to change its policy if it gets the message that giving customers poor service and dragging out cancellation procedures is bad practice and causes the company to lose business. Write to the CEO of this Internet company and to any manager whose

address you can obtain. Such contact info is often available with a little online research. Write to the customer service department. Tell your friends. Blog about it. In cases of egregious abuse or fraud you can contact the Federal Trade Commission or the California Department of Consumer Affairs. When companies mistreat people who are trying to clear up the affairs of a deceased relative, they should be made to see that there are consequences — that it will get them unflattering publicity and hurt their bottom line.

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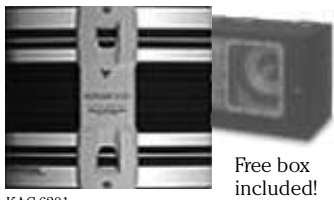
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ENCINITAS, Sale of the year, don't miss out! 05/06/06, 8am. Women's clothes, some designer, home-decor, much more. Early birds, refreshments provided. 624 Beach Street, 92024.

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MISSION VALLEY. Garage/moving sale. Saturday, 5/6, 8am-1pm. Everything must go. Gas grill, clothes, boogie boards/cases, shelving units, armoire, beach chairs. 8077 Nightingale Way.

NATIONAL CITY. Yard sale. Saturday, 5/6. Men's, women's, junior's clothing, towels, candles, placemats, cat condo, wine rack, china, crystal, dish sets. 6722 Aegean Way, Paradise Hills.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWNPOINT, 3800-4000 blocks of Kendall Street, between LaPlaya/Pacific Beach Drive. Saturday May 6, 8am-1pm. Too much to list, too good to miss.

PACIFIC BEACH, 2nd Annual Rummage sale at Pacific Beach library community room. 4275 Cass, Saturday 5/6, 8am-2pm. Sales benefit library. 858-488-2916.

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CORNFIELD PLAYGROUNDS

The cornfield I grew up playing in is gone.

On a recent visit to my hometown, I looked into the early morning sunrise over a street of designer brick ranches. While walking through the development that replaced my childhood playground, I thought to myself, *This isn't a street. This is supposed to be the alley where I learned to ride my bicycle, the alley that leads into a familiar old corn-field.* At the corner of that street stands the brick ranch my parents built three decades earlier.

My mind lulled back to the houses standing before me, *This is no longer home.*

I moved away from Columbus four years ago. Ever since, that thought has been threatening to wrap its arms around me. Torn between yesterday and tomorrow, I've fought it and I've embraced it.

For 25 years Columbus, Indiana, was everything I'd known. My mother and father were there. Both of my sisters were there. My grandparents, my friends, and my schools.

On the day I left, time running short, I had to finish my goodbyes internally as I was driving away from this place. This place I've always known, no longer recognize, and may never see again.

My wife-to-be, Rhiana, comforted me as much as she could. "You're not supposed to be this upset on your birthday. I won't allow it." She was visibly concerned for me and the heartache I was experiencing.

I smiled at her as the tears began to collect in my tired eyes.

Everyone succumbs to a moment such as this. Some are unaffected, some oblivious, some never leave, and some reach out and touch "home" one last time before they say goodbye.

I had just finished reaching out my last time. As I realized this, the collected tears started to pour.

Rhiana and I arrived in Providence a few days after the fond farewell to my cornfield playgrounds.

We were excited to be back. Excited to be home. It seemed so peaceful and familiar. Our "starter home" isn't fancy, but it's ours and we love it. The welcoming visions of our own living space and warm oak walls were comforting. Cozy wood floors and our own bed to sleep in. Ah, yes, it was good to be home. Well, almost. In the kitchen, Rhiana looked at me standing motionless in front of the refrigerator. "It's empty."

We were also excited to be back to our bouncing babies. Buca and Kayla are our four- and seven-year-old rescued Labrador Retrievers. Buca weighs in at 50 pounds

and sports a long sleek shiny black coat. He loves the water and has a taste for chewing fine slippers. Kayla is a land lab. She was obviously trained for use in the field. She is a 70-pound stick of pure good that we refer to as our "chocolate sweetness." It was good to be home with our dogs. And not five minutes back in the



house, they were engulfed in the very same sentiment. They both curled snuggly on the couch as if not a moment had passed.

In the days following our arrival from Columbus, Rhiana and I got back to our norm, and I found myself looking away from my past and toward our future.

Our future, as in our future wedding.

For 29 years, I've been concerned with me. What I do, when I do it, how I do it, why I do it. Now I must intertwine my concerns with those of another person.

People ask me if I'm nervous about becoming a married man. I answer, "Why would I be nervous?"

They recite statistics about the failure of the modern-day marriage. I am in banking, a man of numbers, but in my head these rationales sound like "Blah blah blah."

I know the trend, but I don't buy it. I believe marriage is unrelated to numbers

and rates. I believe it's a matter of the heart — how much it can change and still be the same.

Much like my cornfield playgrounds changed and, in my heart, will always be the same.

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CARJACKING

Location: Industry Road and Channel Road, Lakeside
Time/Date: 10:55 p.m. on 4/26/06

Investigation: The male victim was driving his black 2000 Toyota Tundra. The victim came to the stop sign...and was approached by a male on foot, who asked to borrow money. The victim turned and reached back for his wallet. As he turned back towards the suspect, the suspect had a gun pointed towards him. The suspect ordered the victim out of the vehicle at gun-point and ordered him to give up his cell phone.

The suspect left the location in the victim's vehicle and drove toward State Route 67. The victim ran several blocks to his residence and reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department.

The suspect was described as a white male adult approximately twenty-five years old with a shaved head and no facial hair. The handgun used in the carjacking was described as a large caliber revolver.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Location: Unlisted residence in the City of El Cajon
Time/Date: 5:40 p.m. on 4/14/06

Résumé of Incident: According to the female victim, a male adult came to her door selling some type of cleaning product. The victim opened the door, and the suspect forced his way into the house.

The victim fought with the suspect, but he overpowered her. The suspect raped the victim and fled the scene. The police were called, and a suspect description was broadcast to officers in the field. Shortly after 6:00 p.m., Officer Keith MacArthur was at the intersection of Bradley and Mollison when he saw Archie T., who matched the suspect description. Officer MacArthur made contact with T., and the victim was brought to their location. The victim positively identified T. as the suspect.

STABBING

Location: [200] Nevada Street, Vista
Time/Date: 8:07 p.m. on 4/21/06



Incident: Deputy John Spach...received a radio call in regard to an individual having been stabbed numerous times. Spach arrived at the scene and discovered R.M. (02/28/80) lying on the ground in a prone position with three stab wounds to his upper torso. Several witnesses at the scene described the suspects as "Coe-cholo-type" Hispanic males in their late teens or early twenties. A motive for the attack is not known. The suspects fled in different directions when confronted by onlookers.

ARMED EX-CON

Location: 4S Ranch at Ralph's Ranch Road, unincorporated Poway
Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. on 4/19/05

Investigation: Deputies responded to a call of a person threatening construction workers with a rifle on a job site. While enroute to the scene, sheriff's dispatch advised the suspect had left the construction site in a skiploader, but was still in the area.

Deputies Paquette #1248, Werner #2560, and Rothlein #2548 were on-scene. The reporting party on-scene advised us the suspect had two rifles with him, and had pointed it at workers and threatened to shoot someone. We were advised the suspect had left the

area driving north in a skiploader on a dirt road, towards a ranch located approximately two miles north. Sheriff's dispatch was advised we needed aerial support and ASTREA advised they were enroute.

All deputies on scene deployed their department issued AR-15 rifles, and began hiking north on the dirt road towards the ranch, following the skiploader tracks. Approximately thirty minutes later, ASTREA arrived and gained a visual observation on the suspect. ASTREA advised the suspect was sitting in the skiploader, in front of the ranch, and observed what appeared to be a shotgun, and another bolt action rifle in the skiploader. The suspect exited the skiploader with a shotgun in hand.

ASTREA verbally commanded via the overhead broadcasting system for the suspect to put down the weapon, and get down on the ground. The suspect ignored all commands.

The suspect kept picking up the shotgun, and putting it back down. ASTREA advised us the suspect was not following their commands, and was now in a seated position on a rock near the skiploader. Deputy Tally #1633, and California Highway Patrol Officer Shoemaker #14461, arrived on-scene to assist. Upon arrival at the ranch, deputies observed a subject (later identified as Gabriel M. 07/14/70), sitting on a rock facing them, approximately forty feet from the skiploader.

Deputies took up a position of cover approximately eighty feet from M. and covered him with department issued AR-15s. Deputy Werner gave multiple, loud, verbal commands for M. to put his hands in the air, and get down on the ground.

M. remained in a seated position,

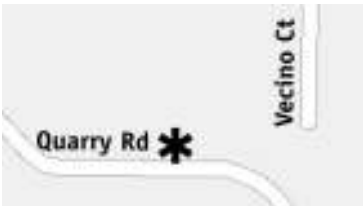
and refused to comply. Instead, M. began waving his hands, as if challenging deputies to come after him. Deputy Rothlein handed off his AR-15 to Deputy Tally and displayed his X26 taser. Deputy Rothlein gave verbal commands to M. M. refused to get on the ground and began gesturing towards Deputy Rothlein in a motion, as if challenging him to come and get him.

Deputy Rothlein moved around to M.'s right side and deployed his...taser on M. M. was subsequently taken into custody without further incident.

He was booked on multiple felony charges including ex-con with a gun, possession of a sawed-off shotgun, and terrorist threats.

COUNTERFEIT DVDs AND CDs

Location: 6377 Quarry Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 10:00 a.m. on 4/22/06



Report: Detectives from the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station, with assistance from Motion Picture Association of America and Recording Industry Association of America [and] Regional Investigator Bob Orozco, conducted an operation at the Spring Valley Swap Meet. People selling illegal "pirated" DVDs and CDs were targeted and eight vendors were cited.

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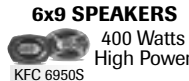
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First thing in the morning, Comedy Central and FX shill indestructible car wax and a leg-toning apparatus while I've leaned against the shower wall. Through my shaking, hacking fits, and the gurgle of warm water, I can hear the paid programming audience clapping and "ooohing" while an announcer yells, "Isn't that amazing!" through a brimming smile.

Cough cough.

After a dozy pot of hot lemon and honey tea is brewed, after a little pink pill is swallowed with a tiny shot of starchy azure syrup chaser, then Buffy's on channel 68. While Willow makes out with her dumpy girlfriend, Xander cracks wise, and Buffy swings in at the last crack of a second to save them all, I'm under three blankets on the couch and I'm sweating like I just ran the Kentucky Derby with a dwarf on my back, but I'm still cold.

Cough.

Cheerios roll around in my mouth and tear up my soft palate, and the milk is sweet and granular. The taste of honey lingers in my mouth until another shot of blue and dose of pink corrupt the sugar with the strict *wang* of medicine. "Blech. God damn!" I croak from a hoarse throat. It's lunch, and this is the first thing I've said. My voice resides in a basement register I couldn't reach without a viral assistant, so I seize the opportunity to sing a little Barry White into my cereal spoon.

"Ah, girl," I sing into the spoon. "I don't know, I don't know why. I can't get enough of your love, babe!"

Cough. Cough. Cough!

After the news, I'm blanking in and out of a feverish sleep, and Jerry Springer is asking me how long my girlfriend has been dating my sister. I don't have a sister, I tell Jerry. All I have is Mr. Chips, my stuffed Jack Russell terrier, that I've got clutched to my heaving chest. "Mr. Chips wouldn't date my sister!" I yell at Jerry Springer. "He's a stuffed animal!"

Cough. Cough.

Another shower serves to rinse off the bed sweat and bring my temperature down. Another bowl of cereal. The sun's setting, my apartment's getting darker, and it's time for *King of the Hill*.

Cough.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 4
MAGNUM, P.I.
WGNSAT 11:00 A.M.
I'm growing a mustache and I'm looking for a new car. As television is my main source of education, I'm taking my cue from the lip and Ferrari of Tom Selleck. First I got to get the car and the bristles, then I get the chicks. Now, if only I could find a Burt Reynolds movie.

STROKER ACE (1983)
CMT 11:00 A.M.
Bingo. *Stroker Ace*, starring Burt Reynolds as

a stock-car driver. I'm going to be fighting the ladies off with a stick after Thursday morning.

FRIDAY, MAY 5
THE BREAKFAST CLUB (1985)
FAM 8:00 P.M.
Oh, Molly. I waited for you. Every Saturday detention I had to endure. I was the moody loner in the leather jacket carving my initials into my back-row desk. You never came, Molly. We never exchanged earrings next to the football field. Oh, Molly.

SATURDAY, MAY 6
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TOON 6:30 A.M.
May 6 is my 30th birthday. You know what that means. Cartoons, tacos, bourbon, and cocaine. All damn day and all damn night. It's okay if you're afraid. If you're afraid, just say you're afraid, and you don't have to come over. You're afraid. Ring the bell and drop the gifts off on my porch and run. It's okay.



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TEEN TITANS
TOON 11:00 A.M.
They put me on antibiotics for my bronchitis. I haven't had antibiotics since I was a kid, and I can feel the nuclear chemicals slip around my bloodstream and make my scalp crawl all over my head. I'm growing a third eye on the back of my neck, and I should be able to bend small metal objects using only the power of my mind by Saturday morning, maybe Saturday afternoon. Either way, I'll need a cape.

SUNDAY, MAY 7
SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT (1977)
SPIKE 8:00 P.M.
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DAVID BLAINE: DROWNED ALIVE
ABC 8:00 P.M.
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TUESDAY, MAY 9
GOOD EATS
FOOD 11:00 P.M.
I could complain about the watery coffee at the all-nite diner on the corner, but what the hell good would it do? You get what you pay for. You can't sit at a counter and cough tuberculosis all over the place, eat smeary eggs, AND savor gourmet coffee for under four bucks or else it would become the sheik place to be and old ladies would make the trip down from La

Jolla in their BMWs and giant white sunglasses, and the crowd of night-shift city workers, the bums, and hustlers wouldn't come in anymore, and then what the hell would you have? A good cup of coffee in a lousy place. I could bitch, but, eh, it's better this way.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT
USA 11:00 P.M.
My neighbors are an old junkie couple. Not only are they a day older than salt and disabled, but their house reeks of crystal meth and they have bellowing fights on their lawn at 4 a.m. I imagine it's only a matter of time before I find one of them toes-up in the alley being licked all over by their 18 cats and assuming a lovely shade of grayish purple. Blllllbbllllbah! I've creeped myself out thinking about it. BLEH!

THURSDAY, MAY 11
MTV JAMS
MTVJAMS 10:00 P.M.
I wonder if we'll look back on the Booty Hip Hop craze as fondly as we see Doo Wop. I wasn't around, but I assume there were a lot of folks who thought, "Re-mem-mem, Re-mem-mem-member, Re-mem-mem Re-mem-mem-member," was kind of dumb. Through the sepia lens of sentimentality, "Who put the bop in the bop she bop she bop" sounds like street-tough poetry instead of gibberish. Maybe "My lovely lady lumps" won't sound quite so gaggingly unappealing in 50 years. One can only hope.

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T.G.I.F.

Is it sad or is it darned plucky of me...?

By John Brizzolara

I remember seven years ago decrying the choice of writing about bars and coffee houses simply because they were so obvious, but I did not count on the ineluctable factor of coffee and rock music as burgeoning buddies. I no longer feel compelled to write prose in coffee shops; I have managed to carve out a room of my own from which to do that. But there is this other thing. As a musician, I can expect my services to be requested at coffee houses as often as twice a year. This can easily, though only partially, be explained by the transition beginning in the 1990s through the present, of more vital, American music (Americana, if you prefer), original and popular as well as substantive. We're now harvesting the fruit of the brilliance born in these venues back in the '60s — granted, mostly with folk music, but not always. Songs that quickly mutated to political rock anthems, brilliant and durable. The historical lines connect Bob Dylan to Bono and U2 or Dave Van Ronk to Tom Waits and Bruce Springsteen. Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Buffy St. Marie, Laura Nyro to Jewel, Poltz, Matthews, Morissette — supply names of your own.

Given this cultural petri dish, the coffee house as music venue, it is not surprising that a minstrel at, shall we say, a certain undeniable level of craftsmanship like myself — a man who once shared a Heineken with Gordon Light-

foot during a soundcheck on "The Wreck of the Pismo DeNudo" or whatever that song was (Lightfoot never noticed my lip raids on his beer possibly because he was trying to remember his own name that night, if you know what I mean) — that such a minstrel should once again be asked to mount the stage on a Friday night at one of San Diego's premier caffeine-and-music gold mines, the hip and gothy Folk City West.

But, no, I am neither in the business of promoting whatever sorry group happens to need a bass player this Friday night, nor am I into writing public relations copy for any particular joint. Leave it suffice (as Bugs Bunny once phrased it) my mentioning that I will be on a stage of sorts again, in front of an audience (of sorts — I mean, who knows?), is because the last time I did such a thing was maybe a year ago and in another coffee house. The time before that, another coffee house. As far as my live-performance history goes, 1999 was the last time I played somewhere with a liquor license.

While there seems to be a kind of inevitability to eliminating the booze on the premises, I can't get over the idea that I am still doing it. For several years now, when the occasion arises, I can't help but think, "Aren't I too old for this?" "Is this sad or is it darned plucky of me to get up there with the Fenders and the Epiphones at my age?"

I know, I know, the Rolling Stones and everything. And it really delighted me in a perverse way to see Link Wray kicking an empty Heineken across the Casbah's stage and swinging his ponytail around the collar of his leather jacket at the age of 72 or 73 or whatever he was at the time. Age and rock music are no longer the joke they promised to be and have pretty much officially run out of yuks by now — but the idea of me doing it again, one more time... This must be the last time, I always convince myself. Why? I'm thinking, I'm thinking. Well, house odds, if nothing else. I've had late-stage lymph cancer, a quadruple bypass, I wear a pacemaker and a defibrillator, took my share of heavy drugs, and swallowed enough ethanol over a drinking career to float a six-man dinghy in a small outdoor pool.

Other reasons abound, many of them related to playing a certain type of music at a certain time in history when that music's performance while under the influence of something toxic was de rigueur. Reasons why I should not have survived to do this and questions as to how then it is happening abound as well.

I mean, it's not as if I bit the heads off chickens or did anything else that bizarre while playing in front of people for their pleasure and my payment. It's



Link Wray

just that I see the odds as very long indeed that I would be doing something like this on a Friday at this point in my life. Like George Burns, I find the odds long that I'd be anywhere this Friday night, and I'm glad to be wherever it is. But it's not like I'm 101 or whatever George was when he went. I'm 55, but those are like dog years for me, and seven for every regular human person year seems right on the money at my exchange rate.

I tell myself, well, Buddy Blue just died. That's got to be in the back of your mind, and he was only 49. That leads to thoughts of Country Dick, and then the mental list starts scrolling of friends and more friends and musical associates gone from things as diverse as liver cancer to overdoses to heart attacks. And so it is that with each passing year, as I plug in (or not) at a coffee shop and look down at my boots on a stage at this late date, I can look up at some anticipatory faces, feel the flutter of what used to be butterflies in my stomach but now feels like angels of mortality getting my attention, just silently and no matter how sadly, whether it's Friday or Saturday, and say "Thank God."

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